



STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS

UN worries for underage mums: 7.3 million poor girls of poor states: KARACHI - Motherhood in childhood is a serious problem in developing countries, where every year 7.3 million girls under 18 give birth, states the United Nations Population Fund. According to UNFPA report titled 'Motherhood in Childhood: Facing the Challenge of Adolescent Pregnancy', out of the 7.3 million births, 2 million are to girls who are 14 or younger, many of whom suffer grave long-term health and social consequences from pregnancy such as obstetric fistula, and an estimated 70,000 adolescents in developing countries who die each year from complications during pregnancy and childbirth... 'It has been shown globally that keeping girls in schools helps delay child marriage and early pregnancies, rendering life skills programme creates better understanding about their physical, emotional and mental well being and awareness in accessing sexual reproductive health information and services uplift their status in the society.' said Rabbi Royan, Country Representative, UNFPA Pakistan...(Nation, 31 Oct 2013)

Read full story: <http://www.nation.com.pk/pakistan-news-newspaper-daily-english-online/karachi/31-Oct-2013/un-worries-for-underage-mums>

UNESCO CONSULTATION: Framework for promotion of early detection, treatment of breast cancer urged: Islamabad: Leading experts on health, education, population and human rights made a resounding appeal for the development of a national framework to comprehensively scope the prevalence and impediments to early detection and quality treatment of breast cancer in Pakistan. The appeal was articulated at a multi-stakeholders consultation on 'Early Detection Save Lives' here on Wednesday morning. Marking the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it was organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), in collaboration with the UNWOMEN and UN Resident Coordinator's Office... Sangeeta Rana Thapa, Deputy Representative of UNWOMEN in Pakistan said, breast cancer prevalence and prevention must also be analysed in the context of women's lack of empowerment, marginalisation and gender inequalities. Dr. Kozue Kay Nagata, Unesco Director or Representative in Pakistan, paid rich tribute to the campaign...(TheNews, 31 Oct 2013)

Read full story: <http://www.thenews.com.pk/Todays-News-6-211407-Framework-for-promotion-of-early-detection-treatment-of-breast-cancer-urged>

'Not My Life' screened to depict human trafficking: ISLAMABAD: The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Wednesday arranged screening of a documentary 'Not My Life', depicting the cruel and dehumanising practices of human trafficking. The documentary screened at the Islamabad Club was filmed across various continents and includes stories from victims including fishing boys in Africa and child soldiers in South America. UNODC Country Representative Cesar Guedes and Australian High Commissioner Peter Heyward gave introductory remarks... Cesar Guedes said the ongoing conflicts in the world (Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq) combined with struggling economies and limited job opportunities provided conducive environment for human traffickers...(DailyTimes, 31 Oct 2013)

Read full story: http://dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2013\10\31\story_31-10-2013_pg11_6



Pakistan most likely culprit behind Syrian polio outbreak, claims WHO: ISLAMABAD: While final genetic sequencing results are still awaited, there is a strong possibility that the isolated viruses that have triggered a polio outbreak in Syria, a country that has been free of wild poliovirus circulation since 1999, have their origin in Pakistan, informed sources associated with the polio eradication initiative confided here on Wednesday. Of the 22 children who suffered Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) in Syria on October 17, ten are confirmed to having been crippled by wild poliovirus type 1...When the possibility of poliovirus exportation to Syria was discussed with the chief of polio eradication at the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Elias Durry, he neither outrightly rejected the likelihood of the virus having been exported from Pakistan, nor unreservedly accepted it in the absence of laboratory confirmation...(TheNews, 31 Oct 2013)

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Polio case detected in Swabi: SWABI: A polio case has been reported in the district, official sources said on Wednesday. The victim is two and half year old girl, Nazeefa. The victim girl's parents belong to Bajaur Agency who had been living in Bamkhel village in Swabi. Ziaul Haq has two wives and one of them live in Bamkhel and the other has settled in Nowshera. However, both women and their children regularly interact...(TheNews, 31 Oct 2013)

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350,000 children miss polio vaccine due to Taliban 'boycott': At least 350,000 children could not be administered polio vaccines due to bans and threats against the recent National Immunisation Drive (NID) by militant groups — particularly the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, the Unicef's Pakistan chapter told The News. "Pakistan is the only endemic country where access to children has been banned in certain areas which is not the case anywhere else in the world," Azmat Abbas, communications specialist for Unicef in Pakistan told The News....The Unicef data revealed that a total of 664,000 children missed vaccination during the recent NID. Out of these and 308,709 were not available...(TheNews, 31 Oct 2013)

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National food and agriculture policy likely in December: Bosan: Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research (NFS&R), Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan on Wednesday said that national food and agriculture policy would be finalised in December which will benefit both farmers and consumers. "Agriculture policy would be finalised soon, which is aimed at ensuring hunger-free Pakistan along with physical and economic access to nutritious food to all" Bosan said while talking to media after addressing a function organised to mark the World Food Day, celebrations delayed due to Eid holidays on October 16. This year, the theme of the Day was "Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition."... Country Representatives of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Patrick Evans and World Food Programme (WFP) Lola Castro read messages on behalf of their heads and highlighted the role of their organisation in ensuring hunger free world. FAO Representative ensured his commitment for the development of agriculture sector in Pakistan...(BusinessRecorder, 31 Oct 2013)

Read full story: <http://www.brecorder.com/agriculture-a-allied/183/1246695/>



Food-insecure KPK: PESHAWAR - In order to highlight the importance of nutrition and sustainable food security among the newborn child, a one-day seminar organised by the Citizen Rights and Sustainable Development (CRSD) in collaboration with the Action Aid Pakistan held on Wednesday here in Peshawar. Theme of the seminar was "Sustainable Food System for Food Security and Nutrition in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" where the Deputy Director Food Department KPK Asmatullah Khan was chief guest on the occasion...(Nation, 31 Oct 2013)

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Efforts urged to fight malnutrition among babies: PESHAWAR: Speakers at a seminar on Wednesday underscored the need for making strenuous efforts for overcoming malnutrition among newborn babies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They were speaking at a daylong seminar titled "Sustainable food system for food security and nutrition in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa."The Citizen Rights and Sustainable Development (CRSD) in collaboration with Action Aid Pakistan organised the seminar at a local hotel...(TheNews, 31 Oct 2013)

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Awareness of women rights laws stressed: ISLAMABAD, Oct 30: The government has passed a number of legislations to secure rights of women from the parliament and to get its desired results everyone should play his role. There is also a need to educate, inform and create awareness among women of rural areas or less accessed communities. "The government has worked a lot for empowering women but the rural women are still deprived of its results as they do not have proper knowledge of these laws and how they can be benefitted by them", said Federal Ombudsperson, Anti-Harassment Law, Yasmin Abbasi...(Dawn, 31 Oct 2013)

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SECURITY ISSUES

Four killed in Quetta bomb attack: QUETTA, Oct 30: At least four people, including one Levies man, were killed and 18 others injured in a bomb attack here on Wednesday. The blast took place on the crowded Zarghoon road known for scrap dealers, vehicle repair garages and carpet shops, during busy hours. A CNG cylinder exploded in a car that caught fire after the blast. At least six people were injured by the cylinder blast...(Dawn, 31 Oct 2013)

Read full story: <http://www.dawn.com/news/1053061/four-killed-in-quetta-bomb-attack>

New drone attack: MIRAMSHAH: Three suspected militants were killed when US drones targeted a house and a vehicle in the main bazaar of Miramshah, the administrative headquarters of North Waziristan Agency, in the small hours of Thursday. Sources said that of the two missiles fired by the



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drone one hit the vehicle and the other landed into the house, reportedly owned by suspected militants. More casualties were feared...(Dawn, 31 Oct 2013)

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