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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

SHC Takes Notice Of Non-Provision Of Relief Goods In Drought-Hit Areas
The News, May 2, 2015

KARACHI: The Chief Justice of Sindh High Court has taken notice of media reports pertaining to not providing relief goods to the drought-affected areas in Tharparkar and issued a notice to Advocate General to submit a reply. The SHC registrar had placed an official note before Chief Justice Faisal Arab along with media reports regarding non-provision of wheat and other relief goods in drought-affected areas.

Media reports said nearly 55,000 bags of wheat provided by the provincial government were still lying in warehouses and the delay was attributed to the availability of relief commissioner and revenue board member. The SHC chief justice ordered to convert the media reports into constitutional petitions and directed the provincial authorities concerned to file reports regarding the suspension of official food supply to the families affected by famine in Thar. They were also directed to file reports by May 4, explaining the wastage of official wheat and suspension of its further supply to affected parts of the desert region. It is pertinent to mention that some constitutional petitions had already been filed to the SHC by different non-governmental organisations, seeking court’s directives for the provincial government to mitigate the situation where over 100,000 people are facing and lack of basic health facilities.

The petitioners submitted that most areas of Tharparkar district, including Mithi, Chachro, Diplo, Islamkot and Nagarparkar were facing a famine-like situation and over 200 people, most of them being malnourished children, died in its wake. They said around 175,000 families were reported to have been affected and some of them were forced to leave their homes. They stated that the Sindh chief minister had reportedly acknowledged negligence and failure of local administration in the tragedy and said that lives of children could have been saved if doctors, paramedical staff and health department officials had taken the matter seriously and shifted them to hospitals of Hyderabad for timely treatment and proper distribution of wheat bags.

Steal of constitution document: The SHC once again directed the federal law officer, secretaries of law, justice and parliamentary affairs and the National Assembly to file comments on a petition seeking the registration of a case against the theft of original document of the Constitution of 1973. The direction came on petition by the Raah-e-Raast Trust which cited reports on news websites stating that the original constitution manuscript bearing signatures of all constituent assembly members and the then president had been lost. The petition, filed through Agha Syed Attaullah Shah, claimed that parliamentary sources had also confirmed that the original document was not available in the records of the National Assembly. He said it was an undeniable fact that during the late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto’s first government, the National Assembly of Pakistan had approved the first constitution of the country on April 10, 1973, and on April 12, 1973, the National Assembly in its special session held at the State Bank Building in Islamabad had marked the signing ceremony on the new constitutional draft. After signing the document, members of the National Assembly, headed by Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, then law minister, had gone to the President House in Rawalpindi where Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (President at that time) signed the new constitution.

The petitioner citing parliamentary sources, however, claimed that the authenticated document of the Constitution of 1973 had never been seen in the records of the Parliament House since then. He submitted that the outgoing speaker of National Assembly, Dr Fehmida Mirza, at the time of approval of the 18th Constitutional Amendment had wanted to see the original document of the constitution, but she was told that it was not present in the assembly record. He said the incident was not an ordinary act of dereliction of duty but “a glaring act of rebellious disloyalty to Pakistan and criminal breach of trust” by all those concerned, who were responsible to preserve and protect the important document.

Shah stated he had requested the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to register a case within a week and initiate investigation to identify the “rebellious criminals” involved in this conspiracy. However, he complained, no action was taken by the FIA and he was forced to approach the court seeking orders for the registration of an FIR. He submitted that since it was a matter of public importance and related to the federation as well as all provinces, therefore the court may consider the approval of the $225 million loan on May 28. The funds will be released after the board’s approval. The ADB had committed $367 million at a donors conference the government had convened to seek foreign assistance to carry out relief and rehabilitation work.
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in the flood-hit areas and for assisting internally displaced persons (IDPs). Most of these funds are diverted from slow moving projects. Out of the $367 million, the ADB had promised $317 million for the proposed Pakistan Fund for Disaster Management as seed money. The remaining $350 million had been committed as a soft loan for infrastructure reconstruction projects in Punjab and AJK for flood-related projects.

The $225 million loan will be utilised in Punjab and AJK, said a finance ministry official. Punjab's total flood-related financing requirements have been estimated at $412 million while AJK's requirements have been assessed at $28.5 million. The government has proposed to set up the Disaster Management Fund to finance the country's future climate disasters. The fund will support disaster prevention, disaster risk finance, reconstruction and rehabilitation and livelihood restoration. The fund's secretariat will be set up by the ADB, which will screen all projects proposed to be funded from this pool. Dar said it was a priority of the government to create a disaster risk fund on a permanent basis to deal with future natural calamities. Pakistan is expected to take up the issue of the $400 million ADB loan for the energy sector during the visit. The ADB complains about slow movement on projects that often result in cancelation of its loans. However, Pakistan also has serious issues and is not happy with ADB's approach of forcing its preferred projects on Pakistan, irrespective of the country's needs. Liepach said he would like to give a detailed presentation to the minister on different schemes ADB had in mind that could help Pakistan in its development and uplift. He said that ADB was interested in helping Pakistan in energy sector projects and the plan to get extra allocations approved for the energy sector was the priority of the ADB team.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has suggested that Saarc countries conduct joint training exercises to deal with natural disasters. He shared the idea for future relief diplomacy with his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif, who had called him to commend India's efforts in the rescue operations in earthquake-hit Nepal. "Got a call from my Pakistani friend PM Nawaz Sharif. He expressed condolences on the loss of lives in various parts of India due to the earthquake," the Prime Minister tweeted. Sharif also commended India's efforts in the rescue operations in Nepal, Modi said, adding that he thanked the Pakistan leader for his kind words. During the conversation, Modi said he suggested to Sharif that South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) nations should conduct regular joint exercises on disaster relief and rescue. "SAARC Nations can come together & hold annual exercises of rescue teams, doctors etc on how we can minimise damage during natural disasters," the Indian Prime Minister said.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has responded swiftly to the rain disaster in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province by announcing relief package for the affected persons and providing assistance in reconstruction of damaged infrastructure. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has approved a package of Rs500,000 for the family of each deceased and Rs50,000 for each injured person hit by severe thunderstorm.

The PM, who is on an official visit to the United Kingdom, announced the package to provide relief to the affected people. He also asked the provincial and disaster management authorities to gear up rescue efforts so as to control the damage, a PM Office statement said. The PM extended condolences over the loss to life and property. The federal government will also assist the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in rebuilding the infrastructure damaged by the natural calamity. Also, directives have been issued to the authorities concerned for proper food arrangements for the victims. At least 45 persons lost their lives and over 96 sustained injuries in structures collapse and other incidents triggered by a windstorm coupled with heavy rain that lashed the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa capital on Sunday.

ISLAMABAD: Issuing severe weather warning, the Pakistan Meteorological Department on Wednesday reported that windstorm and rain may occur at one or two places in Kohat, Bannu, Bhakkar, Mianwali, CHIP, Dera Ismail Khan, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad divisions and Gilgit- Baltistan during evening or night. After warning by the PMD, Rescue 1122 issued an official notification and directed the staffers to carry out double shifts in case of emergency. Rain -thunderstorm (just associated with gusty winds) is expected at scattered places including Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu, Mardan divisions, FATA, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Sargodha divisions and Kashmir, while at isolated places in Dera Ismail Khan, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad divisions and Gilgit- Baltistan during evening and night.

Dust-storm may also occur at isolated places in DG Khan, Multan and Sahiwal divisions. Hottest places recorded during last 24 hours include Turbat 46°C, Lasbella, Sibi 45°C, Chhor, Dadu 44°C, Jacobabad, Mithi, Larkana, Hyderabad, Moenjo Daro, Badin and Shaeed Benazirabad 43°C. Earlier on Sunday, at least 45 people were killed and nearly 200 injured when devastating windstorm coupled with heavy rain and hail hit Peshawar in northwest Pakistan. The storm also pulled out electricity poles that caused power suspension to Peshawar and its adjoining areas, and disrupted the telecommunication system in most parts of the city.

International Development Association (IDA) is considering to providing US $150 million for Disaster and Climate Resilience Improvement Programme in Pakistan. The project aims to support restoration of resilient flood protection infrastructure and strengthening government capacity to manage disasters and climate variability.

According to an update project report of World Bank, Building Disaster and Climate Resilience is essential to supporting the World Bank's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity. Disaster events can undermine hard-earned development gains, potentially trapping vulnerable groups into poverty. Therefore, activities contributing to resilience are directly linked to sustained development and allow the poorest—the most affected by such disasters—to escape cycles of poverty. The WB report revealed that Pakistan is vulnerable to a number of adverse natural events and has experienced a wide range of disasters over the past 40 years, including floods, earthquakes, droughts, cyclones and tsunamis. These hazards are due to an active floodplain fed by snow and glacial melt from three mountain ranges-Himalayas,
Karakoram and Hindu Kush, its location on a seismically active geological plate, a predominantly semi-arid landmass and a coastline frequented by cyclonic events.

The WB report mentioned that exposure and vulnerability to hazards is further exacerbated by a rapid population growth, growing urbanisation, environmental degradation, and shifting climatic patterns that can result in the occurrence of increasingly severe natural disasters. Over the past decade, damages and losses resulting from natural disasters in Pakistan have exceeded US $18 billion; as the population and asset base of Pakistan increases, so does its economic exposure to natural disasters.

Haris Khan, Senior Disater Risk Management Specialist of WB pointed out that Pakistan faces a major financing challenge arising from natural catastrophes, with flooding causing an estimated annual economic impact of between 3 and 4 percent of the Federal Budget. On average, approximately 3 million people are affected by natural catastrophes each year in Pakistan, which equates to approximately 1.6 percent of the total population. According to an analysis of historical natural disaster data, since 1973 approximately 77 percent of all the people affected by natural disasters were impacted by flooding events. The annual economic impact of flooding is estimated between US $1.2 billion and US $1.8 billion, equivalent to between 0.5 percent and 0.8 percent of national GDP, he added. The report stated that Punjab's population, geographic location and climatic conditions make it one of the most exposed provinces to natural disasters. Over the past 30 years, 68.6 percent of all people affected by natural disasters in Pakistan were Punjab residents. Floods remain the dominant hazard in Punjab, despite a history of other disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, and droughts in the province. Floods in 1992, 1994, 1997, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014 have led to the loss of precious human lives and caused significant damages to public and private property. Floods in 2014 resulted in 286 deaths, with approximately 100,000 houses damaged and 2.47 million people directly affected due to inundation and/or displacement.

These disaster events have continuously led to the disruption of economic activity and service delivery, in addition to burdening the public exchequer to provide for relief, recovery and rehabilitation. The low-lying areas close to the banks of the Indus River and its tributaries experience regular flooding on an almost yearly basis during annual monsoon season which takes place from July to September. Snowmelt from the Karakoram, Hindu Kush and Himalayan mountain ranges further feeds the flood-plains during this period, especially the catchment areas of Indus River. As a result, several districts in the north and centre of the province have become prone to floods. Further, WB report mentioned that flash floods and hill torrents are also a regular feature in southern Punjab as is the risk of urban flooding in major cities due to various human factors such as rapid urbanisation, unplanned development and settlements, encroachments on waterways and districts are at risk from flooding, landslides, earthquakes and avalanches because of its mountainous terrain, geographic location and climatic conditions. Floods in 2014 resulted in 56 deaths, with approximately 30,000 houses damaged and 80,000 people affected in the eight (8) districts of Neelum, Hattian, Bagh, Poonch, Haveli, Kotli, Bhimber and Muzaffarabad (the "Northern Districts"). Extreme weather events have had an adverse impact on agriculture productivity and the average per capita income of the rural household. Landslides, mudslides, and rockslides throughout the Northern Districts cause frequent injuries, deaths, road closures, and can disrupt economic activities for months.

The National Assembly was informed that a new fast train would shortly be introduced from Margallah in Islamabad to Karachi. Parliamentary Secretary for Railways Dewan Ashiq Hussain Hohani told the house during question hour that Mehran Express between Karachi-Mirpurkhas is also being restored. To another question, he said Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) project could not be revived due to encroachments and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is reluctant to fulfil its commitments about financial assistance due to delays. He said the project does not fall within the domain of the Pakistan Railways but it is ready to assist the provincial government for its revival.

To a supplementary, he said KCR project in Karachi and Orange Train project in Lahore are totally different and have no linkage with each other. Minister-in-Charge of Aviation Division told the house that the remaining work of New Islamabad International Airport is likely to be completed by October next year. He said as it would be a state-of-the-art facility having five level of security and efficient operational benefits, more international airlines are likely to commence their operations with consequential increase in international estimations. Minister for Education and Professional Training informed the house that 44 government officials and 106 faculty members and employees of universities were sent abroad for higher education during the last two financial years. To another question he said six thousand nine hundred and five foreign students were studying in Pakistani universities as of last year. The visiting Imam-e-Kaaba Sheikh Khalid al-Chambi witnessed proceedings in Islamabad this evening. The Minister for Religious Affairs, Sardar Muhammad Yousaf said it is an honour for us that the Imam is visiting Pakistan and also witnessing the proceedings of the House. He said the Government and people of Pakistan have welcomed the Imam wherever he went during his current visit. Members representing different parties welcomed the Imam and assured that they would stand by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at this hour of trial. Members representing different parties welcomed the imam and held out assurance that they would stand by the Kingdom at this hour of trial. The National Assembly adopted two unanimous resolutions expressing deep condolences over loss of lives in cyclonic rain in Peshawar yesterday and Nepalese earthquake.

The house assured that it would ensure provision of all humanitarian aid to the victims of cyclone in Peshawar. It directed the Federal Government to provide assistance and aid to the KPK Government. Through other resolution, the house assured people of Nepal that people of Pakistan stand with them in the time of suffering and in providing all humanitarian assistance through government of Pakistan. The house was adjourned to meet again on 10:30 a.m.
At Least 45 Dead As Rainstorm Hits KP
ARY News, April 27, 2015

PESHAWAR: At least 45 people have been killed and nearly 150 injured due to heavy rains and windstorm in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) ARY News reported. As the unrelenting rain continued to pelt certain cities of KPK, mostly Nowshera,Charsadda and Peshawar, the death toll rose to 45 people in different incidents across the city. Hospitals were filled with the injured, as it continued to rain down during intervals. Poles, signboards and trees were uprooted by fierce winds blowing at the speed of 110km/hr. Numerous buildings also collapsed due to the thundering rain. The provincial capital, Peshawar, bore the brunt of the storm. Electricity and communication systems fell and the city faced disruption. As Peshawar motorway also got damaged.Charsadda, Nowshera and neighboring areas were also affected by the rain and windstorm. Roofs of houses were blown away and buildings were razed to the ground by the deadly rain. According to earlier reports, severe storm hammered different areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including Peshawar,Charsadda and Naushera, followed by heavy rains on Sunday April 26, 2015. Rooftops were blown off several houses as heavy winds hit parts of the province today, collapsing walls and poles there. As a consequence, at least 35 people were killed and nearly 150 injured in different incidents yesterday. However, officials of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) were reported absent and people were said to be carrying out relief activities on their own. Our correspondent told that so far 17 millimeter rain is recorded in Peshawar and adjacent areas, while heavy winds ran as high as 110 km/hr.

Imran calls CM Khattak: PTI chairman, Imran Khan telephoned Chief Minister Pervez Khattak and inquired about the recent situation in KP. He expressed immense grief over the loss of lives due to the calamity and advised the CM to ensure best medical facilities to the injured. Khan also extended his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families.

Emergency at hospitals: Provincial authorities have imposed an emergency at all hospitals in affected areas. Police, rescue teams and people on their own are busy shifting the injured to hospitals.

Power cut & communication drop: Due to the storm and heavy rains, power cut is being witnessed in numerous areas, while communication systems also failed. However, concerned authorities are striving to restore power and communication links at the earliest.

$7.4m USAID relief: Ready-to-use food for children ‘untraceable’
Express Tribune, April 29, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The Federal health ministry has sought an explanation from provincial governments especially from the Sindh government and its international donor agencies over the distribution of ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) supplies worth $7.4 million for children suffering from chronic malnutrition across the country. Earlier in February last year USAID handed over 1,330 metric tons of RUTF supplies to Unicef to address the needs of 60,000 children suffering from acute malnutrition aged between six to 59 months by distributing it in coordination with the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination (NHSRC). “It is almost a year now and thus far the federal government has not received any details regarding the distribution of RUTF supplies from provincial governments and international donor agencies,” said Dr Baseer Achakzai, Head of the Nutrition Directorate, Ministry of NHSRC.

Talking to The Express Tribune, he said the federal health ministry has called a meeting in the first week of May in Islamabad with the provincial government to seek details regarding the distribution of RUTF supplies. The focus of the meeting will be more on Sindh government in relation to the ongoing drought in Tharparkar where the situation is still worrisome, he said. “The federal government has no clue whether the children in Tharparkar have been given this ready-to-use food or not,” he said. Meanwhile talking to The Express Tribune Pertab Shiani, executive director of Search, a local organisation working for the relief of famine-hit population in Tharparkar said the situation in the region is worsening instead of improving. So far this year around 231 children have reportedly died from chronic malnutrition and other related causes taking the death toll since March last year to this year to 2,455, he said. He said after March this year wheat has not been distributed among the people in the region and it has become very difficult to survive. Moreover, last year Sindh Chief Minister announced that all the families who had lost their children due to chronic malnutrition would be given Rs0.2 million but only 200 families were given only Rs0.1 million and the remaining 2000 families are still waiting to receive the promised cash, he said. When contacted Mustafa Khoso, tehsildar Mithi, Tharparkar said, the Sindh provincial government is making all-out efforts to improve the situation in the region and so far things are under control.
TORNADO AND WIDSTORM DAMAGES REPORT

PDMA KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA RELIEF RELATED UPDATES IN PESHAWAR DIVISION AS OF APRIL 30, 2015

ESTABLISHMENT OF PDMA RELIEF CAMPS

PDMA with the assistance of humanitarian partners has established 06 relief camps in worst hit areas of Peshawar Division as per following details:

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<th>Location of Camp</th>
<th>Partner Organization</th>
<th>Focal Person &amp; Contact</th>
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<td>Peshawar</td>
<td>Government High School PakhaGhulam</td>
<td>IDEA</td>
<td>Mr. Nafees ur Rehman, 0333-9283460</td>
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<td>Village Tawda</td>
<td>FRD</td>
<td>Mr. Hadi, 0345-9669376</td>
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<td>Village Yaseenabad near Budnai</td>
<td>BEST</td>
<td>Mr. Hamid Ali, 0301-8592738</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nowshera</td>
<td>Dalazak Road</td>
<td>SRSP</td>
<td>Mr. Farman, 0334-9135125</td>
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<td>PEACE</td>
<td>Mr. Khalil, 0333-5799116</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charsadda</td>
<td>Village Tarkha Union Council Hajizai, Charsadda</td>
<td>Islamic Relief</td>
<td>Mr. Said Usman, 03008521566</td>
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The process of distribution of tokens amongst the affectees has started. The process of distribution of relief goods in the camps is expected to start from tomorrow. Affected public may contact the focal persons of relief camps on their mobile phones for any kind of assistance and help. PDMA Control Room may also be contacted at 091-9213845 & 091-9213959 in case of any query or help.

INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED DAMAGES

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<th>District</th>
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<th>Houses Damages</th>
<th>Fully</th>
<th>Partially</th>
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<td>Survey completed. Verification in process</td>
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<td>Charsadda</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nowshera</td>
<td>Jalozai, Qasam, WazirGhari, Zakhai, Chowki Drab, Banda Mulhan, JalozaiMahal, Banda Sheikh Ismail, Kuri and KandiTaza Din</td>
<td>91, 1,064</td>
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PDMA has mobilized teams of humanitarian workers/volunteers in all three districts for detail assessment and verification of infrastructure related damages.

DEAD/INJURED TOLL

Deaths/causalities report did not vary during the past 24 hours and all figures as following remained the same as reported yesterday:

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<th>Injured</th>
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<td></td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>Children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peshawar</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>69</td>
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<tr>
<td>Charsadda</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nowshera</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
<td>22</td>
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FUNDS AVAILABILITY & DISBURSAL OF COMPENSATION AMOUNT

Additional funds amounting to Rs.36.500 million have been released to the district administration Peshawar, Charsadda and Nowshera as per detail given below:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of District</th>
<th>Funds Released (in Million)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Deputy Commissioner, Peshawar</td>
<td>Rs. 25.500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deputy Commissioner, Nowshera</td>
<td>Rs. 6.400</td>
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<td>Deputy Commissioner, Charsadda</td>
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Details of payments made to affectees are given as under:

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<tr>
<th>District</th>
<th>No. of Cheques Issued</th>
<th>Amount per Cheque</th>
<th>Total Amount Disbursed (in Rs.)</th>
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Compensation rates as revised by Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are given as under:

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<td>100,000</td>
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Relief Items of Rs. 20 Million

Relief Related Activities by Directorate of Livestock

Livestock and Dairy development relief activities in the rain/thunderstorm affected districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on 29.04.2015

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<th>Districts</th>
<th>No. of Teams</th>
<th>No. of Mobile Veterinary Clinics</th>
<th>No. of Birds Vaccinated</th>
<th>No. of Animals Vaccinated</th>
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Distribution of 350 Food Packages
Distribution of 21 Degs
Tents & Food Packages Distribution
Distribution of 30 Degs on 27 – 29th April
Distribution of Tents & Food Packages
Supervisory Visits by DG & other PDMA Teams to affected areas of Peshawar Division
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NDMA Updates on Relief Provided in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as of April 29, 2015

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SAFETY AND SECURITY

**FAISALABAD/LAHORE:** Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said on Saturday that rural development, provision of potable water and overcoming the energy shortfall were the government’s chief priorities. Sharif made the remarks during his eight-hour-long tour of Faisalabad. The chief minister reviewed several development projects and attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the Punjab Bio-Energy Institute and a girls’ hostel for 1,000 students at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad during his tour. He said the Safe City Project would be replicated in Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Multan and Gujranwala next year. Sharif said model cattle markets were being established across the province to eliminate the contractor mafia. The chief minister viewed the Canal Expressway project from the air and inspected progress on the Jailah Chowk Underpass and Flyover on the occasion. Sharif said the Canal Expressway project had great economic significance for the people of the city. He said Rs6 billion would be spent on the initiative. Sharif said the three-lane expressway would stretch 25 kilometres. The chief minister said underpasses and flyovers would be constructed at important locations along the route of the expressway. He said five tehsils of Faisalabad would be linked to a motorway following the project’s completion. Sharif said the project was a fitting gift for the people of the city. He ordered officers to complete the project as quickly as possible. A briefing regarding the project was also given to the chief minister on the occasion.

A number of lawmakers from Faisalabad also called on Sharif during his visit. Sharif told them that all resources were being used to secure citizens’ lives and properties. Sharif said rural development, provision of potable water and overcoming the energy shortfall were the government’s chief priorities while speaking at the ground-breaking of the institute and hostel at the UA. He said agriculture constituted the backbone of the national economy. Sharif said the nation had been blessed with a plenty of resources including fertile land, all the four seasons and ingenious minds. He said poverty alleviation was inextricably linked to rural development. The chief minister said the government had initiated the farm-to-market roads project to remedy farmers’ problems. He said citizens had been facing severe water problems. The chief minister said the problem was particularly acute in rural areas. He said this had resulted in a widespread proliferation of diseases. The chief minister said work on the provision of potable water in these areas was underway and would be completed in three years.

Sharif praised China for initiating the $45 billion Pakistan-China Economic Corridor project. He said the project would help raise standards of living and open new avenues of trading and employment. Sharif urged students to learn Chinese. He said $20 billion was being invested in the power sector to overcome the energy shortfall. The chief minister said development projects costing Rs10 billion had been initiated across Faisalabad to enable the provision of state-of-the-art facilities to citizens at their doorstep. He said the projects included the construction of the Canal Expressway, two underpasses, a hospital for children and the Haseeb Shahid Hospital. Sharif praised the UAF for being counted among the 100 best universities in the world. He expressed hope that the varsity would be counted among the world’s 50 best universities in the following years. UAF Vice Chancellor Iqrar Ahmad Khan said the government had allocated record funds for the varsity in the last five years. He praised the initiatives taken by the government in the education, rural development and agriculture sectors.

**RAHIM YAR KHAN:** Members of a criminal gang kidnapped at least seven policemen on Sunday morning near Rahim Yar Khan, Express News reported. According to police, around 30 members of Chooto Bakhrahi and Shilto gang attacked a check post in Roni, an area on the Sindh-Punjab border. The abducted police officials included an assistant sub inspector and a head constable. Soon after the incident, District Police Officer Rahim Yar Khan Sohail Zafar Chatta arrived at the Mashtia police station and ordered the personnel to carry out a search operation in the area. He said that all efforts will be made to arrest the miscreants. For the past 20 days, Rahim Yar Khan police have been conducting an operation against the criminals in the city.

**WEB DESK:** At least 44 suspected militants were killed on Saturday in precise aerial strikes in North Waziristan and Khyber Agency. According to Inter Services Public Relations, 16, mostly foreign militants, were killed in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan. While 28 militants were killed in Tirah area of Khyber agency. On April 30, five months into the military operation in the troubled spots of the Khyber tribal region, the military claimed a ‘huge success’ after ‘intense fighting’ that left 27 terrorists dead.

The Khyber-II operation was launched in mid-October last year following reports that some militants had fled the ongoing military offensive in North Waziristan Agency to seek shelter in the strategic Tirah Valley of Khyber Agency. The army launched an offensive Operation Zarb-e-Azb in North Waziristan against militants in June 2014. Tirah Valley, which shares borders with the tribal agencies of Khurram and Orakzai and also with the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, had become a stronghold of the banned extremist outfit Lashkar-e-Islam, led by its elusive chief Mangal Bagh Afridi. Bagh later announced the merger of his group with the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.

**PESHAWAR:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Friday it was the government’s top priority to ensure establishment of peace because it was vital to make progress, prosperity and development in real terms. “We are striving to establish peace across the country as it will bring about prosperity, attract investment and help check poverty, unemployment and illiteracy,” he said while addressing a ceremony held in Peshawar to distribute cheques among the families of rangers and Frontier Corps personnel. The prime minister said he had just come from a check-post in Mehsana area of North
The prime minister said the Karachi operation was part of the government’s efforts to eliminate terrorism from the country. “The people of Karachi are now more satisfied as the incidents of street crimes, terrorism, extortion and targeted killing have decreased. The lights of Karachi are being restored,” he said, adding that with peace returning, a marked reduction in incidents of terrorism across the country was witnessed. Referring to the recent development in North Waziristan, Mr Sharif said the entire region will benefit from fast development of infrastructure and construction of roads and motorways network in the country. He mentioned the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project in this respect and said all the provinces as well as Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan would benefit from it. He said road networks would be established from Gwadar to Khunjerab and the former would be developed as an international city and there would be a lot of development in Balochistan. The prime minister said LNG (liquefied natural gas) would be used to generate electricity which would help eliminate loadshedding. “For achieving all this, peace is an important factor,” he said and vowed to tackle all challenges, including terrorism and energy problems. He said Pakistan had rendered immense and unmatched sacrifices in the war against terrorism and lost lives of thousands of innocent people, civil and armed forces personnel and even political figures. Besides, he added, economy had suffered a lot and incurred losses of $100 billion over the past few years. The prime minister stressed that focusing on internal and external matters was important to achieve success. He highlighted the importance of good relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan and said the two countries should enhance cooperation to fight and eliminate terrorism from the region. Expressing grief and sorrow over the losses and damages caused by the mini-cyclone in Peshawar division, he said the entire nation stood by the affected families in this hour of trials and tribulations. “We all equally share our grief and sorrow with the families who lost their near and dear ones in the natural calamity.” The prime minister said cash compensation was not an alternative to the life, but it could help soothe the victims to some extent. He praised the provincial authorities for relief and rescue efforts after the rain-storms.

Earlier, Peshawar Division Commissioner Munir Azam said the mini-cyclone, which played havoc in Peshawar,Charsadda and Nowshera districts, had claimed 49 lives, injured 267 people and damaged 8,827 houses and other infrastructure. He said the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government also provided relief, including medical treatment, to the affected families. Later, Prime Minister Sharif distributed compensation cheques of victims of the mini-cyclone in Peshawar division. KP Governor Sardar Mehtab Abbasi, Chief Minister Pervez Khattak, Minister for States and Frontier Regions retired Lt Gen Abdul Qadir Baloch, Political Secretary to the PM Dr Asif Kirmani, Benazir Income Support Programme Chairperson Marvi Memon and parliamentarians attended the ceremony.

IDPs’ RETURN: Earlier, addressing the IDPs of North Waziristan upon their return to their native areas, Prime Minister Sharif lauded their sacrifices and said the government would provide all resources for their rehabilitation in their areas. “We will provide resources for the reconstruction of your houses. It is our duty as you have shown courage and tolerance and given sacrifices for the establishment of peace in the area.” The process of IDPs’ return to their homes has been continuing since March. The prime minister said schools, colleges and hospitals would be constructed in the area so that local people have health and education facilities on doorsteps. He praised the services and sacrifices of the officers and jawans of the armed forces for eliminating terrorism, establishing peace in tribal areas and looking after the IDPs during their temporary stay in camps. He said the government and the armed forces would ensure security of the people returning to their homes as well as their areas. He said he would also visit North Waziristan soon and meet the people of the area. Later, the prime minister distributed gifts among the IDPs who were returning to their homes. Chief of the Army Staff General Raheel Sharif was present on the occasion.

PESHAWAR: The district administration demolished an Afghan refugee camp at Pajaji Road on Friday. Around 1,200 houses were razed to the ground during the drive. Peshawar DC Riaz Mehsud told journalists the deadline to evacuate the camp was April 30. After the deadline went by unmet, Assistant Commissioner Jawed Khan, Additional Assistant Commissioner Muhammad Shoab, Peshawar Afghan Refugee Administrator Sadique Ahmad and local police reached the site on Friday and directed the refugees to vacate their houses. All construction, which was on approximately 500 kanals of land, was then demolished. Mehsud explained nearly 1,200 houses had been constructed on valuable land. The DC said local police officials were directed to cordon off the area using barbed wire after the eviction and to restrict anyone from settling back on the land. Those, who try to return, will be arrested, he added. Meanwhile, officials added the DC’s office could not be contacted for comments on alternative arrangements made for these refugees.

PESHAWAR: Two suspected terrorists were arrested from the provincial capital on Friday. Acting on a tip-off, the police and counter-terrorism department (CTD) raided a house in City Town, Paharipura and arrested both men. They were Afghan nationals and were allegedly involved in the assembly of explosive devices. At least 30 bags of explosives, 11 detonators, 72 prima-cords, a bag of urea nitrate, 62 electronic cables, a UPS and a toy bomb were found in the house. Other equipment used to manufacture explosive devices “This is an important development as the group was involved in recent attacks on law-enforcement agencies in the city,” a police official told The Express Tribune. According to the official, both terrorists have been shifted to an undisclosed location for interrogation. “We hope to identify other members of the gang during the investigation process,” he added.

KARACHI: A deputy superintendent of police and two constables serving as his security guard and driver were gunned down in Gulshan-e-Hadeed on Friday morning. The Tehreek-e-Taliban
Pakistan has claimed responsibility for the attack. DSP Abdul Fateh Sanghri, 55, who was a subdivisional police officer in Bin Qasim and lived in Steel Town, was heading towards the Gulshan-e-Hadeed market in his car when around five or six men riding motorcycles fired gunshot at his vehicle. Steel Town SHO Mohammad Haroon Korai said the DSP, his security guard, constable Mohammed Farooq, and driver, constable Nazeer, were rushed to the Jinnah hospital where they were pronounced dead. IGP Ghulam Hyder Jamali and DIG East Mumtaz Ahmed Sheikh reached to the scene and ordered a thorough inquiry into the incident. The IGP told reporters that the DSP’s murder was probably in response to the law enforcement agencies’ ongoing crackdown against criminals. Replying to a query, Jamali said SSP Rao Anwar had played an important role in the operation against terrorists and other criminals.

The DSP’s autopsy report revealed that he had suffered nine bullet wounds to his upper torso. Constables Farooq and Nazeer had each suffered eight bullet wounds. DIG Mumtaz Sheikh told The News that empty bullet shells of 9mm pistols were found at the scene. He added that the attackers had also taken away the official sub-machine gun of the DSP’s security guard. “We have recorded the statements of witnesses and trying to develop the assailants’ sketches with their help,” he said. “We are also going through the CCTV footage captured by the cameras installed near the crime scene.” The DIG said the police had managed to find some solid leads and were working on them.

Counter-terrorism department chief Raja Umer Khattab told The News that the assailants’ modus operandi confirmed the involvement of a banned outfit in the attack. “The terrorists knew exactly where the DSP was headed and that means that they had been monitoring his movements for some time,” he said.

The funeral prayers of constables Farooq and Nazeer were offered at the police’s Saudabad headquarters. The DSP’s heirs took away his body from the Edhi morgue in Sohrab Goth to his hometown in Pir Jo Goth, Dadu. DSP Abdul Fateh Sanghri had joined the Sindh police as an ASI in 1993, and was promoted to the rank of DSP on March 21, 2016. He was promoted to the rank of SP during an upcoming departmental promotion committee meeting. He was the younger brother of retired IGP Bachal Sanghri and SP Sukkur Abdul Ahad Sanghri. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has condemned the murder of the DSP and the two constables and offered his condolences to their families. Ordering an inquiry into the attack, he said restoring peace in Karachi was his government’s topmost priority.

**Search operation**

Later in the evening, the law enforcement agencies conducted a search operation in Bin Qasim. According to a statement, the search operation was conducted under the supervision of two SSPs, four DSPs, 12 SHOs, 80 commandos of the special security unit, three platoons from the police headquarters, paramilitary soldiers and personnel from the Malir Constabulary.

**ISLAMBAD:** Issuing a new advice to TV channels in the wake of Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) chief Altaf Hussain’s recent criticism on security institutions, the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on Friday barred them from telecasting hateful speeches against national security and integrity. According to reports, PEMRA, in an advice issued to TV channels under section 27 of the PEMRA Amendment Act 2007, has stated that the broadcasting of any seditious material against judiciary, Pakistan Army or any other security institutions is strictly prohibited. The federal government, in a letter written to Acting Chairman PEMRA Pervez Rathore, had expressed deep concern over the live telecast of MQM chief’s derogatory remarks against security institutions by some media channels and sought stern action against them.

In the letter, written by federal Information Secretary Mohammad Azam on the directives of Information Minister Senator Pervaiz Rashid, the government had also asked not to allow the live broadcast of hateful speeches by political leaders. The regulatory body, subsequently, issued a showcause notice to 14 news channels late on Friday night. PEMRA spokesperson, in a statement issued to media, said that the channels have been directed to only broadcast a live address after making sure that the national security institutions would not be targeted and demeaned in it.

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said on Thursday the National Action Plan had yielded positive results. “The entire nation has taken a united stand against terrorists. There is no room for terrorism and sectarianism in the country,” the chief minister told a meeting with assembly members from various districts. He said the government was doing its best to steer the country out of crisis. He said all-out efforts were being made to raise the citizens’ standards of living. A number of programmes have been started for the welfare of the poor, he said. Sharif said a large number of people were benefiting from such schemes, including the Metro Bus Service in Lahore, the educational endowment fund and the Apna Rozgar programme. He said billions of rupees had been spent on the provision of education, health and transport services. He said the government was focusing on the development of infrastructure. The Khadim-i-Punjab Rural Roads Programme has been launched to construct and repair rural roads, the chief minister said. “Public funds are being spent for people’s welfare,” he said. The chief minister said development projects were being completed speedily and in a transparent manner. “A corruption-free culture is being promoted. Even our opponents have been unable to level allegations of corruption against us,” he said. Sharif said Chinese President Xi Jinping’s recent visit to Pakistan would prove a game changer for the regional economy. He said projects worth $46 billion had been announced during the visit. The investment would bring about prosperity in Pakistan, he said. The chief minister said completing energy projects on time was the government’s priority. He said the outcome of recent cantonment board elections was a strong reply to those who had been calling the 2013 general elections rigged. “People have chosen those who serve them instead of those who are known for agitation,” Sharif said. Participants of the meeting congratulated the chief minister on securing the Chinese investments and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz’s victory in the cantonment board elections.
National Action Plan is yielding positive results:
Shahbaz
Daily Times, May 1, 2015

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that effective implementation of National Action Plan against terrorism is yielding positive results and the whole nation has displayed unprecedented unity for the eradication of this menace. He said that a decisive action is being taken against terrorists and their facilitators. He said that there is no room for extremism, terrorism and sectarianism in the country and 180 million people of Pakistan will root out terrorism with the force of unity and transform the country into a haven of peace and tranquillity. He was talking to Assembly Members of various districts who met him, here today. The Chief Minister said that Pakistan Muslim League-N government is striving to steer the country out of quagmire of problems and is providing relief to the masses in the real sense. He said that every effort is being made to raise the living standard of the deprived segments of the society and a number of programmes are being implemented successfully for the welfare and uplift of the poor and less-privileged people. He said that a large number of people are benefiting from metro bus service, educational fund, self-employment scheme, Apna Rozgar projects. The Chief Minister said that PML-N is serving the people of the province selflessly for the last seven years and this process will continue in future as well.

He said that billions of rupees are being spent on education and health sectors, potable water projects and provision of modern transport facilities to the citizens. He said that special attention is being paid to the development of infrastructure in the province and a splendid project for the construction and rehabilitation of rural roads has been started under Khadim-e-Punjab Daihi Roads Programme. Shahbaz Sharif said that funds are the trust of the masses and are being spent on their progress and uplift. He said that all development projects are being completed speedily and transparently while a high standard of construction is also being maintained as it is the policy of Punjab government. He said that a corruption-free culture has been promoted in the province and even the opponents of the government cannot level allegation of corruption against any official in this regard. The Chief Minister further said that the visit of Chinese President to Pakistan was a game changer and the historic economic package of 46 billion dollars given by China will usher in a new era of progress and prosperity in the country. He said that no effort will be spared for the speedy completion of energy projects and the promise to remove darkness from the country will be fulfilled under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif.

He said that the results of Local Bodies elections in Cantonment Boards have given a befitting reply to those who were leveling allegations of rigging in Elections 2013. He said that people have elected those who could serve them selflessly while rejected the elements who believed in the politics of protest. Assembly members congratulated Chief Minister on the economic package of 46 billion dollars given by China and the thumping success of PML-N in Local Bodies elections. They expressed the confidence that the serious efforts of the PML-N leadership to resolve energy crisis will be successful. Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that labourers play a key role in strengthening of economy and the targets of development cannot be achieved without prosperity and empowerment of labourers as well as giving them a respectable status in the society. He said that International Labour Day is celebrated to pay homage to the supreme sacrifices of martyrs of Chinag and there is a need to eliminate poverty for the welfare of labours and protection of their genuine rights. In a message on International Labour Day, the Chief Minister said that due to the heroic struggle and unprecedented sacrifices of labourers they were granted those rights which had been denied to them for centuries. He said that Islam declares labourer as a friend of Allah and as such acknowledges his dignity. Shahbaz Sharif said that Punjab government is taking solid measures for the welfare of labourers and workers and set up labour colonies, social security hospitals and dispensaries besides quality educational institutions for their children. He said that labourers are fully benefiting from the labour-friendly policies of the government and the measures for the welfare and uplift of labourers will continue in future as well.

ISLAMABAD: The government is all set to approach five countries and the United Nations to seek extradition of top Baloch insurgents accused of fomenting unrest in Balochistan which has been in the throes of a low-profile separatist insurgency since 2006. The security agencies have identified 161 training camps of Baloch insurgents, nearly two dozen of them are believed to be located in Afghanistan and two in Iran. “We are taking up the issue of Baloch insurgents with five countries [India, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Iran and Afghanistan],” said a top security official, who did not want to be named in this report. Of Allah Nazar, Hyder Ali Marri and some other wanted insurgents are commanding their fighters in the province, he added. Hyrybair Marri, the head of the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), has been living in self-exile in the United Kingdom where he has been granted political asylum. The BLA has been responsible for most violence in Balochistan.

Army chief General Raheel Sharif and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan had taken up Marri’s issue with British officials and sought his repatriation to Pakistan, the security official said. Brahumdagh Bugti, the founder of the Baloch Republican Army (BRA), has been living in
Army chief vows to crush all mafias’ in Karachi
Daily Times, April 29, 2015

British PM Cameron hails Pakistan’s efforts in terror war
The News, April 28, 2015

FC arrest 4 suspected terrorists in Quetta search operation
The Express Tribune, April 29, 2015

Manning Mohmand: 195 levies personnel complete training conducted by PMA
The Express Tribune, April 29, 2015

Switzerland seeking political asylum. The BRA has been involved in attacks on security forces, national installations and civilians in Balochistan. The state diplomatic channels was also in contact with Swiss authorities to bring Brahumdagh back to Pakistan. “The Afghan government has assured Pakistan its full support to stop Baloch insurgents from operating from its soil,” he added. The government has requested Iran through its Deputy Foreign Minister Hassan Qashqavi to make maximum efforts to block the influence of some Baloch separatists operating from Iranian soil, he added. “Pakistan is considering taking up the issue of Indian involvement in Balochistan unrest at the United Nations,” he added. Earlier this month, the government quietly expanded the scope of a targeted military operation in Balochistan with the consent of the provincial government in an effort to dismantle the training camps of insurgents, the security official said. “We have expanded the military operation in Balochistan.

The paramilitary Frontier Corps is assisting the military in targeted operations against separatists. "IGFC Balochistan Maj Gen Sher Afgun had briefed Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on such operations earlier this week," he added. The operation came under the National Action Plan against terrorism, which is being executed by the armed forces across the country to wipe out militancy from the country, another senior official of the interior ministry told The Express Tribune. The FC has been tasked to expedite operations against anti-state elements as well as to enhance border security, security of important places and state properties, said the official who is familiar with the meeting between the IGFC and Chaudhry Nisar. The IGFC also floated the idea of bringing police from Karachi, Quetta, Peshawar and Lahore under the federal government for the time being to restore peace in the country’s metropolitan cities, he added. "The IGFC also requested the interior minister for more funds to expand the scope of the operation."

ISLAMABAD: Army chief General Raheel Sharif vowed on Wednesday to finish ‘all mafias’ in Karachi and made it clear that across the board and indiscriminate operations in the port city would continue till its logical conclusion. During his visit to the Corps Headquarters in Karachi, the army chief said the ongoing operation in Karachi was bringing relief in terms of target killings and extortion, Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Major-General Asim Bajwa quoted him as saying on Twitter. General Raheel said restoring peace in Karachi was a top priority as it would help revive economic activities and bring relief to the people and the government to finish all mafias," he said. General Raheel also appreciated the efforts of law enforcement agencies, including Rangers for a holding a peaceful by-election in NA-246.

‘Recent killings indicate design’
General Raheel termed the recent target killings, including human rights activist Sabeen Mahmud as planned. “Latest pattern of killings in Karachi indicates a design, which needs to be checked,” he said, directing intelligence agencies and Rangers to “trace out, apprehend and expose perpetrators.” The army chief expressed his satisfaction over intelligence input and progress so far achieved in the operation in Karachi.

QUETTA: Frontier Corps arrested one “most wanted” terrorist along with four suspected criminals on Wednesday morning in the Ghahi Khan Chowk near Sariab road in Quetta, officials said. Acting on a tip-off, the suspected militants were arrested during an FC search operation in the area. Meanwhile, in Pasni, upon receiving intelligence reports, officials arrested three suspected militants. Further investigation into the matter is currently underway.

GHALLANAI: Around 195 Pakistan Military Academy (PMA)-trained levies personnel attended their passing out parade at Ghallanai, the headquarters of Mohmand Agency on Tuesday. This is the first time in Fata that levies personnel have been trained by the military academy. Frontier Corps (FC) Commandant Major General Tayyab Azam was the chief guest, while North Sector Commander Brigadier Ziaul Islam and other high ranking military and civilian officials were present. On the occasion, 195 levies officials, who were trained in different categories such as traffic control, bomb disposal, Quick Response Force, VIP protocol and intelligence, passed the training. FC commandant Major General Azam inspected the march past and distributed medals to those who topped their bomb disposal, physical education, drill and firing training.

He administered oaths to the jawans and praised the sacrifices rendered by FC personnel, khassadars, levies and tribal elders in the fight against militancy. He was confident that militancy would soon be uprooted thanks to their efforts. The commandant said Mohmand tribal malkas played a pivotal role in eliminating terrorism from the agency. He added the sacrifices of as many as 600 tribal leaders and 100 Mohmand levies and khasarad officials has brought peace to Ghallanai. He said the nation recognised such sacrifices and would soon eliminate the scourge of terrorism from the country. Mohmand Agency Political Agent Waqar Ali Khan later told the media that no-go areas have ceased to exist in the agency. He added polio teams were now visiting all parts of the agency which shows peace had been restored.

Visit to Bajaur
Major General Azam also visited Bajaur Agency where he took part in the passing out parade of around 400 scouts who had completed their training. Beside others, North Sector Commander Brigadier Ziaul Islam, Political Agent Mohmand Agency and Bajaur Count Commandant Mir Ameer Ali Khan were present. Also in attendance were a large number of tribal elders.

LONDON: British Prime Minister David Cameron has praised Pakistan’s efforts in the war against terror and said everyone has to play a role to eliminate the ‘cancer’ of terrorism. In an exclusive interview with Geo News correspondent Asif Dar, the British Premier said, “There is a need for joint efforts to cope with terrorism.” He added UK was assisting Pakistan in the military operation Zarb-e-Azb. Cameron said recently he held a meeting with Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif in a pleasant atmosphere. He went on to say that IS and other terror groups were twisting teachings of Islam,
Peace in and around Pakistan top priority: Army chief
The Express Tribune, April 28, 2015

Addressing army officers at Bahawalpur Cantt, General Raheel said stability was returning to Fata as a result of the military operation. “Can’t take focus away from targeting terrorism in FATA, breaking their linkages in rest of country,” the army chief said. The army chief paid tribute to the resilience of professionals in the continuing operation against militants. General Raheel said no challenge was impossible, saying that Pakistan’s greatest asset – the youth – should be encouraged. Pakistan’s armed forces are fighting the Taliban militants in the tribal belt as part of the Operation Zarb-e-Azb, which began in June 2014.

‘Good year in Pakistan’: Dutch stand by Pakistan in war on terror, says envoy
The Express Tribune, April 28, 2015

The Netherlands government is not just focusing on strengthening the economic situation but also actively extending its efforts in areas such as security. Government has allocated Rs. 30 billion for security this year”, he said. Expressing complete confidence in the leadership of the civil armed forces, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has on Monday advised all agencies to adopt a coherent strategy to meet challenges, reported Dunya News.

WEB DESK: Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif said on Tuesday peace in and around the country is the army’s top priority. In the country, “Peaceful environment in and around the country is the army’s top priority,” he said.

Security forces must adopt coherent strategy to meet challenges: Nisar
Dunya News, April 27, 2015

Addressing army officers at Bahawalpur Cantt, General Raheel said stability was returning to Fata as a result of the military operation. “Can’t take focus away from targeting terrorism in FATA, breaking their linkages in rest of country,” the army chief said. The army chief paid tribute to the resilience of professionals in the continuing operation against militants. General Raheel said no challenge was impossible, saying that Pakistan’s greatest asset – the youth – should be encouraged. Pakistan’s armed forces are fighting the Taliban militants in the tribal belt as part of the Operation Zarb-e-Azb, which began in June 2014.

ISLAMABAD: The Dutch government has assured Pakistan that it stands ready to work with the country in the fight against extremism. Its top diplomat in Pakistan, Marcel de Vink, pointed out that the improved security situation will help in attracting new investors to the country. “It is not an easy task and the fight against extremism will be long and hard. But Pakistan is not on its own, the Netherlands stands ready to work with Pakistan in this field,” Marcel de Vink, ambassador of the Netherlands, told The Express Tribune during an interview on the occasion of the King’s Day celebration marked as a ‘Good year in Pakistan’. “Improving the security situation will be helpful in attracting new investors,” he said, adding that as Pakistan’s exports to the Netherlands have increased 24% in the past six months, the focus had to shift from aid to trade for further improving the bilateral trade and investment in Pakistan. The envoy recalled that the Netherlands had recognised Pakistan very early and established an embassy in Karachi in 1948. Since then, he said, as the Dutch grew to be among the 20 biggest economies in the world, it has also become the 9th largest trading partner of Pakistan.

Vink said while security challenges are well known to foreign investors they are also aware of encouraging steps taken by Islamabad in the fight against terrorism and extremism from which the country and its people has benefited. “Looking back,” the envoy said, “Looking back, it’s saying on paper, a better good year for Pakistan-Dutch relations. Our trade figures went up considerably,” adding that Dutch demand for Pakistani textiles has increased by almost a third while planeloads of Dutch dairy cattle have started to arrive in Pakistan. The envoy said an agricultural trade mission and the Dutch minister for Development Cooperation added to the growing interest in the Netherlands in Pakistan soon. The Netherlands government is not just focusing on strengthening the economic relationship between the two countries but also actively extending its efforts in areas such as human rights and building technical and vocational training centres for reproductive health and rights. “I strongly believe in a broad relationship between both our countries,” he said. The Netherlands will also continue to engage with the government of Pakistan and civil society in the area of women empowerment, human rights and labour rights in the context of GSP Plus,” he added.

Marcel de Vink said in the recent years, a series of high level engagement between Amsterdam and Islamabad has resulted in ties flourishing between the two. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had visited the northwestern European country last year for the nuclear security summit and premiers of the two nations also met in September in New York, he added. He went on to say that where high level political engagement was important, the relations between the two countries were shaped with an increased people-to-people contact. Vink had visited Pakistan for the first time in 2005 as a tourist. “I was drawn to the country and wanted to see for myself. It was a great experience,” he recalled. At the dinner reception hosted in Islamabad to celebrate the King’s Day, Vink said the many positive results of the past year would not have been possible without the countless friends of the Netherlands in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has on Monday advised all the security agencies to adopt a coherent strategy to meet challenges, reported Dunya News. Heading a high level meeting on security in Islamabad, Chaudhry Nisar was briefed on security forces’ performance, problems and recommendations to improve their performance. Stressing upon improving cohesion among the securityagencies, Interior Minister said that all will have to work together to meet security challenges. He said that the civil securityinstitutions were doing a good job in guarding the life and property of the common people. Nisar said that he salutes the police officers who embraced martyrdom while performing their duties. He said that he was fully aware of the problems faced by the security agencies. “I consider the expenditure on security as investment in thesecurity. Government has allocated Rs. 30 billion for security this year”, he said. Expressing complete confidence in the leadership of the civil armed forces, Interior Minister said that the media and the general public must be kept informed about the success achieved by the security institutions. The meeting was attended by DG Anti-Narcotics, IG FC Balochistan, IG FC Khyber Pakhtunkhawa, DG Rangers Sindh, DG Rangers Punjab, DG Coast Guards, DG Scouts Gilgit-Baltistan, DG Civil Defence and officials of the interior ministry.
ISLAMABAD: The country’s economic managers were hesitant to revoke an oil supply contract between Pakistan State Oil (PSO) and the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), which has been accused of causing delay in bringing oil shipments, leading to its shortage in the country. The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet, in a meeting held on April 23, discussed the row between the two state-owned companies and constituted a committee comprising secretaries of petroleum, finance, law and ports and shipping to address the matter, say officials aware of the development. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar asked the secretaries of ports and shipping and law and justice to resolve the issue between the two companies. “I don’t want to put PNSC in the privatisation list by letting PSO lose its business following cancellation of the contract between them,” Dar said. In the meeting, PNSC said it had the capacity to bring 23 million tons of oil products from abroad annually and was handling 5 million tons for PSO.

The Ministry of Petroleum told the ECC that PNSC delayed 40 oil ships, which sparked problems for PSO in smooth supply of oil in the country. In a summary sent to the ECC, the ministry held PNSC responsible for petrol shortage that hit Punjab and other parts of the country earlier this year. It said the shipping company was utilising carriers of other companies to bring oil consignments for PSO, which was a clear violation of the federal government’s instructions, and asked the ECC to implement the actual decisions taken by the government in 2012. The ministry sought permission to allow PSO to import oil through a bidding process and ensure uninterrupted and smooth supply of oil.

The ECC meeting held on November 22, 2012 allowed PNSC to bring oil supplies for PSO with the condition that whenever the shipping company had no carrier of its own, it would issue a no-objection certificate to the cargo importer. As a result, a contract was signed between PSO and PNSC in 2012 followed by an addendum dated January 8, 2013 for the transportation of premier motor gasoline and furnace oil. However, the petroleum ministry told the ECC last month that the oil marketing company had raised objections in relation to the business relations with PNSC. Because of an inadequate fleet and fewer vessels, PNSC chartered vessels from other shipping companies for the transportation of oil products, which was a violation of the guidelines given by the ECC, it said. “This practice leads to frequent disturbances and operational issues in the supply chain, due in part to the delay in reporting of PNSC vessels at respective ports,” the ministry said. “A major reason for the fuel crisis in the country was the late arrival of two PNSC tankers despite timely establishment of letters of credit by PSO.” One vessel was loaded with oil on January 12, though its arrival in Karachi was due January 6 and 8. It arrived on 15th of the month. Another vessel was supposed to reach the loading port in Singapore between January 3 and 5, which was also delayed and reached there on January 15. It subsequently arrived in Karachi on January 28 instead of January 16.

Work on twenty-four hundred megawatt coal based power plant is underway at Thar Coal Field at a cost of two billion dollars. Our Karachi correspondent Atif Pizzazo reports that the project is a joint venture of Sindh Engro Coal Company and the Sindh government and has also been brought under the umbrella of Pak-China economic corridor. The project is expected to become operational by 2017. Official sources informed that exploration of the Thar Coal has been accelerated to meet the national energy requirements. They said if Thar Coal is fully tapped and utilized it will help in overcoming current national energy crisis in the country.

KARACHI: In a major development, the government has appointed Engro Terminal’s CEO Sheikh Imranul Haque as the new managing director of Pakistan State Oil (PSO), triggering a debate in the industry about merits and demerits of the decision. “Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif considered his name and approved it on Thursday night,” two different industry sources close to the PM Secretariat told The Express Tribune.

The tenure of the previous PSO MD Shahid Islam expired on April 30. He had been heading Pakistan’s largest fuel marketing company on a temporary basis since the government changed the management earlier this year following petrol shortage crisis, which was particularly severe in Punjab. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources sent a summary containing three names for the prime minister to consider on April 27, said Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources. “I cannot divulge these names. That is confidential information and something for the prime minister to decide,” he said. “But Sidat Hyder (the management consulting firm) head hunted six people for us and we forwarded three names.” Industry sources, including PSO officials, say the other top contender was Wasi Khan, who oversees Byco’s oil trading business. Third person on the list was Qaiser Jamal, a former Byco official who is widely respected in the crude refining industry. The other three men recommended by Sidat Hyder included Irfan Qureshi, former managing director of PSO, Sohail Wajahat, who for a long time led Siemens’s business in Pakistan, and Shahrukh Hasan, the Group Managing Director of Jang and Geo TV. As the news of the high-profile appointment reached Karachi, anxiety spread among employees of state-owned PSO. “This is a terrible situation. Five managing directors have come and gone in as many years. We have lost sight of our strategic targets,” remarked an employee. Imranul Haque’s appointment is of particular concern for the company, which has its fate closely linked to PSO. Engro’s subsidiary Engro Terminal Pakistan Limited inaugurated the country’s first liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in March. Its purpose is only to operate the terminal whereas the government has designated PSO to arrange LNG shipments, which is a multi-million-dollar programme. Despite repeated attempts Haque did not respond to phone calls and messages.

Pakistan’s largest company in terms of revenue, PSO has been dragged into the LNG business
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Workers To Take To Street Today For Gas, Electricity

The working class all over the world will commemorate the Labour Day on Friday (today) by staging rallies and holding meetings to pay a homage to Chicago martyrs while workers in Pakistan will take to street primarily for electricity and gas, non-availability of which has rendered hundreds of thousands of them jobless. Lack of recognition on the part of the government, denial of fundamental right of freedom of association besides the law and order situation will include the other challenges the working class will be highlighting during their May Day engagements.

Electricity and gas outages resulted in partial or complete closure of scores of industrial units, especially in the textile sector. The situation also slowed down the economic growth, increasing unemployment rate to an alarming level. “Trade union is the basis of democracy but it has not been given its due recognition though it has always been on the forefront in every movement,” says trade union leader Khurshid Ahmed.

The present regime has completed two years in office but it has yet to take measures to ensure fundamental rights of workers, especially women. There should have been measures to revive tripartite labour conference, include rural or agricultural sector workers in the minimum wages mechanism and revival of independent factory inspection machinery. Ironically, measures have also not been taken to ensure provision of free and uniform education to each child, jobs to the youth and ‘decent’ working conditions and rational wages to the workers along with social protection against sickness, accidents, old-age, elimination of abuse of child and bonded labour in society, says Mr Ahmed.

All Pakistan Workers Confederation President Rubina Jamil says a demonstration will be staged in front of Alhamra on The Mall on Friday to commemorate the historic struggle of the Chicago martyrs. She says the government should introduce measures for social and economic uplift of women who constitute more than half of the population, by ensuring equal opportunities of education and employment, elimination of discrimination against them and enforcement of the principle of equal pay for equal work. Pakistan, she says, has been a signatory to 36 conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO). However, the government has yet to formulate laws in conformity with the eight core ILO conventions. Bonded Labour Liberation Front Pakistan Secretary-General Syeda Ghulam Fatima says a massive rally will be staged outside the Dyal Singh Mansion on The Mall that will pass through Charing Cross and culminate in front of a banquet hall near Mozang Chungi where a seminar will be held. “Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo, National Party president, and provincial minister Mujtaba Shujaur Rehman will be key speakers at the seminar on ‘GSP-Plus Status and compliance of labour standards,’ she says. All Pakistan Trade Union Federation Information Secretary Yasir Gulzar says the workers will march from the federation office in Gulberg industrial area up to the Punjab Assembly building against ‘capitalism and exploitation besides for safe working conditions and dignity of work. May Day is a day to analyse the struggle of workers and trade unions for emancipation and what they gained and what they lost; to think over how to move forward against imperialist and capitalist oppression.’

RAWALPINDI: The CNG dealers have called upon the government to start the supply of gas to the filling stations in Punjab which remained closed for the last six months. ‘Due to the closure of the filling stations, the CNG dealers in Punjab are faced with bankruptcy. The government had promised to resume the supply of gas to the CNG sector on March 15 but did not keep its promise,” said Ghayas Abdullah Paracha of the All Pakistan CNG Association at a press conference here on Thursday.

He said the suspension of the gas supply to the CNG stations was contributing to the increased oil import bills, hurting the investment climate. He said the prime minister had assured the citizens that no one would have to take to the streets to get their issues resolved but this promise was also not materialised.

Mr Paracha said a powerful lobby wanted to frustrate the plans of the government to resolve the energy crisis through the import of LNG by fixing high prices of the commodity which was discouraging the private sector. ‘The conspiracy is aimed at giving undue benefit to some influential people at the cost of the country,’ he said, adding the absence of transparency had resulted in apprehensions that the LNG import project would fail. He said the private sector was ready to import and use LNG to overcome the energy crisis. He said gas shortfall stood at 200 mmcfd, pipelines had the capacity for additional gas and regasification unit in Karachi was operational but even then the import of LNG was being delayed.

ISLAMABAD: ‘Sehat Ka Ittehad’ — the joint campaign being run by the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Pakistan Army and Fata Secretariat — saved the day for Pakistan at the 12th meeting of the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), which was held in Abu Dhabi on
Wednesday. For the first time in recent years, the IMB appreciated Pakistan’s efforts as the number of reported cases in the current year has reported to 22 for the first time in the same period last year. The IMB of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative works on behalf of international donor agencies and it issues performance reports after every six months.

**BAHAWALPUR:** Patients on Wednesday protested against the alleged lack of attention from doctors and technical staff of the department of radiology at Bahawal Victoria Hospital (BVH). According to kidney patients Allah Bakhsh and Naseeban, they were sent to the radiology department for examination. Head of the department Dr Shahid Manzoor was not present and the doctors concerned and technical staff also ignored them after making them wait for hours. They alleged. Later, the patients along with their relatives and attendants protested on a nearby road. They demanded the technical staff and doctors be issued a warning and directed to attend patients in the absence of the department head. The protesters said indoor patients sent for X-ray, MRI and Ultrasound should not be made to wait for hours and, after their examination, be sent back to their wards immediately.

**PESHAWAR:** A free medical camp was held at the Peshawar Press Club here on Wednesday for the media persons and their families, where over 200 people were treated and given medicines. The camp was organised by press club’s health committee in collaboration with YDA Welfare and Academic Society Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, wherein free of costs tests were also conducted to diagnose different diseases. The camp was inaugurated by the provincial health minister Shahnaz Tarkai. Some 25 doctors, including five lady doctors, checked the patients in the camp. The minister visited different sections of the camp, talked to the doctors about the services they offered and also discussed with patients their health problems.

**Medical Camp for Journalists, families**

*Daily Dawn, April 30, 2015*

**Minister orders repair of faulty ACs at LRH**

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**Patients protest ‘indifferent’ doctors at BVH**

*Daily Dawn, April 30, 2015*

**Three liver transplant centres in Sindh by June**

*The Statesman, April 30, 2015*

**PK govt not providing health facilities to injured:**

*Mian Iftikhar*  
*The Statesman, April 30, 2015*

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*Dunya News, April 30, 2015*

**Energy Crisis? Shahbaz Has It Handled!**

*Pakistan Today, April 30, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Provincial Health Minister Mehtab Hussain Dahar has said that Liver Transplantation will be started in Sindh Institute of Nuclear Sciences and Technology (SINST) in Dera Ghazi Khan and Bahawalpur from June 2015. He said that Cardiac Surgery and Kidney Transplantation were also being done in Sukkur Civil Hospital while Angioplasty was carried out in Civil Hospital Hyderabad. Mehtab Dahar added, ‘Government of Sindh is fully prepared to fulfill the requirements of all public hospitals and the requirements of SIUT can be meted out up to Rs. 500 million.’ He told that a three-member committee had been formed to look into the affairs of Civil Hospital Hyderabad, headed by Additional Secretary Health. He said that actions were being taken against absent doctors and no one would be spared if found guilty. ‘Up-gradation of government hospitals is the part of forthcoming budget 2015-16 in order to provide facilities to the patients.’

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**Kharaish:** The provincial government has started a central initiative to install air-conditioners in all public hospitals of Sindh, in the hope of providing comfort to the patients. The provincial health minister Mehtab Hussain Dahar said that the central government had provided Rs. 500 million to increase the capacity of hospitals in the provincial capital. He said that a three-member committee had been formed to look into the affairs of Civil Hospital Hyderabad, headed by Additional Secretary Health. He said that actions were being taken against absent doctors and no one would be spared if found guilty. ‘Up-gradation of government hospitals is the part of forthcoming budget 2015-16 in order to provide facilities to the patients.’

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**ISLAMABAD:** Power outages continue in the country with electricity shortfall reaching 4300 megawatt. Dunya News reported on Thursday 30th April 2015. According to National Transmission & Despatch Company’s (NTDC) sources, urban areas are facing eight hours and rural areas 10 hours of loadshedding whereas the overall demand of electricity is 14,900 megawatt and the production is 10,600 megawatt. With the change in weather, a slight decline has occurred in the demand of electricity however; due to strong winds and rain, complaints regarding power tripping have increased with unannounced loadshedding in various areas of the country.

**LAHORE:** The government is working day and night to speedily complete the energy generation projects to meet the energy requirements and fully encouraging companies to invest in this sector, said Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif in Islamabad on Wednesday in a meeting with a delegation led by special envoy and US Department of State International Energy Affairs coordinator Amos J Hochstein. Matters of mutual interest and ongoing projects in energy sector were discussed during the meeting.

Talking to the delegation, the chief minister said that the government is taking all possible steps vigorously for overcoming the shortfall of electricity and timely completion of long and short term projects is being ensured. “Efforts are being made for resolving energy problems on priority basis for the durable development of the province and all possible resources are being utilised for this purpose,” he said. The delegation appreciated the steps taken by the chief minister to curb the energy crisis. Meanwhile, presiding over a high-level meeting on solar energy projects being set up in the province; Shahbaz said that the government has set up Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park in Bahawalpur which is the first and the biggest solar power station of the country. He said that this
China Playing Vital Role In Overcoming Energy Crisis
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100 megawatt project has been completed by Punjab government with its own resources within a record period and will soon be inaugurated. He said that the government is taking speedy measures for resolving the energy crisis being faced by the country and special incentives are being offered to foreign investors for increasing investment in energy sector in the province. He said that the solar power station to be set up in the desert of Cholistan is a big hope for a brighter future of the country. He said that a solar power project of 900 megawatt is being set up with the cooperation of China and every effort is being made for its completion by the beginning of 2016.

China is playing vital role in overcoming the energy crisis by extending technical support for the provision of cheap, environment-friendly and sufficient electricity along with affordable financing through the Bank of China, said Xianqing Luo Director Sales Megawatt New Energy Technology Company. He was addressing a function held at FCCI office. The technical team was also present here on Wednesday. He said that this company is in the process of installing 10,000 solar pumps ranging from 4-7.5KW in Balochistan. "We have a scheduled meeting with Chief Minister Punjab also to discuss similar options for the province of Punjab", he added. He said that megawatt was offering solar irrigation, on-grid and off-grid system in addition to water purification plants. Regarding solar system, he said that this technology is very cheap and the existing system could also be converted on the solar system. This company has already installed solar system in 40 countries including Turkey, Botswana, China and Ghana, he added.

Engr Rizwan Ashraf welcomed the Chinese delegation and said that Pak-China friendship is time tested and recent visit of the Chinese President has clearly indicated that the new economic centres are emerging from this region. The investment of US $45 billion has also changed the image of Pakistan as one of the most lucrative investment destination and now the international community is also considering investing in Pakistan. Introducing Faisalabad, he said that it is the hub of textile industry contributing 60 percent of the total textile exports of the country. However, during last few years, we are facing issues and industries are working on half of their installed capacity. He said that Chinese investment will not only resolve energy crisis but also gear up the pace of development in this region. He said that Almighty Allah has blessed Pakistan with unlimited resources of sun, wind and water. There is need to channelise these resources and get maximum benefit from these gifts of the nature.

Amjad Saleem Group Director MAT Business Solution/Mega Engineering said that Chinese Company will not only provide technology but also extend loan on easy instalments through Bank of China. This will include 70 percent financing and 30 percent investment with a mark-up of rate of 9 percent. A presentation was also given on the various projects, technological breakthrough and financial offers of the Megawatt New Energy Technology Company. The function was also addressed by Sohail Ansari, President Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce and Industry who offered Chinese delegation to visit Sahiwal. Muhammad Amjad Khawaja of Khawaja Cotton also explained his personal experience of solar energy system in his factory and said that it is very beneficial but one time investment is a major problem for our industrialists. The function was also addressed by Zhao Yan Director Technical and Ms Chunjuan Nie General Manager Sales Megawatt New Energy Technology Company in addition to vice president Inaam Afzal Khan, Abdul Qayyum Sheikh and Mian Abdul Waheed.

ISLAMABAD: The United States and Pakistan on Wednesday announced to facilitate and accelerate private investment in clean energy projects in Pakistan. Under this initiative, the US government will work with Pakistan to advance reforms that will allow the US, Pakistani, and international private sector developers and investors to add at least 3,000 megawatts of clean power to Pakistan’s national grid within the next 3-5 years. “This clean energy initiative will help address Pakistan’s energy challenges,” said US State Department’s Special Envoy for Energy Amos Hochstein during the second US-Pakistan Energy Working Group meeting in Islamabad under the US-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue framework. “It is a partnership to help alleviate Pakistan’s energy challenges based on a set of goals shared by Pakistan, the United States, multilateral banks, donors, and the private sector.” Special Envoy Hochstein, Deputy Chief of Mission Williams and a delegation from Washington met Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Khawaja Asif and a range of Pakistani government officials to discuss measures to increase cooperation in the clean energy sector.

Energy demand in Pakistan is expected to double by 2020. Addressing this challenge will require significant action by the government to institute reforms that create space for private sector support, as well as the support of many countries and institutions.

To advance the goals of this common initiative, the US and Pakistani officials discussed steps to: strengthen regulatory institutions and develop market-based rules to attract private investment; develop an investment strategy for expansion of clean energy systems; expand transmission capacity for clean energy projects; and mobilise loans, grants, technical assistance and guarantees needed to manage and reduce private sector risks and leverage private capital into clean power projects. Helping the energy sector become more market-based is one of the best alternatives to ending the current crisis and ensuring that future demand can be met. Clean power investments in hydroelectric, wind, solar, biomass, and natural gas, combined with an expanded effort to improve the efficiency at all parts of the energy sector, will reduce Pakistan’s dependence on foreign fuel sources, help address climate change, improve Pakistan’s energy security, and promote innovation and growth. This initiative marks a new phase of US energy sector assistance to Pakistan, which since 2010 has contributed over 1,500 megawatts of electricity to Pakistan’s national grid by refurbishing existing facilities, completing hydropower projects, and improving the operation and efficiency of Pakistan’s transmission and distribution systems.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif presided over a high level meeting on Wednesday which reviewed solar energy projects being set up in the province. Addressing the meeting, the chief minister said that Punjab government has set up Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park Bahawalpur which is the first and the biggest solar power station of the country. He said that this
100 megawatt project has been completed by Punjab government with its own resources within a record period and will soon be inaugurated. He said that Punjab government is taking speedy measures for resolving the energy crisis being faced by the country and special incentives are being offered to foreign investors for increasing investment in energy sector in the province. He said that through planning of solar power station, important steps have been taken for eliminating load-shedding. He said that the solar power station set up in the desert of Cholistan is a big hope for a brighter future of the country. The project of 100 megawatt is being set up with the cooperation of China and every effort is being made for its completion by the beginning of 2016. He said that besides traditional methods, government is also striving for generation of electricity from alternative sources and energy projects are being executed without wasting any time. He said that power projects of 10400 megawatt are being set up in the whole country under Pak-China Economic Corridor and Investment agreements of 20 billion dollars have been signed only in energy sector during the recent historic visit of Chinese President to Pakistan. He said that work will be carried out round the clock for the completion of power projects with the cooperation of China as electricity is of vital importance for industrial and agriculture sector as well as strengthening of economy, creating job opportunities, increasing export and poverty alleviation. The Chief Minister further said that China has not announced such a big investment in any country so far and credit goes to the whole nation led by Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif that China has offered support to Pakistan at difficult time. The Chief Minister further said that the agreements with China will be implemented speedily and transparently as such historic opportunities are rare and the whole government machinery will work with honesty, commitment and hard work for giving a practical shape to these agreements. Provincial Home Minister Col.(R) Shuja Khanzada, Chief Secretary, Inspector General Police, Additional Chief Secretary Energy, Secretaries of Home, Energy and Information Departments, Chairman Punjab Power Development Company, Chief Executive Quad-e-Azam Solar ParkBahawalpur and concerned authorities attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by Executive Director Lahnmeyer International, Germany, associated with energy sector, Michael Wunnemann called on Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, here today. Matters regarding setting up of power stations operated with gas were discussed in the meeting. Talking to the delegation, the Chief Minister said that all out measures are being taken for controlling energy crisis. He said that the government has adopted short, medium and long term strategies for controlling load-shedding while attention is also being paid to generation of power from alternative and cheaper resources along with traditional methods. He said that planning has been made for generation of 3600 megawatt electricity from gas in Punjab. He said that federal government will set up gas-based energy projects of 2400 megawatt while Punjab government of 1200 megawatt with its own resources and this project will be set up near Sheikhpura. He said that a number of energy projects will be operational during next three years. He said that relief will be provided to the people by reducing energy crisis. He said that every moment of the nation is precious and power projects will be executed transparently and speedily. He said that the energy generation projects based on gas will be completed on fast track. Additional Chief Secretary Energy, Chairman Punjab Power Development Company, Secretary Energy, Secretary Agriculture, DG LDA and concerned authorities were also present on the occasion.

Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Shahid Khqaan Abbasi met Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif in Islamabad on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that record decrease in the prices of petroleum products has resulted in substantial relief to the masses through. He said that ongoing projects in energy sector are being completed on priority basis. He said that huge funds have been allocated for the development of mineral resources. He said that living standard of the people is improving due to solid economic policies of the government.

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to pacify the Punjab population amid a growing energy crisis in the province, the federal government on Tuesday approved two projects to transmit electricity from the 2,400-megawatt Liquefied Natural Gas-fired power plants that will be set up in the province. This was in addition to clearing half a dozen education sector schemes. Headed by Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal, the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) approved 12 projects worth Rs30 billion and recommended another four schemes amounting to Rs14 billion for final approval of Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecnec).

The cost of these projects was over Rs3 billion, which is the maximum benchmark for CDWP approval.

The CDWP approved Rs1.6 billion scheme to transmit power from 1200MW RLNG based combined cycle power plant that will be setup at Haveli Bahadur Shah District Jhang. The project will be completed in 18 months and mainly financed by international financing institutions. The CDWP recommended another project costing Rs3.5 billion to Ecnec for final approval, which will also be implemented in 18 months to transmit power from 1,200-MW RLNG Based Combined Cycle Power Plant at Balloki District Kasur. Under the Pakistan-China Economic Corridor, the government wants to set up three LNG-fired power plants in Punjab and is eager to complete them before the end of its term in order to fulfill the promise of bringing an end to load-shedding in Punjab. The CDWP cleared a project, Jagrani-I Hydro Power transmission line, worth Rs4.7 billion to connect future projects in the Neelum Valley with the grid station. The project is located 90km from Muzaffarabad. The project will help provide electricity to villages in Jagran and surrounding areas.

Educational Projects: The CDWP approved six schemes in the higher education sector. As many as 38 higher education projects have been approved during the last two years, which is a record, said Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal. He said this was an unprecedented number of HEC projects, showing the government’s commitment towards higher education. He directed HEC to develop a 10-year human resource plan for Pakistan to guide PhD scholarship programmes. The project of developing a new campus of GC University Lahore at Kala Shah Kaku was approved a cost of
**Sindh Govt Asked To Clear Rs66bn Electricity Dues**

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PESHAWAR: The government and private consumers in Sindh owed large amounts in unpaid electricity bills and urged the PPP leadership to ask their government in the province to clear power dues of Rs66 billion. Earlier on a point of order, Ayaz Soomro of the PPP had complained against long and unscheduled loadshedding in Sindh.

The minister said: “Neither private sector nor public sector in Sindh is willing to pay electricity bills, but they always complain.” The provincial government does not recognise Rs66bn, but it accepts owing Rs9bn, but still it is not ready to pay. Khawaja Asif said the Sindh government had so far paid only Rs600 million. He said the previous PPP government was responsible for the miserable state of affairs of Sindh-based power-dismant had signed contracts with nine captive power plants in Sindh in such a manner that the federal government will have to clear their bills.”

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RAWALPINDI: The newborn baby stolen from the labour room at the Military Hospital (MH) on April 17 was reunited with his parents, on Sunday. Four members of a family including two teenage girls were arrested for kidnapping the infant. The baby’s father, Shahzad Ahmed, received a phone call from the police at 2:30am who informed him that his baby had been found. He rushed to the R.A. Bazaar police station with his wife where a doctor was waiting to conduct a DNA test to confirm the baby was theirs. “We recognised the woman who kidnapped our son, in an instant, because she had spent hours with us at the hospital, pretending to be an attendant for one of the other patients,” Mr Ahmed said. The military intelligence (MI) had used footage from the CCTV cameras installed at the hospital to identify the kidnappers and then traced them through the Nadra database. Later, the police was involved to conduct a raid at a house in Bangash Colony, Pirwadhai, where the baby was found with the kidnapper’s family. The kidnapper is a native of Sukkur and was living with her family in a rented house in Bangash Colony.

LAHORE: A pre-budget advocacy seminar was organised by Policy & Strategic Planning Unit (PSPU) of the Punjab Health Department in collaboration with Save the Children, Pakistan, here on Sunday. One of the major purposes to arrange the activity was to secure government commitment for increased multi-sectoral budgetary allocations for child health especially for diarrhoea prevention and control in Punjab. Health Special Secretary Salman Multi, Local Government & Community Development Director Najeeb Aslam, Dr Zahida Sarwar from PSPU, Zulqarnain Fida from Public Health Engineering Department and Dr Irshad Danish from Save the Children also attended the seminar. “We realise that the government is already making efforts in the health sector, but this is not enough; we cannot let children die of diseases, which can be prevented easily,” said Salman Multi. He said recommendations prepared by the health managers and experts would definitely help government functionaries introduce reforms. Representatives from various non-profit organizations also gave their recommendations for the upcoming budget to have an optimum utilisation of the health allocation for child survival and growth.

The participants brought to light the fact that the preventable disease like diarrhoea was claiming more than 27,000 lives of children under five alone in Punjab each year. Resource allocation and utilisation were also discussed. On the basis of analysis, various departments gave their recommendations to increase health budget particularly to address mortality rate due to preventable diseases. They agreed that more budgetary allocation should be made to prevent child healthcare than the curative. The budget of primary healthcare should be increased as it may automatically decrease the burden on tertiary healthcare allocation. Talking to the media, Dr Irshad Danish from Save the Children, Pakistan, said, “Before the budget 2015, we together with the public decision makers of the Punjab government wanted to highlight the severity and high rate of diarrhoea-related deaths among children under five.” This mortality rate is unacceptably high. There is a need to work in a public-private partnership mode in the worst-affected areas for giving communities much-needed relief. “A good example of this partnership is Save the Children’s diarrhoea control programme in Hafizabad and Khanewal. The success of this initiative depends on Punjab government’s support and ownership.”

UMERKOT: A mysterious fire on Saturday night partially damaged the five-year record of the Umerkot Municipal Committee (UMC) a day before a National Accountability Bureau (NAB) team from Karachi was scheduled to arrive in connection with a corruption case against certain UMC officials. The Karachi NAB had started an investigation after a complainant, Kirshan Khatri, claimed misappropriation of large amounts released to various contractors out of the Rs12 billion funds put at the disposal of the UMC, previously known as the taluka municipal administration. It was claimed that payments had been made to contractors against work that had never been carried out. It was also alleged that several development schemes were revised in violation of the prescribed rules. The NAB team had asked the officials concerned to appear before it on Monday along with the financial record pertaining to the allocation for uplift schemes and expenditure over the last five years. Chief Municipal Officer Ameer Bukhsh Junejo said on Sunday that a fire broke out due to electrical short circuit while the staff was sorting out the record in preparation for the investigation. Although the record was damaged, the files sought by the NAB team were intact, he claimed. Police were looking into the cause of the fire and extent of the damage caused by it, said Umerkot SHO Atta Mohammed Leghari. Lal Mahi, the MNA belonging to the PTI, however, alleged that evidence of corruption had been destroyed as he demanded an inquiry into the “deliberately caused” fire. He argued that the fire caused no other damage to the office except for the record “sought by the NAB”.

ISLAMABAD: The Disciplinary Committee of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) has announced different punishments from suspension to warning to 50 doctors. According to PMDC, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee was held to address complaints of people and patients against negligence and misconduct of doctors. The committee issued suspension orders to 10 doctors, censure to four doctors. The Committee issued warnings to 10 doctors for their minor
misconducts. Similarly, 19 doctors were exonerated for not proven guilty. The council has fined five doctors up to Rs. 50,000 for their misconduct and other negligent acts. Addressing the committee members, Chairman Disciplinary Committee Dr Asim Hussain said that PMDC will not tolerate any negligence or misconduct on the part of any doctor and no doctor will be allowed to play with the lives of innocent patients. He said “We are going to hold disciplinary committee meetings in all the provinces of the country to safeguard public at large.” He said that it is prior duty of all doctors up to the needs of the people alone without proper involvement of the masses.

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LARKANA: In Pakistan AIDS patients figure has reached between 68,000 to 100,000. This was disclosed by Dr Younis Chachar, Provincial Program Manager, HIV/AIDS Control Program (SACP) here on Sunday while addressing a seminar organized at a hotel. He said between 35 to 50 million people have been infected with this disease world over, out of which 1.3 million have died by 2013. Chachar claimed that there are only 7,950 registered AIDS confirmed patients in Sindh who are acting as sex workers. He said that unsafe blood transfusion and hair saloons are another factors from where this disease is spreading among the those people who are unaware of this disease for which awareness is must to made among the masses. - PPI

PESHAWAR: Governor Sardar Mahtab Ahmad Khan has lauded the role of the non-government organizations and institutions in the fight against various diseases especially kidney diseases and called upon the well-to-do segment of the society to encourage such bodies who are out to come to work for elimination of human diseases. He was addressing the opening ceremony of Renal Dialysis Unit and OPD services in the Pakistan Kidney Centre, Mansehra, which is working under the supervision of the Pakistan Welfare Society Trust, Abbottabad. The governor said due to lack of education thousands of people are affected by kidney diseases in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and proper implication could help escape from this the importance of human kidneys which expel the unnecessary and harmful chemical emissions during continuous chemical processes in the human body.

He said the role of humanitarian organizations like Pakistan Kidney Centre in this remote area was very commendable in the services to the ailing humanity particularly patients of kidney diseases. He said they owned very limited resources and facing lot of problems that was why only the government could not come up to the needs of the people alone without proper involvement of the private sector. He said the proportion between resources and problems was being increased day
by day. He said the main reason behind this imbalance was failure of the social sector and also lack of knowledge to utilize the resources in proper way. He said the country was in the grip of war on terror from the last 10 years and it was a general phenomena that doctors and other educated class of people were shifting abroad. He said there also existed some good people who were saving a part of their earning and sending to their country where the same money was being utilized on the people welfare projects and the Pakistan Kidney centre was one of the examples in this regard. He announced a donation of Rs. 2 million for the Pakistan Kidney Centre and assured his full cooperation in the future for the larger interests of the ailing humanity.
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