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### India's 'accidental' missile firing could have acted as 'trigger', says military's top brass

RAWALPINDI: The Corps Commanders' Conference warned on Tuesday that the "accidental" firing of a missile by India could have acted as a "trigger" that would have "seriously" endangered regional peace and strategic stability.

"According to a statement by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Chief of Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa chaired the 248th Corps Commanders' Conference at the General Headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi.

The military's media wing said that the forum was given a comprehensive briefing on important global and regional developments, the internal security situation in the country, and progress on the western border management regime.

The ISPR said that the country's top military brass expressed "concern" regarding recent "accidental" missile firing by New Delhi. The conference was of the view that the accident, as claimed by India, could have resulted in a major disaster.

The forum emphasised that despite New Delhi's acknowledgement

of the incident, "relevant international forums must take a serious view of the incident and subject the safety and security protocols of Indian strategic assets to deliberate oversight."

"Such dangerous incidents can act as a trigger and seriously endanger regional peace and strategic stability," said the forum.

The conference was held after India had claimed last week that it had accidentally fired a missile into Pakistan because of a "technical malfunction" during routine maintenance.

"On 9 March 2022, in the course of routine maintenance, a technical malfunction led to the accidental firing of a missile," the Indian government had said in a statement.

The statement came a day after Director-General of ISPR Major General Babar Iftikhar revealed that an Indian projectile had entered the Pakistani airspace and fell near Mian Channu in Khameneval district, causing some damage to the surrounding areas.

Briefing journalists about the incident, the DG ISPR had said: "At 6:43 pm [on Wednesday], a

high-speed flying object was picked up inside the Indian territory by the Defence Operation Centre of the Pakistan Airforce."

"From its initial course, the object suddenly manoeuvred towards the Pakistani territory and violated Pakistani airspace (before) ultimately falling near Mian Channu at 6:50pm."

He had said that when the projectile fell, it damaged some civilian property. "Thankfully, no loss or injury to human life was caused."

"Apart from India's 'accidental' missile firing, the conference also reviewed the internal situation of the country."

The ISPR said that the army chief lauded the successful ongoing counter-terrorism operations in the country. The forum also expressed resolve to take all requisite measures to ensure the security of the country.

The military's media wing said that the army chief directed that comprehensive security measures should be taken for the "peaceful conduct of the OIC Conference of foreign ministers' meeting and Pakistan Day parade INP



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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan addressing at Pakistan Overseas Conference in Federal Capital.

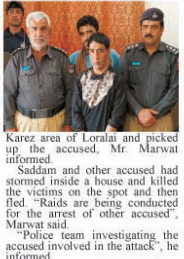
### Murder of 6 people in Quetta: Lorlai police arrest key accused

**Daulat Khan Kakar**  
**Manan Mandokhail**

Lorlai police on Tuesday arrested the key accused involved in the murder of six people including three women in Quetta's Nawab Killi. Police said the accused identified as Saddam Shabi Khali had opened fire and killed six people including three women and three men in Nawab Killi a few days back.

"Lorlai police conducted a raid and arrested the accused Saddam", Ehsan Marwat, the Station House Officer (SHO) Police Zardobad said. "The accused was brought to Quetta from Lorlai and tight security."

Senior police officers of Lorlai, Akbar Ali Bugti, Kareem Mandokhail, Arif Zakhal, and others conducted a raid in the Zhar



### Zardari's letter to MNAs has reflected his nervousness: Shihit

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister of Science and Technology Shihit Faraz on Tuesday termed the letter of Former President Asif Ali Zardari to PPP parliamentarians as his worries and panic.

Shihit Faraz said writing letters to Members National Assembly reflects Asif Zardari's nervousness because he has some doubts about his own people on the No-Confidence Motion issue.

The Federal Minister said the former President's panic over Article 63A is clear. He said, the opposition taunted us but we did not write a letter.

He said that they thought that Bilawal was trembling by the PM Imran's move but now his father Asif Zardari is also being trembling. INP

### Four FC soldiers martyred in Sibi Sangan blast

**From Our Correspondent**

At least four frontier corps (FC) soldiers were martyred in a terrorist attack in Balochistan's Sibi district on Tuesday. A senior administrative official said that 10 FC soldiers were also injured in the attack.

"FC vehicle was targeted through an improvised explosive device (IED), he said. The injured were rushed to Sibi hospital for medical treatment. An emergency was imposed in the hospital to provide medical treatment to the injured of the blast FC personnel and leaves reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went



underway Home Minister Balochistan, Mir Ziaullah Langove strongly condemned the terrorist attack. In a statement issued after the blast, Mr Langove said that the perpetrators of the blast would be brought to justice. Separately, Balochistan government spokesperson Farah Azeem

Shah also condemned the incident and expressed sorrow over the loss of lives.

In a statement, she said the sacrifices of the martyred FC personnel would not go to waste, and that it was the government's top priority to "implement the mission of martyrs who laid their lives" for the country's security.

"The sacrifices of martyrs will surely bear fruit and the sinister designs of [our] enemies will fail," the spokesperson added. She said the role of security forces in ensuring peace in Balochistan had been "exemplary", adding that "anti-Pakistan forces were trying to sabotage peace in Balochistan."



QUETTA: A view clash between police and Balochistan Employees and Workers Grand Alliance during a protest.

### Protesting employees clash with police in Quetta, 3 women injured

**Manan Mandokhail**

Protesting government employees clashed with baton-wielding policemen in Quetta on Tuesday afternoon. At least three women were slightly injured during a clash with police, Muhammad Younas Kakar, a leader of the grand employees association told Quetta Voice.

Police also baton-charged and used tear gas to disperse the protesting government employees. This provoked the employees to chant full-throated slogans against the provincial government. Baton-wielding policemen pushed back protesting employees.

The protesting employees were trying to enter the Red Zone of Quetta. Baton-wielding policemen pushed the employees back and three women were slightly injured. The injured were rushed to civil hospital Quetta for medical treatment. However, the hospital administration discharged the women after providing them with first aid. "Our protest will continue now at Commission Quetta Chowk", Dad Muhammad Baloch, another leader of the grand

employees association said Mr. Baloch stated that the protesting employees were demanding an allowance equal to other provinces.

Strict security arrangements on the eve of the protest. The administration had taken strict security measures to avert any untoward incident on the eve of the protest of the grand employees association. The employees had also staged a 12-days long sit-in at the main hockey chowk to press the government for acceptance of their demands. However, the then chief minister, Jam Kamal Khan refused to accept their demands. "We want an end to the disparity in salaries", Younas Kakar said, referring to the salaries of other provinces. It is our right and our struggle will continue for this, Kakar concluded. The employees blocked the road outside the Commissioner's office and suspended the traffic. Common people remained the worst sufferers of the protest of government employees. The city suffered the worst kind of traffic as a result of the agitation by the grand employees association. People used alternative narrow routes to reach their destination because of the protest on main roads.

### Shehbaz, MQM leaders agree to continue consultation, collaboration

ISLAMABAD: A meeting between Opposition Leader Shehbaz Sharif and the leaders of Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) took place in Islamabad during which both sides agreed to continue consultation and collaboration with each other on issues of national importance.

Sources privy to the development say that Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, Amir Khan, Wassem Akhtar, and Moenull Haq were part of the MQM delegation.

The MQM leaders called on the opposition leader on special invitation by Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman. The meeting took place at the Islamabad residence of Opposition Leader in National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif. Both sides agreed to continue exchange of opinions for collaboration with each other and consultation on the issues of public and national importance INP

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CM is in the federal capital since the submission of the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan.

The Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) has five members in the National Assembly. Sources within the ruling party say that Jam Kamal is the most influential than Qudus

Bizenjo on MNAs in Islamabad.

Chairman Senate Sanjrani appears to be less influential.

Chairman Senate Sanjrani and Chief Minister Qudus Bizenjo have also stepped up their efforts to use the situation in their interest.

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Installation of water meters to reduce declining water table, water bills: Hasaan Khawar

LAHORE: Special Assistant to Chief Minister Punjab on Information and Spokesperson to the Punjab Government Hasaan Khawar has said that installation of water meters in Lahore under public-private partnership with a consortium of three Chinese companies will not only reduce the rapidly declining water table in Lahore, but will also result in reduction of water bills for consumers, containment of leakages, and will save about Rs. 46 crore of WASA electricity bills.

He said, "We are committed to completing public welfare projects through private investment and using public resources only where it is needed the most."

These views were expressed by the SACM while talking to media at the office of Punjab Public Private Partnership Authority here on Tuesday. Vice Chairman WASA Sheikh Imtiaz, and CEO Punjab

Public Private Partnership Authority Amjad Awan were also present on the occasion. Hasaan Khawar said that, under public-private partnership, several projects worth Rs. 191 billion are in the pipeline in Punjab. He said under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, the government has introduced measures to facilitate private investors in Punjab through Investment Facilitation Center, Special Economic Zones and zero NACA regime, which were previously thought of only in developed countries. Responding to media questions, he said that the opposition had for the last several decades, garnered 'dictatorship' in the name of democracy in which there was no room for dissent. He further said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is the first democratic party which promoted self-accountability and spoke openly on ideas and issues instead of individuals. INP

Special squads constituted to take action against fancy, non-pattern number plates: SSP

ISLAMABAD: Senior superintendent of Traffic Police Rai Mazhar Iqbal has said that in line with the directions of IGP Islamabad, Muhammad Ahsan Younis, the Islamabad Traffic Police has constituted special squads to take action against vehicles with fancy and non-pattern number plates in the capital city.

In a statement on Tuesday, he said that action has also been ordered against those preparing such number plates and vendors.

He said that Rai Mazhar Iqbal said that the ITP has intensified action against fancy and non-pattern number plates and during last two months, the ITP in Islamabad has issued 10,000 challans for violating traffic rules have challenged 6,075 vehicles.

He said that the efforts of the officers and Jawans have helped significantly reduce the number of fatal

accidents. He said further similar initiatives need to be taken to ensure safety of lives of the citizen and make Islamabad an accident-free city. He further said that in future, the ITP will aim to enforce a deterrence policy as it is moral responsibility to spread awareness regarding road safety while enforcing laws.

The SSP said that behavior of citizens on the road reflects the social norms of the society. He said ITP officers are well trained through seminars and have been instructed to treat citizens with love, sincerity and humanity. He was of the view that violation of traffic rules leads to accidents.

Appealing the citizens, Rai Mazhar Iqbal said that to ensure smooth traffic, the role of the citizens is also very important. Obeying traffic rules can save your life and the lives of others, never violate traffic laws and be responsible and patriot citizens. INP

PM Imran challenges media, economists and opposition parties to debate with govt over performance

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday challenged media, economists, opposition parties to debate with the government over its performance in the last 3.5 years, saying that "being against the government is not a crime". Addressing the Pakistan Overseas Convention here, he said the opposition parties had been taking turns in governing Pakistan in the last 3.5 years but the government would "prove" that it had brought improvements which no other party had.

"I challenge the entire opposition to compete with us in anything. We are ahead of you... our government tried for the first time to elevate the lower class, there was no attempt in the past."

[Jamiat Ulema-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana] Fazlur Rehman sold religion for 30 years, he thundered. Russian President Vladimir Putin has said you cannot disrespect Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) in the name of freedom of expression. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has given a statement (against Islamophobia) This has happened for the first time."

The premier said there had been a debate at the United Nations and a resolution would be passed against Islamophobia, adding that it was "because of us" and how the government raised the matter at different forums.

Termining opposition politicians — JUI-F chief Rehman, PML-N president Shehbaz Sharif and PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari — "three stooges", he quipped that he was thankful to them for filing a no-trust motion against him that "lifted my party". PM Imran Khan shared that he told party members the opposition's no-trust move was a "blessing" as it

had "lifted" the entire party and now "everyone" was heading to the capital for the PTI's rally at D-Chowk on March 27.

"I was thinking of how the country changed suddenly in 10 days, inflation was forgotten and my entire party was lifted."

All the opposition politicians used to call each other corrupt, he said, thinking them for coming together. PTI the nation could see that "if they are the ones to save Pakistan, it is better to drop with Imran Khan."

The prime minister said that PTI had risen from the grassroots which is why the opposition parties could not compete with it.

This is a difficult time and people are facing difficulties due to inflation but they (the opposition) misunderstood and thought people had forgotten about their corruption and they fell into the captain's trap," he said, asserting that the opposition would "fail" not only in making the no-confidence resolution successful but also in the upcoming general election.

Addressing overseas Pakistanis, he said he was aware of their difficulties and contributions, adding that they were also "naïve" when they see their country is not progressing and its leaders are instead looting money and building palaces in London.

Prime Minister Imran then again criticised the opposition, alleging that they were afraid of angering the West and losing their looted money the same way that Russian oligarchs were — referring to sanctions imposed by Western countries on assets of Russian citizens following the invasion of Ukraine.

Imran said he saw the Pakistani prime minister sitting before [former United States president Barack] Obama and



ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi addressing a press conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regarding the 48th Session of the OIC Council of the Foreign Ministers, which will be held on 22nd and 23rd March in Federal Capital.

No PTI MNA will attend NA session on no-trust day: Khattak

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Pervaiz Khattak has said that no member of parliament belonging to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf will attend National Assembly session on the day of no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Talking to media outside Islamabad anti-terrorism court on Tuesday, the defence minister claimed that allied parties were still with the government.

"If a PTI MNA casts his vote in favour of opposition's no-trust motion against prime minister, then he will betray people of his constituency. If somebody wants to take part in no-trust move, he should resign first," Khattak said.

The defence minister said that Prime Minister Khan was more confident than ever. Everything will become clear on the day of no-confidence motion, he added.

The minister was of the view that opposition parties were at each other's throat. They have become united for only one objective i.e. to remove Imran Khan, he said adding that nation knew that Imran Khan was standing for people. INP

DRAP permits two firms to import lumpy skin disease vaccine

ISLAMABAD: The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) on Tuesday approved import of lumpy skin disease (LSD) vaccine. The board of DRAP granted approval for import of the vaccine for an infectious disease among cattle in its session.

The regulatory authority has granted import permit to two companies of Karachi and Punjab, DRAP officials said. DRAP has allowed the companies to import the vaccine for the animal disease from Turkey and Jordan, officials said. The lumpy skin disease has infected thousands of cows in Pakistan, federal officials said. According to a report as many as 171 animals have died owing to the infectious disease among cattle in Sindh, according to a report of provincial task force.

The lumpy skin disease (LSD) has so far been found in 23,227 animals in the province, 171 of whom died. Provincial livestock minister in a press conference said the viral disease had infected 16,000 cows in Karachi. The disease had been present in the world for the past 100 years, but its first case in Sindh was reported in November last year.

Originally found in Africa, lumpy skin disease, a viral infection of cattle, has spread to countries in the Middle East, Asia, and eastern Europe, experts said. The concerned department, however, has yet to disclose its strategy to tackle the disease and whether the virus could transmit into humans consuming meat or milk of the infected animals. Sindh government has decided to shut down cattle markets across the province amid the emergence of the infection in animals. INP

Woman dies in tree fall incident at Lahore Zoo

LAHORE: In a tragic incident, a woman Tuesday was killed as a result of a tree fall at Lahore Zoo.

The deceased, Sobia came to the Zoo along with her husband Saddam and children. Both husband and wife sustained injuries and were rushed to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

Later, Sobia succumbed to injuries she received on her head and shoulders. Her husband Saddam is still under treatment in the hospital and is said to be in critical condition.

Meanwhile, the body taken the body of Sobia in its custody for legal formalities. INP

ECP summons PTI's Azam Swati over breach of elections' code

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday summoned Federal Minister for Railways Azam Swati to appear before it today (Wednesday) over the violation of election's code of conduct in the second of local bodies (LBS) polls in Manshehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

The ECP also issued notices to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MNA Saleh Muhammad Khan and Abdus Shakoor Laghami, PTI candidate for the seat of chairman.

In its notice, the election commission said that all three of them by holding a public gathering in Manshehra breached the code of conduct and announcing development schemes. INP

Five hurt as passenger van catches fire in Narowal

NAROWAL: Five passengers were critically injured when a fire broke out in a van due to petrol leakage when they were traveling in Narowal, police said on Tuesday.

The van completely burnt but the passengers managed to jump out of the burning vehicle by smashing its window glasses. The fire incident occurred due to the sheer negligence of the van owner as the driver was using the additional petrol gallon to ensure supply as the fuel tank was damaged requiring repairs. Rescue 1122 reached the site and completely extinguished the fire. INP

Dacoits 'collect' tea bill from customers at Karachi hotel

KARACHI: All strategies of the Karachi Police to control street crimes appear to have failed because instead of declining there has been an astounding increase in such crimes in recent days, it was reported on Tuesday.

Perhaps nothing can better illustrate the police's dismal performance than the robbery committed in New Karachi where drinking tea proved costly for the people as more than eight of them were robbed of their cellphones as well as cash by some armed men who after committing the crime managed to flee from the spot.

SC rejects plea to block notification of senator-elect Khuhro

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court has rejected the plea to block the notification of the victory of Nisar Khuhro as senator saying let the winning candidate enjoy his victory for the time being.

During hearing of a petition filed by former senator Faisal Vawda, federal officials against the notification declaring Nisar Khuhro as senator-elect after an election on his empty seat in the upper house, Chief Justice of Pakistan Umar Ata Bandial on Tuesday rejected the plea saying if Vawda lost the case then Nisar Khuhro would become lucky.

Faisal Vawda filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the ECP's ban on him that he could not take part in politics for the rest of his life for concealing his dual nationality from the commission during submission of his nomination papers in 2018. The CJP remarked that if someone lied and submitted wrong affidavit, he had to face the consequences. The judge said that the Election Commission enjoys powers under Section 9 of the Election Act. He said he did not want to delay the case. He remarked if the ECP wanted to make Nisar Khuhro party to the case, it could do so. The election commission lawyer told the court that election had been held on the seat vacated by Faisal Vawda. But the ECP has not issued Nisar Khuhro's victory notification, he added. On this, CJP Bandial remarked that the Supreme Court did not stop the commission to issue Khuhro's victory notification. INP

Two Japanese Calendars Exhibitions 2022 inaugurate at Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: The Embassy of Japan in cooperation with the MEXT Alumni Association of Pakistan (MAAP), inaugurated two Japanese Calendars Exhibitions 2022 at Quaid-e-Azam University and the National Skills University.

Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, WADA Mitsuhiko inaugurated the exhibition together with the Vice-Chancellor of the Quaid-e-Azam University. Dr. Muhammad Ali and other guests on Tuesday. Another exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. IWASAKI Ryuji, Counsellor, the head of Cultural Section together with the Vice-Chancellor of the National Skills University. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar and other guests on March 8th.

The President of the MAAP Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari and other members attended both ceremonies. MAAP is the organization of former Japanese Government Scholarship alumni in Pakistan. The Japanese Calendars Exhibition is an annual feature of the cultural activities and is very popular among the people of Pakistan. This year, around 65 calendars have been put on display in the exhibition with the cooperation of Japan Calendars Association and various Japanese companies. The calendars exhibited showcase a vibrant depiction of the Japanese heritage and cultural identity by reflecting images from traditional to contemporary art such as arts, sports, automobiles, nature, heritage and architecture of Japan. Ambassador WADA, while speaking at the inaugural ceremony said that the purpose for holding this exhibition is to introduce various. INP



NEW YORK: Ambassador Munir Akram, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the UN New York, at the GA plenary where resolution on Islamophobia will be presented.

Zardari directs PPP MNAs to ensure their presence on no-trust day

ISLAMABAD: Faced with the challenge of making the no-confidence motion against the government's public meeting, JUI-F leader Maulana Ghafoor Haideri has said "The law of the land (PTI) government president, former president Pervez Musharraf and PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday directed the PPP MNAs to ensure their presence in the National Assembly (NA) on the day of voting on the motion.

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Cases filed against Shehbaz Sharif, family are 'fake': ex-DG FIA

LAHORE: Former DG FIA Bashir Memon said on Tuesday that he preferred to resign rather than filing 'fake' corruption cases against Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly (NA) and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) President Shehbaz Sharif, his sons Hanzla Shehbaz, Suleman Shehbaz and son-in-law of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, Captain (r) Sardar Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi. He said that he had filed two petitions in the Lahore High Court (LHC) "It is requested to the court to extend the interim bail granted to my client (Shehbaz Sharif) and give decisions on these applications," he said.

When a reporter asked him whether any PML-N office-bearer contacted him and requested his resignation, former FIA DG replied there was nothing wrong with contacting or talking to a PML-N leader. INP

Opposition to file plea in court against PTI's D-Chowk rally

ISLAMABAD: The opposition parties have decided on Tuesday to challenge the ruling party's decision of a public rally at D-Chowk of the capital city.

"A petition will be filed in the high court to seek restraining order against the government's public meeting," JUI-F leader Maulana Ghafoor Haideri has said. "The law of the land (PTI) government president, former president Pervez Musharraf and PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday directed the PPP MNAs to ensure their presence in the National Assembly (NA) on the day of voting on the motion.

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) Sahibzada Mehboob Sultan called on Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Punjab gov't, Chinese companies sign agreement for Smart Water Metering Project

LAHORE: The Punjab government and consortium of Chinese companies including PKR, Xinglong Meter Co. Ltd, M/s Jianguo Xinlang Environmental Company (Private) and M/s Xin Energy Engineering Group Jianguo No.3 Electric Power Construction Co. Ltd signed a joint venture agreement through "XINLANG Lahore Water Metering (SMC-Private) Limited" for the project.

Addressing the MoU signing ceremony, Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar stated that this project is forerunner initiative under PPP mode in Pakistan taken by Government of Punjab and will be replicated in provincial metropolises after successful implementation in Lahore. He acknowledged the efforts of Planning and Development Board, WASA Lahore, Punjab PPP Authority and allied departments, adding that despite rupee dollar parity, the pace of work continued to make this project successful.

As per details, total cost of the project is PKR 3.3 billion while 111,265 water meters (93% domestic and 7% commercial) will be installed in Lahore. The establishment of manufacturing unit to assemble water meters will create employment generation for the residents.

Chairman Planning and Development Board declared the project as a revolutionary project first of its kind to be launched in Pakistan in collaboration with private partners. He said that signing of MoU will boost the confidence of the private sector and will pave the way for the successful implementation of mega road sector PPP projects which are currently under bidding.

Managing Director WASA Lahore informed that that presently WASA is sending bills based on the size of the consumers' houses, but after meter installation they would be charged for their actual usage, and no one would have to pay extra bill. INP

LSD Outbreak: Nine more cattle die in a day in Sindh

KARACHI: As many as 171 animals have died owing to an infectious disease lumpy skin among cattle in Sindh, according to a provincial task force report.

In a report to the court, the lumpy skin disease (LSD) has so far been found in 23,227 animals in the province, 171 of whom have died. Addressing a press conference at the Sindh Assembly, the livestock minister said the disease had affected 16,000 cows in Karachi, and the detection rate in the province was 0.9 per cent. Pitafi said the disease had spread to countries in the world for the first time in the past 100 years, but its first case in Sindh was reported in November last year.

Originally found in Africa, lumpy skin disease, a viral infection of cattle, has spread to countries in the Middle East, Asia, and eastern Europe, experts said. The concerned department, however, has yet to disclose its strategy to tackle the disease and whether the virus could transmit into humans consuming meat or milk of the infected animal.

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