



1. RENOWNED SINDHI WRITER REMEMBERED

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Renowned Sindhi writer remembered

ISLAMABAD: The distinguished Sindhi fiction writer, Agha Khalid Saleem, was remembered during a reference organised by the Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) on Tuesday.

Saleem passed away on April 12 in Karachi at the age of 81. He had authored a number of short stories and plays, and also translated Sindhi poetry into Urdu. His first short story, Aah Ay Zalim Samaj, was published in the 1950s. Saleem also worked in Radio Pakistan, which provided him with further opportunities to write.

Marvi Memon, the chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), while speaking to guests at the reference, said Saleem's work would always be remembered.

"The writings of literary figures are the biggest tool to address the issues of the world. Where weapons fail to give results an essay of a literary figure changes everything. Literary figures give the message of peace, brotherhood and tolerance," she said.

"Poets gave the message of peace in different regions and even nowadays, their poetry changes [people's] mindset," she said.

Ms Memon said Saleem

understood the importance of poetry, which is why he worked on Sufism. She said his research on Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai was also remarkable.

"I believe many generations will benefit from the work of Agha Saleem," she said. Prof Fateh Mohammad Malik also commended Saleem's work on Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai.

"By translating Bhittai's poetry, Agha Saleem has given awareness to people of peace and brotherhood," Mr Malik said.

PAL Chairman Dr Qasim Bogio said Saleem's death has created a vacuum. He said the writer acted as a bridge between Bhittai and ordinary people by translating Bhittai's poetry to Urdu and English.

"Literary figures, like Agha, make guidelines for the people and their services cannot be forgotten," he said.

Poet Harris Khalique said Saleem spent his life working to bring the message of truth. Writer Naseer Memon said Saleem depicted the true colour of Sindhi literature in his work.

"He did much more work as compared to the duration of his life, due to which he will never be forgotten," Mr Memon said. — A Reporter



(Express, Nawaiwaqt, Dunya, Jahan Pakistan and Jinnah also carried the story and picture)

2. CHAIRPERSON BISP CHAIRS 3RD REVIEW MEETING OF FEDERAL FLOOD COMMISSION



(Khabrain, Jinnah and Ausaf carried the picture)



3. TASAF GIVES OUT 300BN/- TO POOR HOUSEHOLDS

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TANZANIA has disbursed nearly 300 billion/- to more than one million households in the country, to help reduce poverty among local residents in more than 161 project areas.

The Vice-President, Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan, stated here that, while Tanzania has shown great potential in empowering local communities, through the Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF), she also advised African governments to start setting aside budgets to ensure the sustainability of community funding through safety nets in future.

Mama Suluhu Hassan was speaking during the official opening of the 'Face-to-Face' meeting of African Community in practising 'Conditional Cash Transfers' as organized here by TASAF.

The five-day meeting, taking place here between the 16th and 20th of May, 2016 has been organised by the World Bank and the

United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and hosted by TASAF.

The World Bank's country Director for Tanzania, Burundi, Malawi and Somalia, Ms Bella Bird, lauded TASAF Productive Social Safety Nets initiatives saying it started with just 6,000 household beneficiaries in 2012 and now reaches out to 1.1 households thus making it to be the most successful project on the continent so far.

TASAF apparently, has successfully implemented the conditional cash transfer programme in Tanzania and this has so far enrolled 1.1 million beneficiaries since its launch in 2012.

The participants attending the Arusha meeting on the other hand, hail from more than 100 countries and a representation of Development Partners. According to the Development Communication Officer, Mr Zablon Bugingo, the objective of the meeting is to enhance understanding and learning about the role of cash transfer programmes in supporting the development of a social protection system.

Throughout the week, the meeting will cover relevant issues around scale up and consolidation of these programmes and its evolution through linkages with other social sectors, potential to respond to emergencies and innovations and also review implementation of recommendations elaborated during the last face-to-face meeting that was held in Nairobi in 2015.

During the five days, sessions will also involve a mix of programmes and agendas including presentations by experts and country



representatives as well as group work discussions and exchange of field experience.

Participants will also get the opportunity to witness how Tanzania has managed to implement the initiative through series of field visits to selected communities in Longido, Monduli, Meru, Mwanga and Babati Districts.

These five districts mapped within Arusha, Manyara and Kilimanjaro Regions of Northern Tanzania, have been implementing Productive Social Safety Net Programme.

While the meeting was officiated on Monday by the Vice-President of United Republic of Tanzania, Ms Samia Suluhu Hassan, it is expected to be closed next Friday, the 20th May 2016 by the Minister of State, President's Office, Public Service Management and Good Governance, Ms Angellah Kairuki (MP).

<http://dailynews.co.tz/index.php/business/4990-4-tasaf-gives-out-300bn-to-poor-households>