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Staff Reporter
QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Qudus Bizenjo directed law enforcement agencies to keep vigilant eye on the banned militant organisations. CM Bizenjo chaired a high level meeting, which reviewed overall security of Balochistan and made important decisions.

"None would be allowed to take law into his hands", Mr. Bizenjo said.

The additional chief secretary (home), Zahid Saleem, inspector general of police Abdul Khaliq Sheikh and other high ups participated in the meeting. All commissioners and deputy inspector generals participated in the meeting through video link.

CM chairs meeting after major terrorist attacks in the country

CM Balochistan has chaired the high level meeting in the aftermath of repeated terrorist activities in the country. CM Balochistan directed all law enforcement agencies to improve mutual coordination and foil the nefarious designs



of anti State and anti social elements. He said extra security personnel and resources would be provided to sensitive districts of Balochistan. The meeting thoroughly reviewed overall law and order situation across Balochistan and made different recommendations in this regard.

Balochistan ministers to hold dialogue with Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman

The CM said the government has already held negotiations with Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman in Gwadar. He announced that another delegation comprising senior ministers would be dispatched to Gwadar to hold dialogue with Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman. "We believe in non violence and dialogue", CM Bizenjo said.

CM stated that Balochistan government maintains the law and order situation in half of the country. He said massive resources were required to maintain law and order situation in Balochistan.

CM stated that the government was taking all possible steps to ensure peace and maintain law and order situation in Balochistan.

PM assuages allies' concerns over Reko Diq

ISLAMABAD: All grievances expressed by some parties in the ruling coalition over the recent legislation about the Reko Diq copper and gold project will be addressed. Prime Minister



Shehbaz Sharif held out this assurance during a meeting with Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) chief and Jamiat Ulama-i-Islam-F emir Maulana Fazlur Rehman on Friday.

Two components of the ruling PDM coalition — JUI-F and Balochistan National Party-Mengal — have shown displeasure over the bill recently passed by the National Assembly regarding the Reko Diq project.

Leaders of these parties, who are members of the federal cabinet, even left a recent cabinet meeting to record their protest.

According to the Prime Minister Office, Maulana Farid called on the prime minister along with a delegation that included Minister for Communication Asad Mehmood.

Current political situation, particularly the ongoing political war in Punjab, also came under discussion during the meeting. A source told Dawn the prime minister apprised the JUI-F leaders that he

had formed a cabinet committee to resolve their grievances and that an amendment bill would soon be tabled in parliament in consultation with them.

The JUI-F was of the view that the Reko Diq-related Foreign Investment (Promotion and Protection) Bill, 2022, recently passed by the Senate, was against the rights of the people of Balochistan and that the two parties had not been taken on board when the bill was drafted.

According to the source, PM Shehbaz reiterated the PDM government's stance that general elections would be held on their scheduled time next year. The issue of rising inflation was also discussed. Presiding over a meeting aimed at promoting export. Web Desk.

Task force to be established for women: Ahsan Iqbal

ISLAMABAD: Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal on Friday announced the government will establish a national level task force for the protection of women.

He made the announcement while speaking at the conclusion of the 16-day campaign against Gender-Based Violence (GBV).

The ceremony was attended by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Executive Director Dr. Shaista Sohail, Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) Vice Chancellor Dr. Alina Kamal, Young Development Fellows (YDFs) of the Planning Ministry, students and civil society activists.

16-day campaign

The 16-day campaign was started on November 25 on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

The ministry also launched its Gender Unit to ensure that all the policies made

under the auspices of the Planning Commission would take the gender perspective into consideration.

Referring to the example of China and Bangladesh, Ahsan Iqbal said, "No country can progress without the active participation of women." He added, "As a result, they showed great progress in development".

The minister also launched a booklet that spreads awareness about violence against women and pro-women laws in Pakistan.

The booklet will be disseminated among all the universities in Pakistan through HEC.

The minister regretted that, in the past, women were not given equal representation and the country could not progress.

"The enrollment of female students is more as compared to the male students which is a positive sign," the minister said.

According to a latest research report



by the Digital Rights Foundation, 40% of women in Pakistan have been victims of cyber bullying in the form of sexual harassment, blackmailing, hate speech, stalking, identity theft and physical threats.

Lack of education is directly associated with violence against women but recent high-profile cases show that women in elite and educated circles also suffer at the hands of educated and rich men, he added.

RWU vice chancellor, in her remarks, appreciated the Planning Ministry for successfully completing this much-needed campaign which helped in creating awareness among the masses.

RWU will continue to collaborate with the ministry for creating awareness among the masses, she added.

"We are committed to the cause of women's education - believing that it is the tool to fight GBV and make them economically independent," she remarked. Web Desk.

HEC issues recognition certificate to Gwadar university

Behram Baloch

The Higher Education Commission (HEC) issued a recognition certificate to Gwadar University within one year. Addressing a function in this regard, Dr. Abdul Razaq Sabir, the Vice-Chancellor of Gwadar University said in a very short span of time, the HEC has issued a recognition certificate to the university.

"Credit goes to faculty members, staff, and students of the university", the Vice-Chancellor stated. The university met all criteria of the HEC and issued a recognition certificate to the university, Mr. Sabir said. The HEC



issued the 147th certificate to Gwadar University on a national level and the 10th certificate on a provincial level.

He said that at the beginning of the new academic year, under

the new semester, BS degree and diploma courses will be conducted in fifteen programs organized by seven teaching departments. In addition to three new teaching departments, English, Chemistry, Economics and Data Sciences, Diploma courses will be conducted at the university.

Research related to the affairs and CPEC will be started under the auspices of the relevant research centers. He praised the administration and teaching staff for the successful conduct of the Zero Semester and said that from the new academic year, the university will organize teaching and learning in two new buildings.

Flour price hits record high of Rs2300 per 20kg in Quetta

Flour prices in Karachi have scaled a new peak of Rs2300 per 20-kilogramme bag against last week's Rs2,400, data from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) showed on Saturday.

This is the first time in the history of Pakistan that flour prices have surged to Rs2500.

According to the Sensitive Price Index for the week ended Dec



22, 1kg of flour in Karachi now costs Rs125, which is almost 100 per cent more than the price of the commodity in Islamabad and Punjab. He data shows that in the last week, Karachi, Hyderabad and Quetta

have witnessed a surge of Rs100 in the price of a 20kg bag of flour, increasing the rates to Rs2,500, Rs2,420 and Rs2,320 respectively.

In Bannu, Peshawar, Larkana and Sukkur, the price of a 20kg bag of flour in Islamabad and Punjab has been recorded at Rs1,295. Web Desk.

Nurse awarded triple life imprisonment for killing husband 2 daughters in Quetta

Syed Kaleem Shah

A local court in Quetta awarded triple life to a nurse involved in the killing of her husband and two minor daughters. The Additional District and Session Judge Quetta, Tariq Lashari announced the judgment. The judge convicted the nurse Sumera Farhad for killing her husband and two minor daughters.

According to the prosecution, the nurse had killed her



husband in the desire of trying to marry another woman in

January 2021. She administered poisonous injections to her husband and two minor daughters. After proving her involvement in the triple murder, the court convicted her to triple life imprisonment and a fine of Rs 6 lakh.

In case of no fine, the accused will have to undergo another 6 months imprisonment. The tragic incident was widely shared on social media and people expressed serious concern over the tragic incident.

A levies man killed in a firing incident in Chaman

Sardar M, Khondai

CHAMAN: Armed accused opened fire in the Mukhis colony area of Chaman and killed a levies man on duty. Levies sources said an armed accused riding on a motorcycle opened fire at the levies man and killed him on the spot. The attackers fled away from the spot. The levies man was identified as Bashir Ahmed.

The dead body of the levies man was shifted to the district headquarter



hospital, Chaman. A large number of people reached the hospital. The hospital administration handed over the dead body to the heirs after the completion of necessary official procedures. Levies personnel reached the spot as an investigation into the incident went underway. Security was maintained in the area after the attack. Chaman has already witnessed several bomb explosions and targeted killings in the past.

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Editor: Asim Khan

24 coordinators to CM Balochistan!

In less than a year, Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Qudus Bizenjo has appointed 24 coordinators. The appointment of a further three coordinators is in the pipeline. In all notifications, the Services, and General Administration Department (S&GAD) said the coordinators were appointed on an 'honorary' basis.

Honorary or paid, coordinators are a burden on the province facing a serious financial crisis and hardly maintaining the fragile financial condition. Chief Minister Balochistan has already appointed all 14 provincial ministers, and 5 advisers as per the 18th constitutional amendment. The question arises, what is the need for new recruitment of a crowd of coordinators? The answer is simple, this is just an attempt to please well-wishers and intellectuals.

Officers allotted for some coordinators. Although, the government claims to have appointed them on an honorary basis, moreover, some of the coordinators have been allotted offices. Who pays for the staff and accommodation given to the coordinators? Administration provides them with security, whenever they roam across the province. Unnecessary protocols and security have already disturbed the routine life of the people across Balochistan. When the government removed unnecessary check posts on highways throughout the province, people appreciated this step taken by Chief Minister Mir Qudus Bizenjo.

Friendly opposition should also play a role in ensuring financial discipline. Given Balochistan's serious financial crisis, the coalition government coupled with the friendly and powerful opposition must ensure financial discipline. The government needs to reduce non-development expenditures and increase the development budget to improve the socioeconomic condition of the people.

The province is lagging behind all other provinces in terms of key social indicators including education, health, sanitation, clean drinking water, etc. The government has to focus on improving governance and reducing non-development expenditures rather than appointing coordinators on a mere political basis.

Abdul Shakoor Khan

A month after being shifted to a newly constructed home, 50-year-old Saeda Bibi, along with her two sons and daughters in law had to make a midnight escape from their home that submerged the entire locality in the Newa Killa area of Quetta city on the last day of moonsoon's eighth spell.

It was scented all the time and never thought that I, with open eyes will witness the perishing of my home that my husband built with hard-earned money, she recalled the night when her neighbor knocked at their door asking to immediately vacate the house as gushing water of deluge had started washing away houses in the suburbs of the main city. This house was completely washed away by floods in Malik Town Nawab Killa Quetta.

Saeda's husband, who retired after his retirement. Saeda is the wife of Muhammad Ashfaq, a retired Deputy Director of Education Department who after receiving a pension and benevolent fund on his retirement, had constructed a two-story house on a small piece of land after spending years in rented houses.

Balochistan floods: The tale of pain and destruction



Carrying the Holy Quran, I stayed for a while in the backyard of my home...

This heart-rending story of Saeda Bibi perhaps helps understand the miseries of those bearing the brunt of devastating flood with their houses and valuables mandated under construction.

Technical staff engaged in clearing of the debris in the city of Balochistan. Photo taken from social media.

Director General Provincial Management Authority Nasser Ahmed Nisar stated that non-stop heavy downpours, uncontrolled waves of water and gushing hill torrents had so far claimed around 250 lives with thousands injured and displaced. Agriculture sector destroyed.

The catastrophe left some 6178 houses damaged, 14550 livestock dead and about 190 thousand acres of agriculture land badly affected.

The loss will incurred to the agriculture sector of Balochistan is estimated at Rs 58 billion, said Director General Agricultural Balochistan Abdul Wahab Kakar. The flood has damaged crops, orchards, 15,800 tube wells, ponds and solar systems on an area of 190,000 acres.

Meanwhile, the federal and provincial governments, jawans of Armed Forces, ADMA, Frontier Constabulary and civil society organizations have accelerated the relief operation, during the challenging situation due to collapse road infrastructure, connecting highways and bridges.

Balochistan is disconnected from rest of the country for more than a week. Balochistan is almost cut off from Punjab, KP and Sindh provinces due to the closure of bridges on Quetta-Zhob-Dera Sar-Dera Jemal Khan road, Quetta-Loralai-Dera Ghazi Khan, Quetta-Khuzdar-Karachi, and Quetta-Sibi-Jacobabad roads.

Although, the authorities have partially restored the Quetta-Karachi highway, yet the people have been forced to avoid unnecessary travelling. My family is stuck in Dera Murad Jamil area of damaged infrastructure and I have to be patient and bring them along, Abdal.

Hundreds of families of Nasarabad division have taken refuge along the highways as their houses are still submerged in the flood water receding very slowly.

It is yet another dilemma that many are forced to face as they are without gas, electricity, internet and cellular services.

Use of garlic in livestock and poultry nutrition

The main goal of modern livestock enterprise is to improve nutrient utilization and growth rate while consuming the least amount of feed. Certain feed supplements can be used to increase the amenable extent. The addition of feed supplements to feed increases conversion capability and profits.

Antibiotics improve feed conversion efficiency. It has also been reported that sub-doses of antibiotics (gramicidin, novobiocin, doxycycline) in animals improve feed conversion efficiency (FCE) and average daily gain (ADG). Despite the fact that sub-therapeutic antibiotic doses improve FCE and ADG in the broiler, the European Union (EU) prohibited their use as a performance enhancer in animals due to bacterial resistance developed in both animals and humans.

Garlic effects on health. Garlic's growth-promoting effect in animals could be attributed in part to its unique phytochemical content, which leads to enhanced gastrointestinal activity, immunity, and overall health. The adding of 2% garlic to the broiler diet for 2 weeks decreased hepatic cholesterol content, which may be due to the active ingredients of garlic. Garlic powder lowers the cholesterol levels in birds' blood and eggs. Garlic powder supplemented in layer fed diets at 2 and 10g/kg increased egg weight, whereas declining egg yolk cholesterol and blood triglyceride levels in rats.

blood chemistry. Ginger powder has been used to reduce rabbit blood cholesterol levels. According to a few studies, using turmeric and ginger powder alone has a negative effect on sperm volume, sperm mortality, sperm motility, sperm morphological characteristics of rabbit. Garlic's role in grazing animals is that garlic supplementation sustained oxidation process in lamb meat. Garlic utilization induces methemoglobinemia and maintains pH to reduce the incidence of acidosis, which reduces pathogen load in ruminants. Garlic supplementation at 5g/head/day in the cow diet enhanced the amount of conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) trans10, cis12 in milk while having no effect on other blood parameters.

Garlic's beneficial effects on different animals. Garlic has also been shown to have beneficial impact on rabbit blood chemistry. Further, as with other potential feed supplements, the utilization of garlic and its byproducts for commercial livestock and poultry feed has not been utilized. This may be due in part to the fact that their effect is dependent on a variety of factors such as quality products, inclusion rates, duration, species, and age of the animals. More research is needed to confirm the actual bioactive ingredients of garlic and their products that are responsible for the growth-promoting effects and health benefits of garlic. This will open up economic space for garlic and their products in both human and animal nutrition.

Collision with happiness

Dr. Atta Ullah

Every morning I wake up and ask myself if I'm happy. This is a terrible habit for my mental health. I have been over the last few weeks, the answer is that I'm actually happy, but it's strange and out of body experience because this hasn't been the case for the majority of my life.

Six months ago I was on a temporary leave and had made big plans to pursue long term professional goals that I never had a chance to pursue because of my full time job. Instead, I was finding happiness in spending time with my dear wife and parents. As well as the joy of doing nothing, rather than trying to fight his feeling, rather than embrace it.

unhappy professionally but, happy personally. Perhaps this sounds obvious to most people but it was a profound realization for me. I'm also the kind of person who likes to reinvent his life every few years and by that I mean change everything. Originally, I had planned to use the patience because this was an opportunity to reinvent myself. But the burden of this reinvention was weighing me down because of the lack of progress rather than exciting me.

So I started experimenting with doing something different half way through my primary leave. Instead of changing everything at once, I started changing one thing a week and tried to chew on small pieces of it daily. For background, I wanted to start two side gigs, play tennis thrice a week, get closer to religion, make a new YouTube video every week, re-evaluate my purpose in life and take care of my newborn baby during the primary leave. The expectations were crushing. My mind of inspiring me. So I started doing something radical. For one week, I told myself the only way I'd evaluate whether my day is a success is if I wake up in the morning and did a gratitude exercise, where I'd write down three things I'm grateful for in my diary. That's it. That's the only

thing I'd evaluate myself on. Everything else could wait, I was on leave after all.

The gratitude exercise had a transformational impact not on my focus, because I focused on what I was grateful for rather than what I didn't have or was behind on — but it also had a snowball effect that would rip through the existing pillars of my life. The following week the gratitude exercise became easier to do because it was turning into a habit so I decided to take on one more task. Setting up a tennis date for next week. One date instead of three. The following week I played tennis. The following week I increased the frequency to twice a week. I felt so energized and excited at the end of my games and the morning after.

Lakes from the Mountains transcending limits

By Jamil Akhtar

The northern areas of Pakistan are amongst the most beautiful parts of our planet. Here, nature can be witnessed in all its might and glory. The remoteness of this region has added to its mystique and aided in the conservation of the environment to some extent. But this isolation has also caused more hardships for the inhabitants of this land and has hindered its development.

UNDP has been very active in the northern parts of the country, including Chitral in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and the central Balochistan province. Its interventions have focused on the environment, disaster risk reduction, environmentally friendly tourism, empowering the people, and providing them with livelihoods.

The drastic changes in the climate are wreaking devastation on glaciers the world over and Pakistan is no exception. The melting glaciers create lakes that can overflow, and cause tremendous devastation to lives and property.

To prevent this from happening a project by the name of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) was initiated a few years back by the Adaptation Fund. Now, with an investment of \$6.9 million dollars by the Green Climate Fund, GLOF-II is being implemented across the two provinces.



bearing trees including cherry, apple, and apricot have been planted all over the northern areas. These interventions have been managed through the Improvement of Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP) project (funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and Government of Italy), and the Pakistan Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme implemented through World

Wide Fund for Nature and Snow Leopard Foundation. Improving the living conditions of the people has had primary importance in UNDP's efforts. The provision of clean drinking water is a very important aspect of these efforts. Numerous water treatment and purification plants and hydro-ran pumps have been installed and water supply schemes have been put into place in various villages.

These initiatives of CKNP and CKAM-II projects have been funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, the Government of Italy, and the Global Water Challenge (CocaCola Foundation). Tales from the Mountains. The author is an international award-winning writer, and photographer, currently working as a consultant for UNDP Pakistan

Limits

Alli Hassan Bangar

Historic moments marking the nation's relations and intellect and bounties in a just and sustainable manner. Even in this trying event, we need to make over the lessons the pandemic is trying to teach us. When deliberating, one may be forced to conclude that something is wrong with what we have been doing. We shouldn't be oblivious of an essential principle: one gets what one gives. When we harm nature, nature harms us back.

Among all creatures, humankind is high up the evolutionary ladder due to unmatched cognitive abilities and intellectual prowess. These intellectual and moral attributes are aimed at distinguishing good and evil and regulating life on earth in a manner that benefits not only humans but their surroundings. However, the humans have outstepped and outreached their natural boundaries, overestimated themselves as an omnipotent entity, enjoying complete impunity of all their activities

regardless of their impacts. Rather than nurturing the earth and utilizing the intellect and bounties in a just and sustainable manner, humans have badly overstepped their natural boundaries at the cost of destruction of other forms of life and of natural ecosystem. The recently released UN IPCC's terrifying study assessment report on the anthropogenic destruction of global climate is but a single instance of mankind's high-handedness against their surrounding environment. Even if we don't spare his fellow beings.

A few in the world hold the reins of the world's wealth. The rich-poor divide widens as time passes by. Global poverty and wide-scale inequality are on the rise. Laws are made and broken for and by the rich, while the poor remain entrapped in them. Merciless programs are a globalisation phenomenon. The tyrants against the weak, and the atrocities of rulers over their subjects have become a time-passer. The growing scourge of terrorism and extremism, rising populism and demagoguery, and fascist political leadership is the new normal. Mass alienation, boarding, black-marketing, organised crimes, cheating, lying, manipulating, exploiting, face all

become common traits of our culture. There is an ever-existing trend of flattery and hypocrisy, while everything remains the same on material success. Morality, ethics, empathy and compassion are all considered as outdated notions. One might wonder how is NASA even thinking of colonising Mars if we have utterly failed to learn to live peacefully on our own planet being here for millenniums.

Though heroes acts may go unnoticed or unappreciated in our system, we must realise the earth has its own system of justice. Floods, droughts, forest fires, heat waves, tsunamis, epidemics, earthquakes, terrorist attacks and violent volcanic eruptions are just a few of the consequences that have come about due to our actions. COVID-19 among other calamities questions the sustainability of the existing global order and the underlying principles of globalisation. Humanistic has given humankind the opportunity to rethink and reform existing socio-political and economic systems in line with principles of egalitarianism, eco-friendliness, compassion and empathy. Rather than wasting resources on weapons, we must strive to uplift the underprivileged, the poor and the weak. Since we have already progressed materially, we now need to invest in humanity if we want to shield ourselves from nature's



Balochistan Revenue Authority



Noor ul Haq Baloch, Chairman Balochistan Revenue Authority said the authority has taken a number of steps to increase the government revenue. The newly established BRA has made positive strides in terms of

bring into the taxation net. BRA is the only organization trying hard to improve the income of the provincial government. Balochistan cannot be developed through the existing meager resources, therefore, the authority plays an important role to ensure the generation of resources for the development and prosperity of the province, which covers half of the country in terms of area. Mr. Baloch said despite all odds, the authority has been able to increase the revenue of the provincial government and create awareness among the people regarding taxation.

Noor ul Haq Baloch
Secretary BRA



BRA Vision Mission Value

- We envision BRA to become a transformational revenue service provider and a premier tax collecting agency that will lead to ultimately Balochistan's economic prosperity and well being of people of Balochistan.
- Enhancing government revenue through facilitating growth in economic activities and trade by ensuring compliance with and reforming tax laws, promoting taxpayers' friendly culture and transforming it with ICT based solutions with professional trained workforce.
- Our core values like Integrity, Meritocracy, Transparency, Efficiency, Teamwork, Innovation, Motivation dictate us rethinking tax administrations' business model

WE ARE EXPANDING

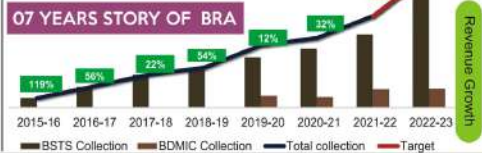
- **Current Activities:**
 - 32 major Restaurants integrated with POS
 - Marriage Halls/Travel Agents/Transporters etc Notice issued
 - Notices issued to major restaurants in Quetta city.
 - Audits and recoveries from Withholding agents
- **More Potential areas:**
 - Securities agencies, Travel agencies, Advertisements, Construction services, Insurance providers, Franchise, Transport services, rental car services, property dealers, beauty parlors, auto workshops services.

LAUNCHING OF POS PRIZE SCHEME

- BRA is driving the new campaign to facilitate the restaurants to integrate their electronic Point of Sale (e-POS) terminals with BRA's System.
- POS rules 2022 have already been notified.
- BRA intends to launch a prize-winning scheme for the customers who have electronic receipt of purchase of services from specified restaurants.
- The winners will be selected through computerized

balloting on quarterly basis i.e. after every three months. In the first stage the following prizes are proposed.

- First prize of One hundred thousand (Rs. 100,000)
- Second Prize of Rs 50,000/
- Four prizes each of Rs 25,000/



BRA FACT SHEET

More than 8,320 registered taxpayers

Initially 24 services were taxed and progressively increased to 46 services categories

Established in July 2015

So far revenue collected Rs. 76.656 billion

BRA's Contribution in overall Provincial own Receipts 5%

Total Collection for FY 2021-22: Rs. 20 billion with growth of 33%

Collection cost kept as low as 0.81%

Achievements

- Ra. 900 million of CESS recovered from sister province Long Pending issue with Govt (220m received in 2020/21)
- Agreements /MoUs signed (FBR, PRAL, I-Link/SBP/GPA)
- Authority - MEMBERS Appointed (Pending since long)
- Tax Facilitation Centre Established/Made Operational at Gwadar & Hub+ Call Centre-
- POS commenced - First Time Ever
- BSTS Appellate Tribunal Established (Pending since 2015)
- BSTS Appellate Tribunal Regulations Notified ADC made Functional with I-Link SSBP

Climate change and Balochistan

By Syed Muhammad Qaseem

Pakistan's emission of green house gases are less than one percent which are negligible as compared to the high emitters of the world. Unfortunately Pakistan is the 7th vulnerable country to climate change. If we compare the among the provinces of Pakistan, Balochistan is the most vulnerable as it is faced with the worst effects of climate change.

History of Climate change's affects on Balochistan

Balochistan is the most vulnerable province of Pakistan to climate change. The province is faced with natural disasters such as earth quakes, droughts and floods. It usually receive less rainfall than normal due to which most of its regions are dry and arid. Drought is the major threat to Balochistan as Barkan the district of Balochistan faced a prolonged drought of 22 months from 1999 to 2002, and Quetta experienced severe droughts in 2000, 2004, and 2008.

During the recent monsoon season

The primary income of 85% population of Balochistan is on agriculture. It faced three times prolonged droughts from 1967 to 2002 that had severe impacts on the economy and livelihood of the province. According to a research these droughts damaged around 80% percent of fruit orchards. Heatwaves also worsened this region and it also increased the frequency and severity of droughts. The climate change will result in changing the seasonal conditions in Balochistan such that summers will be longer and winters will become shorter.

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The recent monsoon of 2022 caused many damages in different parts of Balochistan

According to Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) the death

roll is 170 and most of them are women, children and aged men. The PDMA reports that the floods damaged 18087 houses out of which 13385 are partially damaged and 4702 are completely destroyed. The powerful flood waves damaged 670 kilometers roads and 16 bridges in the province. Overall 360000 population is affected and 23013 livestock has been lost across the province. The Chief Secretary of Balochistan Abdul Aziz Uqaili stated that more than 200000 acres of agricultural land has been affected by the floods.

The danger of mass Migration

There will be mass migration in Balochistan due to droughts which will possess adverse impacts. The province is already distributed by the migration of Afghan refugees which created differences between

Pashtun and Baloch ethnic groups. The politicians are the only ones which benefited from the situation as it enhanced their politics.

Negligence of Balochistan Government - From the above paragraphs it is crystal clear that it is not the first time that Balochistan faced such destructive natural disasters, even then the government showed very little understanding of the visible Climate Change signs. Balochistan is already backward from the other provinces of Pakistan in every field of life. The ignorant government of is unaware that how climate change will affect the economy and stability of Balochistan province further more.

Fight Climate Change on provincial level

In order to fight climate change on provincial level, the government must take concrete steps to stop deforestation. The Sui gas supply must be provided at lower costs to Ziarat and Zhob so that people can utilize it and avoid cutting down of trees. Dams have to be built to store water, and then the stored water can be used in drought-like situations. Former Prime Minister Imran Khan's program of planting 100 million trees should be supervised. An awareness program is necessary for the province to switch from fossil fuels to solar and wind energy. Installation of tube wells should be banned.

Pakistan must approach international community

Pakistan must approach international community to fight climate change. Pakistan has signed the Paris agreement on climate change so the international community should help Pakistan as it is the seventh most vulnerable country to climate change and on the other hand its emissions are quite negligible i.e. 0.7%. As a developing country with limited resources and poverty spread across the country, it is very difficult for Pakistan to fight against Climate change.



MONSOON

FLOOD DAMAGES

CLIMATE CHANGE

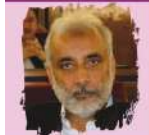
IMPACT ON ROADS

INFRASTRUCTURE



Mir Abdul Quddus Bizenjo
Chief Minister Balochistan

Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Quddus Bizenjo has termed climate change as a looming threat to the world in general and Pakistan in particular. In a message, Mr. Bizenjo stated that his government was taking all possible steps to mitigate the impacts of global warming and climate change in Balochistan. He stated that Balochistan has recently faced the brunt of climate change and global warming. The CM said the government was committed to rehabilitating all floods-affected people across Balochistan. Despite all odds, the present government succeeded in restoring the communication network and provided all basic facilities to the flood affected people.



Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran
Minister C&W Deptt:

Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Balochistan Minister for Communication and Works said the present government was determined to connect all parts of the province through the construction of roads. In his message, Sardar Khetran said the government ensures the timely and quality construction of roads and buildings throughout the province. He said recent flash floods unleashed by heavy rainfall severely affected the communication structure in Balochistan. The Minister appreciated the efforts of the officers and employees of the C&W department for their efforts to restore the damaged and affected communication system.



Ali Akbar Baloch
Minister C&W Deptt:

Ali Akbar Baloch: Secretary of Communication and Works in his message that despite all difficulties, the employees and officers of the department made hectic efforts to restore the communication system during floods. He said the merciless floods across Balochistan damaged over 2,000 kilometers of roads. Mr. Baloch stated that the department has launched a number of road construction projects to link all areas of Balochistan to facilitate the masses. The Secretary said the department was committed to ensure quality and timely completion of all projects underway across Balochistan.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

- In Pakistan, the recent unprecedented, continuous rainfall and floods has damaged the livelihoods, agriculture, livestock and infrastructure especially in Balochistan and Sind.
- In Balochistan, the torrential rains caused flash floods, and sheet flow coupled with overflowing rivers dealt devastation to almost all the districts of the province.
- The Scale (geographical spread) was never seen before in history for monsoon rains. Except for district Chagai, almost all the districts were affected by floods / torrential rains in such a water scare / aridzone like Balochistan.
- Amongst them, Quetta, Killa Abdullah, Killa Saifullah, Kachi, Harnai, Ziarat, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Sohbatpur, Jhal Magsi, Sibi, Lasbella districts are most affected by these worst floods.
- No sector of life is left untouched by the effect of this climate change. Such torrential rains in Balochistan (having very less monsoon coverage) is a visible impact of climate change.

Balochistan Road Infrastructure

- Access, is a big challenge in Balochistan being the largest province (43%) of the Country.
- Road are the life lines of any country and most expensive assets. Roads provide access and have direct impact on all the sectors of a society.
- Balochistan have more then 42,000 KM Provincial road network (paved and unpaved).
- 595 Roads in 34 District of Balochistan are severely damaged disconnecting 2281 KM road including 43 number of bridges.
- Communication, Works, Physical Planning & Housing Department restored the connectivity of all the roads through out the Province in meager resources considering the huge damage.
- Proper rehabilitation / reconstruction works requires more then 30 Billion financial support.
- Federal government is requested to extend their support

