

1. KSTC, BISP OFFICE AT LANDIKOTAL DEMANDED

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Khyber Agency—The president of Khyber Youth Forum has asked the authorities to provide basic rights to the locals of Landikotal and end their biased policies against FATA people.

Amir Afridi, the president of Khyber Youth forum talking this scribe said that Kam Shelman Technical Collage (KSTC) was closed from last many years.

He said teaching staff should be appointed at the collage to provide technical education to the tribesmen of Landikotal. He said opening the collage would cause to produce more technical persons who will not only get employment to earn income but would also use their expertise for the development of country.

“The authorities should establish Benazir Income Support Programme me office at Landikotal to facilitate the women of Landikotal to get benefit from this Programme”, Afridi remarked adding that the women of Landikotal had difficulties going to BISP office at Peshawar.

Amir Afridi said that agency headquarter hospital of Landikotal has shortage of specialist male and female doctors which have doubled the miseries of poor people of Landikotal. He demanded the health authorities to appoint Gynecologist, orthopedic and cardiologist at the hospital.

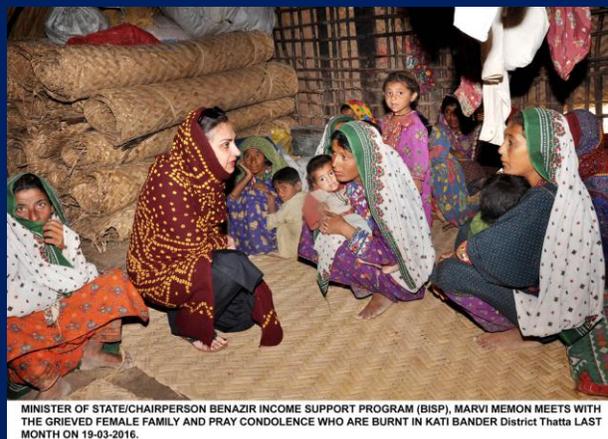
He also urged the authorities that closure of female NADRA center in Landikotal have also increased the miseries of tribal women who want to get their computerized national identity card (CNIC).

He demanded the governor of KP and political agent of Khyber Agency to re-establish a separate NADRA center in Landikotal to facilitate the women of Landikotal in getting their CNIC easily.

Amir Afridi also said that shifting Torkham custom office from Landikotal will also be injustice with the locals of Landikotal and urged the authorities not to move the custom export office elsewhere.

2. GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT KETI BANDAR FIRE VICTIMS

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Ketibandar—The Chairperson of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Marvi Memon, visited fire victims of Keti Bandar, District Thatta, along with Bait-ul-Mal Team. A

BISP statement Saturday said that the Chairperson of BISP Marvi Memon visited the grieved families of fisher folks whose 10 members burnt alive in the ghastly fire incident from the scattered diesel used as fuel for the fishing boats at Ketu Bandar on February 8.

It said that she had visited the grieved families and injured people in hospital on February 8, 2016 and had promised to personally talk to MD Bait-ul-Mal for their financial aid. On Saturday she visited the grieved families along with Bait-ul-Mal team for financial aid of fire victims. On the occasion, Marvi Memon expressed sympathy with the affectees and offered condolences to the bereaved family members.

She said that the government is determined for support the fire victims and every possible step will be taken for their relief and rehabilitation. She said that PML-N Government has always given priority to rights and assistance of laborers and workers of the country without any discrimination. She urged upon the need of preemptive measures to avoid such incidents in the future. Meanwhile, it is reported that Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) has so far received 14, 606 complains against fraud SMS scam offering cash in the name of the organization and blocked 6136 sims.

These numbers were blocked and complete investigation has been initiated to nab the culprits behind this game, he told APP.—APP

(Patriot, Nawaiwaqt, Jahan Pakistan, Naibbat, Jinnah, Pakistan and Ausaf carried the story and picture)

3. FAKE SMS

بے نظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام کے نام پر جعلی ایس ایم ایس بھجوانے پر 6136 سیمز بلاک اسلام آباد (اسے بی پی) بے نظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام کے نام پر جعلی ایس ایم ایس بھجوانے پر اب تک 6136 سیمز بلاک کرائی گئی ہیں۔ پروگرام ذرائع کے مطابق اب تک 14606 ایسی شکایات موصول ہوئی ہیں جن میں بے نظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام کے تحت نقد رقم نکلنے کے ایس ایم ایس بھجوانے گئے جس پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے ٹیلی کام کمپنیوں، ایف آئی اے، وزارت داخلہ اور وزارت انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کی معاونت سے 6136 سیمز بلاک کرائی گئی ہیں جبکہ ان جرائم کے پیچھے کارفرما ہاتھ بے نقاب کرنے کیلئے تفتیش جاری ہے۔

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4. NETHERLAND AMBASSADOR



Islamabad: Netherland Ambassador, Ms. Jeannette Seppen calls on Minister of State and Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon for a follow up meeting of Queen Maxima's visit to Pakistan. (Dated: March 18, 2016)

(Pakistan Observer, Express, Nawaiwaqt, Naibaat, Jinnah, Ausaf, Pakistan and Khabrain carried the story and picture – March 19, 2016)

5. PROJECTS OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN TO BE STARTED SOON: MARVI MEMON

بچوں کی ذہنی نشوونما کے منصوبے جلد شروع کریں گے، ماروی مبین
ذہنی پسماندگی کے شکار بچوں کو متوازن خوراک سے کارآمد شہری بنایا جاسکتا ہے
گو جہر خان (جنرل ایجنسیاں) بینظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام کی چیئر پرسن ماروی مبین نے کہا ہے کہ ذہنی پسماندگی کے
شکار بچوں کو متوازن خوراک اور مناسب توجہ سے کارآمد شہری بنایا جاسکتا ہے، جلد عالمی ادارہ صحت کے تعاون
سے ذہنی نشوونما کی کمی کے شکار بچوں کی بہتری کے پراجیکٹس شروع کئے جائیں گے، وہ بنیادی مرکز صحت
ساہنگ گو جہر خان میں بینظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام سے مستفید ہونے والی خواتین کے معذور بچوں کو کارآمد
بنانے کیلئے عالمی ادارہ صحت کے تعاون سے شروع کئے گئے پائلٹ پراجیکٹ کے معائنے کے موقع پر گفتگو
کر رہی تھیں درمیانی ادارہ ماروی مبین سے ہالینڈ کی سفیر نے ملاقات کی۔

(Express, Naibaat, Jinnah, Pakistan and Khabrain - March 19, 2016)

6. THE U.S. RANKS 13TH IN HAPPINESS. HERE'S HOW WE GET TO NO. 1.

The richest countries aren't always the happiest, although poverty hurts.

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If you're happy and you know it, the United Nations knows why.

Ahead of the International Day of Happiness on March 20, the U.N. just published [its 2016 World Happiness Report](#), complete with insights into how the most cheerful countries got that way.

Of the 157 countries listed in the report, the U.S. ranks 13th — with a score of 7.104 on a 10-point scale. By comparison, the happiest

country, Denmark, scored a 7.526, and the least happy country, Burundi, scored a 2.905.

That means Americans are not exactly *unhappy*, but there's room for improvement. Here's what the 12 happier countries are doing that we can do, too.

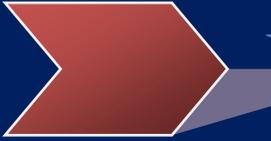
Broadly speaking, the report found the largest single contributor to happiness is a country's per-capita gross domestic product, which, on average, accounts for around 31 percent of the total. That's followed by social support (26 percent), healthy life expectancy (18 percent), freedom to make life choices (12 percent), generosity (8 percent), and the absence of corruption (5 percent).

On per-capita GDP, the U.S. outranks most of the countries in the top 10 (less than Norway, roughly tied with Switzerland). But it lags behind in almost every other category.

When a country focuses primarily on just one aspect of wellbeing, that tends to have a harmful effect on people's broader sense of happiness. As an example, Qatar has a significantly higher per-capita GDP than the U.S., yet ranks 36th in happiness.

"When countries single-mindedly pursue individual objectives, such as economic development to the neglect of social and environmental objectives, the results can be highly adverse for human well-being, even dangerous for survival," the U.N. report states. "Many countries in recent years have achieved economic growth at the cost of sharply rising inequality, entrenched social exclusion, and grave damage to the natural environment."

That suggests the U.S. would do well to build up its social support systems, the second



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biggest contributor to happiness. A stronger social safety net could also lead to improvements in other categories in which America falls short — like healthy life expectancy, generosity and freedom to make decisions.

Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and a co-author of the report, explains:

The top countries, especially the Nordic countries, have much lower inequality than in the United States, and much greater social insurance. The U.S. mostly leaves the poor to fend for themselves. Not so in the happiest countries. They possess what is called the “social democratic” ethos: that society should look after each other, and especially the least well-off. The top countries don’t accept that their CEOs walk away with tens of millions of dollars of annual compensation while the shop floor worker experiences declines in real purchasing power.

The report doesn’t dig into specific policies, but some U.S. politicians argue that America should emulate certain aspects of Denmark’s social programs. In a 2013 Huffington Post blog, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) highlighted as particularly laudable programs that increase access to health care, child care and education, protect the unemployed and greatly expand paid time off for new parents.

Conversely, the authors of the 2016 report found that some countries with strong social safety nets remained quite happy even in times of financial hardship. In Iceland and Ireland, for example, the social fabric was strong enough to support feelings of general wellbeing despite the deep economic meltdown beginning in 2007-2008.

“Both suffered decimation of their banking systems as extreme as anywhere, and yet have suffered incommensurately small happiness losses,” the report notes. “In the Icelandic case, the post-shock recovery in life evaluations has been great enough to put Iceland third in the global rankings for 2013-2015. ... [T]he percentage of people who report that they have someone to count on in times of crisis is exceptionally high in Iceland and Ireland.”

In other words, economic growth is important, so long as it doesn’t come at the expense of social wellbeing, which acts as a cushion in times of economic strife.

Or as Thomas Jefferson put it, “The care of human life and happiness ... is the only legitimate object of good government.”

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