Compilation of Election Promises by Political Parties
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Introduction:

Elections are not be-all and end-all of the democratic process. In fact, elections are significant component but equally significant is the intervening period between the elections. Citizens can only benefit from the fruits of democracy if they stay vigilant during all phases of democratic process. Election is season of promises. Politicians make tall claims and promises and public pledges to lure voters. It is duty of citizens to ensure that politicians honor their promises once they are voted into power. It is in this context that Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives, (CPDI) has tracked promises made by leaders of major political parties during the course of two months prior to general elections of May 12, 2013. It is hoped that citizens will find this booklet useful in reminding their elected representatives to make good on their promises. This booklet can also serve as a yardstick to measure the performance of political parties at the end of the tenure of present assemblies by juxtaposing their list of achievements with the list of promises made prior to the elections.
## Election Promises by PPP

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People to reject anti-BJP parties in polls: Zardari

5 Mrch, 2013

MULTAN/BAHAWALPUR - President Asif Ali Zardari on Tuesday said the masses wanted to get their problems solved, but some undemocratic forces were trying to draw people’s attention away from the real issues.

Addressing delegations of PPP workers, leaders and parliamentarians here at Gillani House, the president added that no one could trap the masses as they knew the government was sincere to them. He said the democratic government kept striving to offer a considerable relief to the masses despite challenges and tough conditions. “Our allies, friends and the people extended full support to us and we executed several mega projects across the country,” he added.

He said the government not only fulfilled its promise by tabling Bahawalpur South Punjab Province resolution in the parliament but also exposed the anti-province parties. “The people will reject them in the coming elections,” he hoped. He said the resolution would prove an important milestone in the creation of the new province.

Referring to South Punjab, he said this area had been enslaved in the past, but PPP launched a number of projects in this region to boost economic, social and agricultural activities. “These projects will offer new job opportunities to the residents of this region,” he claimed. He said that 95 per cent projects had been accomplished while the remaining would be completed very soon. He said PPP would eliminate all deprivations and backwardness from South Punjab after coming to power again. He said a separate province was imperative to develop South Punjab and PPP would achieve the goal of the new province.

Stressing the need for promoting the culture of self-reliance, he said it was imperative to achieve a respectable place in comity of nations. He claimed the government had adopted a number of steps to generate resources for development projects and achieve economic stability. “This is an important step towards a bright future,” he pointed out.

He said the democratic government was about to complete its five-year term during which it paid special attention to the uplift of undeveloped and far-flung areas. He added that despite tough conditions, the government did not let anyone hamper public welfare projects. He said the government felt proud that it had met all of its promises.

He claimed the govt had taken revolutionary steps despite a highly volatile situation to solve the problems of masses.

Speaking on this occasion, former Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani said that it was because of personal interest of President Zardari that record number of projects were launched and accomplished in South Punjab. He said the president was very serious in translating Shaheed Mohtarma’s Saraiki vision into reality.

Earlier, the president inaugurated Rasheedabad Flyover and Syedwala Bridge on the River Ravi.
Meanwhile, President Asif Ali Zardari, while speaking at the residence of Punjab Governor Makhdoom Syed Ahmad Mehmood in Jamal Din Wali, Rahim Yar Khan, said that focusing on the vision of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, the PPP-led government was focusing on the less developed areas. He added since the present government was aware of the sense of deprivation among the people of South Punjab, it was taking affective steps to ameliorate their lot and had launched many development projects in this area.

He lamented that during the last 65 years, no government took concrete steps for South Punjab that was why the sitting government was focusing on this area and supporting South Punjab or Bahawalpur Province and formed a commission in this regard.

Punjab Governor Syed Ahmad Mehmood said in his welcome address that he was thankful to President Zardari for reposing trust in him. He said PPP had strong roots in all the four provinces and gave the impression of federation.

He said if the PPP government came to power again in the upcoming elections and succeeded in making government in the Punjab, it would focus on the development of this area and allocate huge funds for this area.

District Bar Association President Habib Paris along with other lawyers called on the president and briefed him about the problems being faced by their community. Zardari assured them of solving their problems and announced a grant of Rs 5 million for District Bar Association Rahim Yar Khan.

Zardari reached Ashraf Sugar Mills Bahawalpur at 5:50pm on Tuesday by a helicopter and was welcome by PBC Chairman Zaka Ashraf and legislators of the party. Former Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani also reached Bahawalpur by a special plane and went to Ashraf Sugar Mills where he met Zardari and exchanged thoughts regarding the upcoming elections and political situation of South Punjab.
PPP candidate promises to set up varsity in Mardan

MARDAN, April 1: Pakistan People’s Party candidate for NA-9 Shazia Aurangzeb on Monday said she would ensure establishment of a university, separate transport system and vocational centres for women in Mardan city if the locals elect her during the next elections.

She said this during the launch of her election campaign here on Monday.

PPP leaders, including district president Khan Ghawas Khan, Zahir Shah Khan Toru and Aurangzeb Khan, and a number of party activists were present on the occasion.

Ms Shazia said she was the daughter-in-law of late Abdul Khaliq Khan, who had won elections in NA-9 on PPP ticket during the 1970 elections and served local residents and worked for the area development.

She said following in the footsteps of Abdul Khaliq, she later joined politics to serve the people of the province in general and neglected and deprived women of Mardan city in particular.

The PPP candidate criticised the ANP provincial government for ignoring basic needs and problems of the area and said the ANP leaders had launched developmental projects and schemes in parts of Mardan city only for getting more and more commission.

She appealed to the people of Mardan to vote for PPP candidates, saying her was the only party that could steer the country out of the prevailing socioeconomic and security crises.
High hopes: PPP will sweep the upcoming polls says Bilawal

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said on Sunday that his party will sweep the upcoming general elections with the support of the people of Pakistan and go on to form the next government to take the country “forward in the community of nations, in accordance with the vision of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto and Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.”

In a statement on Sunday, Bilawal said his mother Benazir had laid down her life for the cause of democracy and for the people of Pakistan. “PPP will continue to make sacrifices for preserving democracy and the betterment of the masses,” he added.

He said the PPP government successfully completed its five-year term under the courageous leadership of President Asif Ali Zardari and expressed the hope that the party would win the 2013 polls with a thumping majority. “The products of Ziaul Haq’s martial law who dream of victory shall have to bite the dust once again because the masses have not forgotten their murky past,” said the PPP chairman.

Bilawal said his mother always stood like a rock in the face of successive dictatorships and went to the extent of laying down her life for the cause of democracy. He said the PPP would continue to serve the downtrodden sections of society.

Upon returning to power, Bilawal said, the PPP will expand the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) to complete its second phase during the next five years. He announced that the new PPP government would also double the monthly BISP stipend to Rs2,000 per month. The PPP chairman added that under the second phase of BISP, more local and international institutions including banks will be taken on board as partners and scope of the programme would be widened. He stated that the Waseela-e-Haq, Waseela-e-Rozgar and Waseela-e-Taleem initiatives are the part of BISP’s long-term strategy to help out the poorest of the poor in the country.

Bilawal counted the 18th Amendment and the restoration of the 1973 Constitution among the landmark achievements of the PPP government. He also praised his father, President Zardari, for surrendering his powers and authority to the elected parliament and further strengthening democracy in the country.

“PPP is the real heir to the legacy of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto and Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. My mother gave the best years of her life while protecting her father’s legacy. She confronted the worst at the hands of General Ziaul Haq who had sent my grandfather to the gallows. She kept her father’s party and his mission alive with great steadfastness. She gave her life for the preservation of democracy and the people of this country acknowledge her great sacrifice. Let me assure the followers of Shaheed Bhuttos that I will protect their legacy till my last breath while carrying forward their mission, vision and philosophy being the leader of the largest and most popular political party of the country, which has roots in all provinces. We shall live and die for the cause of Pakistan as done by my mother Benazir Bhutto and my grandfather Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.”

Published in The Express Tribune, April 15th, 2013.
Shabaz ignored south Punjab, wasted public money: Bilawal

10 May, 2013

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Pakistan People’s Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Thursday addressed public rally in Islamabad on video link.

He said the remnants of Ziaul Haq were once again trying to bring back the dark era of Zilul Haq.

Bilawal said some politicians had joined hands with the terrorists just for sake of a few votes.

He said PPP would not let the terrorists to take the people of Pakistan as hostage.

“A deep conspiracy is being hatched against Pakistan but we will thwart the evil designs of the enemies of Pakistan,” he said.

He appealed to the people to vote for PPP in order to foil the evil intentions of the conspirators.

Lashing out at the PML-N leadership, Bilawal said Punjab government did nothing for the people of Punjab and wasted the public money on useless schemes like Sasti Roti and Metro Bus Service.

“Lahore has been developed at the cost of south Punjab,” he said.

He vowed that PPP would form South Punjab province after coming to power.

He said PPP selected prime minister from South Punjab and gave important ministries to the region.

“We will not allow anyone to usurp the rights of the people of south Punjab,” Bilawal said.

He appealed to masses to vote for Pakistan People’s Party, saying it would end poverty from the country.
## Election Promises by PML-N

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LAHORE, March 7: The Pakistan Muslim League-N announced here on Thursday its election manifesto which focuses on revival of economy and resolution of energy crisis.

The 100-plus page document containing 32 concrete targets unveiled by PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif at a press conference proposes right to food as a fundamental right through a constitutional amendment and parliamentary oversight of intelligence agencies to resolve the issue of missing persons and curb misuse of authority.

He said the manifesto was based on facts, not on fiction, and had set only achievable targets, adding that both resources and difficulties had been kept in mind while preparing the document.

As part of the economic revival plan, it aims at reducing budget deficit to four per cent by increasing tax-to-GDP ratio from the current nine per cent to 15. It proposes a 33 per cent reduction in expenses other than the salary and pensions and restructuring of and selling loss-making state enterprises.

The government borrowing which, Mr Sharif claimed, had reached Rs7 billion a day, would be contained and tax and interest rates would be reduced to bring down inflation to single digit.

The PML-N will encourage regional trade and curb red-tapism to speed up the process of decision-making.

ENERGY: The party promises to end the energy crisis in two years, plans to merge the ministries of water and power and petroleum and natural resources, reform the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority and distribution and generation companies, permanently resolve the issue of circular debt through tariff on average system-wise cost with subsidies only for lifeline consumers, divert gas to power plants to minimise production cost and convert furnace oil-fired plants into coal-fired ones.

There will a ban on new CNG stations and the public transport will be given priority in gas supply.

EMPLOYMENT: The manifesto promises to create over three million jobs in public and private sectors and gradually increase the minimum salary to Rs15,000 per month.

An overseas Pakistanis business and professional forum will be set up to increase expatriates’ role in nation building.
Parliament’s standing committees will be strengthened, district ethics committees will be formed to monitor the performance of officials, district ombudsman office will be created and administrative and financial responsibility will be devolved to local governments under Article 140-A of the Constitution.

Mr Sharif said his party would hold local government polls within six months after the general election.

CORRUPTION: The party promises to adopt a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, suggests an administratively and financially independent National Accountability Commission, plans to withdraw or reduce discretionary powers and enact ‘whistle-blower’ protection law and freedom of information law to improve transparency in governance. All departments and agencies will be required to post their budgets on websites with details of over Rs1 million expenses.

FOREIGN POLICY: The Kashmir issue will be resolved on the basis of UN resolutions and Lahore Declaration and urgency will be accorded to ‘water management’ in the context of relations with neighbouring countries.

Strategic assets would be increased and improved to ensure strategic parity in the region, said Mr Sharif in whose second term as prime minister the country became a nuclear power in May 1998.

Trade and investment links with the EU, ECO, Asean and SCO regions and other important countries will be strengthened.

MILITANCY: Acknowledging that force alone cannot solve problems of militancy and terrorism, the PML-N plans to integrate Fata into constitutional framework by declaring it a federating unit with the consent of its people, initiate small- and medium-sized enterprises under a crash programme, amend anti-terrorism laws to provide appropriate standards of evidence, prosecution and protection of judges and witnesses.

The manifesto suggests parliamentary oversight of intelligence services and envisages an institutional mechanism for better coordination among the agencies.
Mardan rally: Nawaz promises peace if voted to power

By Our Correspondent
Published: March 9, 2013

MARDAN: PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif lashed out at the current government on Friday and said that his party had concrete solutions for the innumerable problems faced by Pakistanis every day.

He expressed these views while addressing a large public rally at the railway ground.

During the gathering, he promised that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), if voted into power, would take every possible step to restore peace and to overcome the prevailing power crisis, all within two short years. Complete solutions have logically been spelled out in the party’s election manifesto, he said.

Nawaz said it is the policies of incumbent rulers that have smeared Pakistan with blots of increasing poverty, inflation and insecurity.

“The rulers have sold the sovereignty of the country to the United States,” he said. “Each and every citizen’s future is uncertain [right now] but our government will take all steps for ensuring protection and establishing peace.”

Amongst the promises made were the generation of an additional 25,000 megawatts of electricity, increased availability of basic health care facilities, the expansion of the motorway network to Karachi and Gwadar, and the launch of a bullet-train across the country, one that will reduce travel time between Peshawar and Karachi to merely seven hours.

Additionally, Nawaz said his government would take into consideration all provinces, not just his own. PML-N would initiate developmental projects in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa similar to the ones in Punjab, such as the laptop scheme, the establishment of Danish schools for underprivileged children, and adequate allocation for the education and agriculture sectors.

“If we are voted into power, we will run the metro bus service in all the provinces,” he said.

The PML-N chief also expressed concern over the image of the country in the eyes of international community. According to him, Pakistan today stands isolated. Resultantly, if elected, his party will take steps to resolve the Kashmir issue and remain involved in Afghanistan’s peace negotiations.
Moreover, he highlighted the Rs0.7 billion the Punjab government spent for the construction of a kidney hospital in Swat. Furthermore, it is now providing significant assistance to establish a burns centre in Mardan.

At the rally, he was flanked by PML-N’s Senior Vice President Amir Muqam, Senior Vice President Khawaja Mohammad Khan Hoti and Provincial President Pir Sabir Shah.
ISLAMABAD: Chief Minister Punjab Mian Shahbaz Sharif has promised that the first legislation to be passed by the next Punjab Assembly will be the Right to Information law if the PML-N came into power, rekindling a hope for the media and civil society organizations struggling for this legislation.

“Mark my words. This will be the first law approved from the Punjab Assembly if we form the next government,” Shahbaz Sharif said with reference to the RTI law in a telephonic conversation with The News on Saturday.

The provincial cabinet recently approved the draft law at the close of its term meaning thereby that the gigantic task of passing it into a law has been left to the next Assembly. The draft law was prepared in 2010, but the provincial cabinet shied away from stamping its approval until recently. It will only come into effect once passed by the Punjab Assembly.

Nevertheless, the Punjab is a step ahead of other provinces and federal government where no concrete effort has been made to recognize the basic right of citizens to have access to information.

Major political parties: PML-N and PPP had agreed through the Charter of Democracy (CoD) that the RTI laws will be made; however, no serious effort has been demonstrated. While the PML-N’s provincial government got this law approved from the cabinet, the PPP federal government lagged far behind. A draft bill in this respect has been pending with the sub-committee of the Senate Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting for months now.

Zahid Abdullah, coordinator of Coalition on Right to Information (CRTI), has regretted this inordinate delay by major political parties in living up to their promise. The legislation on RTI was part of the CoD signed by the PPP and PML-N, Zahid said while talking to The News.

They have violated their commitment by not passing this legislation, he said. Zahid however lauded the Punjab government for taking some steps in the right direction through the passage of draft law from the provincial cabinet.

Reacting to Shahbaz Sharif’s commitment to declaring it the first legislation to be approved through the Punjab Assembly, Zahid termed it a welcome step and said they will closely watch if Shahbaz will translate his promise into a reality.

Other provincial governments have either done nothing on the RTI laws or acted with total indifference aimed at blocking the access of information to common people. As for Khyber-Pakhtoonkhwa government, it has shown no plausible progress at this front.
The provincial governments of Sindh and Balochistan have copied the toothless law introduced during the Musharraf era to allay the concerns of foreign donors: Freedom of Information Ordinance 2002. This ordinance guaranteed no power to the Ombudsman Office, the appellant authority against the departments not cooperating in granting access to the information.

There is no mention either of an independent information commission to deal with bureaucratic hurdles making this ordinance impotent as far as access to information is concerned.

The Sindh Assembly approved this law knowing well that it was not going to change the ground realities and making the government accountable, while the Balochistan government prepared a draft altogether adopting this ordinance; however, no legislation was done.
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Shahbaz promises economic ‘blast’ after polls
April 17, 2013
Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE - Former Punjab chief minister Shahbaz Sharif has said the PML-N government, on coming to power after the next elections, will save the country and bring it back to the mainstream of the world.

Addressing the PML-N workers here Tuesday, Shahbaz mentioned achievements of the Nawaz Sharif governments in the past to make the country a nuclear power as well as an economic might in the region. On May 11, he said, his party would conduct another ‘blast’ of prosperity and development of the country like as it had done on May 28, 1998, to make Pakistan nuclear by conducting six nuclear tests.

He alleged the PPP government had destroyed the profit earning institutions of the state and protected corrupt elements. The former CM also accused PPP of spending the money earned through corruption on the election campaign.

He added the PPP was spending huge money to malign PML-N and distorting the facts, but his party would not let it succeed. “Had Zarbaba and company not looted the national exchequer, there would have been no load shedding in the country,” he said, promising to take the corrupt rulers of the last government to task on coming to power. He said May 11 will be the day of accountability of the PPP rulers.

The former CM also accused the PPP government of causing loss to the public money in rental power projects and committing corruption of billions of rupees. Instead of promoting hydel resources of power generation and making use of coal and gas to enhance power production, the former government purchased furnace-based expensive electricity for commission from the contracts, he added.

Meanwhile, candidate of PPP for PP-161 Lahore, Col (retired) Muhammad Tariq, on Tuesday met with Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif and his rival candidate from the PML-N, and announced to join hands with the latter renouncing his party.

Tariq assured the former Punjab chief minister of full cooperation in upcoming elections, and announced to return ticket to the PPP leadership.

Shahbaz Sharif expressed pleasure over Tariq’s announcement to join the PML-N, and described it a stamp on the PML-N victory in the next elections. Tariq pledged to play a leading role for Shahbaz Sharif’s campaign in the constituency.

In the 2008 general elections, Col Tariq had secured about 23,000 votes mainly by the virtue of 98 per cent support of Rana clan.

LHC calls record about defaulter candidates
The Lahore High Court on Tuesday again sought the record of defaulter candidates of Excise and Taxation Department, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited, PTCL, power supply companies, WASA and other departments.

During the proceedings, a full-bench of the court was informed that the relevant record had not so far been furnished. Upon this, the bench expressed dismay on the situation and put off the hearing till April 17.

The bench of Justice Ijazul Ahsan, Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah and Justice Syed Mazahar Ali Akbar Naqvi has been hearing a constitutional petition seeking implementation of articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution during scrutiny of candidates for the next general elections.

The bench had directed the Cooperative Department secretary to ensure presence of a responsible officer along with the record of cooperative society’s defaulters.

Advancing his arguments, Advocate General Punjab Shahid Karim stated the court should not interpret articles 62 and 63 as general and decide the matter pertaining to these articles on an individual basis.

The petitioner’s counsel Muhammad Azhar Siddique had submitted that hundreds of candidates who had filed their nomination papers did not qualify for the criteria laid down in the article 62 and 63 for being chosen as member to the assemblies. He said it was a constitutional requirement that only those should be allowed to contest elections who qualify under the Constitution.

He said that to implement the constitutional provision it was essential to ensure election of true representatives. He requested the court to issue directions to the ECP to perform its functions as required under Article 218(3) of the Constitution to conduct the forthcoming elections honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law and also to guard against corrupt practices.

He also requested the court to direct the ECP to strictly implement the article 62 and 63 of the Constitution while scrutinising the nomination papers filed by candidates for May 11 elections.
PML-N to enhance women’s role in legislation: Nawaz

LAHORE - PML-N President Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has said his party will ensure substantial participation of women in legislation as well as other affairs of the state.

After voted to power, the PML-N government would frame policies to ensure participation and a positive role of the women in lawmaking as well as in running affairs of various government departments, Nawaz Sharif said while speaking to activists of the women wing and the former legislators of the party here Friday.

Nawaz said his party was determined to check through legislation, torture on women and discriminatory treatment to them in inheritance as well as in society. He said the PML-N government would implement a comprehensive programme for the empowerment of women so that they could also keep pace with other segments of the society. After coming to power, the PML-N government would provide them soft loans and give them every incentive necessary to facilitate them in business, education and other professions.

Nawaz said his government would also give loans to the women for building houses, besides enhancing their participation in the judiciary, health, education, financial and other sectors of national development.

The PML-N president also promised enforcement throughout the country the legislation carried by Nawaz government in Punjab to ensure protection to the women’s rights in inherited property. He said care centres and women entrepreneurship financing for businesswomen would also be established to facilitate this important segment of the society.
RAWALPINDI: The President of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Nawaz Sharif, on Tuesday said the people would vote for the PML-N candidates for the sake of development and prosperity of the country despite the fact that the PPP, PML-Q and PTI had joined hands against his party.

He claimed that the ‘tiger’ would roar on May 11 and would make the rivals run away from the field. Nawaz addressed election rallies in Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Swabi, Haripur and Abbottabad, focusing on future development programme and achievements of the party.

Addressing a public meeting at Liaquat Bagh, Rawalpindi, which falls in the NA-55, Rawalpindi, which once used to be a stronghold of former PML-N stalwart Shaikh Rashid Ahmed, Nawaz said, “Once he (Sheikh Rashid) used to be our favourite but he changed his loyalties, but the current candidates are loyal to the party.”

He recalled that he was elected for five years twice in the past but was given opportunity to serve the nation for a total period of four years but his government carried out unprecedented development work in the country.

“I regret that I was pushed out of the country and could not serve the country for 10 years,” he said. The former prime minister said giving jobs to unemployed youth, releasing loans to skilled youth on soft conditions, putting an end to loadshedding and getting rid of foreign loans were among his top priorities.

Nawaz said on coming to power, he would break the begging bowl as he did in 1998 when his government conducted six nuclear tests in response to five tests from the neighbouring country. “I did not compromise dignity and honour of the nation and the country and refused billions of dollars for not conducting the nuclear tests,” he said.

PESHAWAR: Nawaz Sharif asked the people to vote for his party nominees for bringing about a positive change in the country and peace in the region.

Obviously in a hurry, the PML-N chief hardly spent 10 minutes in Peshawar. He delivered a speech at the residence of the party’s secretary general Iqbal Zafar Jhagra in Jhagra village outside Peshawar.

In his brief speech, he asked the people to vote for the candidates of PML-N to strengthen the country and ensure a better future of the coming generations. “The people should make the right decision on May 11 for the sake of the country,” Nawaz said, adding the PML-N had always strived for Pakistan’s prosperity.

The PML-N chief said he had a dream to build a motorway from Peshawar to Kabul and extend it to Tashkent, turn Pakistan into a commercial hub of the region and pave the way for rapid development.

Nawaz particularly focused on the youth and said they must prepare for a better future as the PML-N was determined to address the joblessness. In a lighter vein, he added, “But I am not asking those having fake degrees. I am not asking the youth for vote only. I also urge them to take part in the activities to make Pakistan prosperous.”
SWABI: Speaking at a public meeting in Swabi, Nawaz said if voted to power his party would adopt result-oriented policies to revive the economy and put the country on the path to progress. He said in the past Pakistan’s economy was much better than that of its arch-rival India.

“If we emerge victorious on May 11, we will formulate policies to rejuvenate the economy and overtake India. This is our determination and without economic revival it may be difficult to materialise our dream of progress,” he said. He asked how the country could become developed if the industrial units faced frequent and long hours of power outages.

Criticising both Imran Khan and President Asif Ali Zardari, he remarked: “The one is a khilari (player) and the other a madari (juggler).” “President Zardari is playing a political game while remaining behind the curtain. He cannot come out. No doubt, he will meet his fate in the election on May 11,” he declared.

The PML-N chief said the Pakistan People’s Party Parliamentarians could only be seen in advertisements instead of the political field. “We have planned to extend the motorway from Peshawar to Kabul and from Karachi to Gwadar,” he said.

ABBOTTABAD: Nawaz Sharif said his party was determined to changing the fate of the country. He claimed that in 1998 he had refused a lucrative offer of five billion dollars from the US which wanted Pakistan not to conduct the nuclear tests.

He promised to steer the country out of the prevailing crises and said the unemployed youth would be provided soft loans to start their own businesses. The party chief said relief would also be provided to farmers by ensuring provision of fertilisers, seeds and pesticides to them.

HARIPUR: Addressing a public meeting in the Haripur district, Nawaz said his party would sweep the polls and all his political rivals would face a humiliating defeat.

“The PPP is involved in the character assassination of the PML-N’s leaders,” he said, adding that President Zardari was behind the media propaganda against his party. He pledged that Hazara division would be given the status of a separate province and a medical college and university would be established in Abbottabad.
Karachi Metro Bus Project to be launched soon: Shahbaz

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KARACHI: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz leader Shahbaz Sharif has said that work on Karachi Metro Bus Project would be started soon.

Speaking to senior anchor and analyst Kamran Khan in Geo News program 'Aaj Kamran Khan Kay Saath', Shahbaz Sharif, whose party emerged as the largest winner in May 11 polls, said launching the Metro Bus Project in Karachi is PML-N's one of the top priorities.

To a question, the former Punjab chief minister said the load shedding issue would have to be addressed by adopting short, medium and long term measures.

He said as a short-term measure a check on power theft and line losses would be ensured besides recovery of bills from provinces. The recovered money will be injected into the system which will serve two aims - stop the circular debt from snowballing further and generate more power.

Later, in the long-run additional power would be generated through available resources including coal reserves and added to the national grid.

Mr. Sharif vowed that just like 'we developed the Punjab, we will build Pakistan on the same lines' and the country would be put on a path to a constant progress.
## Election Promises by PTI

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PTI promises to revive economy, eradicate corruption, create 10m jobs

March 4, 2013 BY STAFF REPORT

Announcing the Industrial Policy of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Chairman Imran Khan on Monday promised that if voted to power, his government would jumpstart country’s economy by reviving the industrial sector and restoring the confidence of investors, while giving new jobs to 10 million youth through skill development programmes.

Addressing a ceremony on the occasion, Imran said the country would no longer need foreign aid if his party is voted to power. He said his government’s main focus would be on human development and eradication of corruption from the country. “Poverty has been increasing in the country due to rising corruption. The only solution to control inflation in the country is to eliminate corruption and to take action against those involved in corrupt practices. We will ensure the supremacy of law after coming into power and the PTI will not use the army against the public,” the PTI chief said, adding that poor law and order situation had repelled the investors from doing business in Pakistan. “How can the investor come in a country where cricketers are not willing to play,” said the cricket legend-turned politician.

He further said that his party would depoliticise the bureaucracy and eradicate the “corruption culture”, saying such problems had a direct link with inflation and poverty.

“The country can be made richer by bringing back the public money which corrupt leaders have kept in off-shore accounts,” he said, adding that only the PTI could take such steps because “this can only be done by those who have all their assets in their own country”.

He said that only 90 days were required to maintain rule of law in the country. “Those who are corrupt cannot remove corruption from the country,” he said, while making it clear that all the policies announced by the PTI were doable.

He said that Pakistan had the talent but lacked the skills. “Our party’s main focus will be on skill development so that the Pakistani people can perform their best not only for their own country but also in foreign countries,” he said.

Imran further said that the PTI was committed to eliminating the shortages of electricity and gas within its first term in the office by resolving the circular debt, moving to low-cost power generation and reducing line losses. “We will ensure fast-track gas import and equitable rationing of resources until new gas supply arrives. Provinces will have to play their role in developing indigenous energy resources and making Pakistan secure in energy,” he added.

Earlier, PTI leader Asad Umar unveiled the party’s nine-point Industrial Policy. Speaking on the occasion, he said: “The industry in Pakistan is in dire straits due to a crippling energy crisis and lack of access to finance and skill shortages. Hence the PTI Industrial Policy aims to build solid foundations for the revival of industry by creating 10 million new jobs for the youth over the next five years and to
make the sector more viable and competitive in the international markets,” Umar said, while unveiling the Industrial Policy.

“PTI’s Economic Policy has committed to reducing fiscal deficit to 4.5 percent of the GDP, thus creating space for banks to lend to the industry and SMEs. We will set up specialised financial institutions to raise long-term capital for industry by focusing on developing vibrant debt and capital markets to fund investment spending,” Umar said, adding that the PTI would allocate land for special economic zones around every major urban centre to develop industries based on natural resource endowment.

He said that the PTI Skills Development Strategy aimed at scaling up enrolment in technical skills to two million workers from the less than 0.3 million at present. “Technical skills for workers will not only boost individual income generation capacity but the productivity of the industry,” he added.

Senior party leaders including Jahangir Khan Tareen, Naeemul Haq, Ayla Malik, and Dr Israr Shah were also present on the occasion.
Big promises: PTI vows to create 10 million jobs in industrial policy

By Our Correspondent

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Monday unveiled its nine-point industrial policy, vowing to revive the industry by restoring confidence of investors and create 10 million new jobs for youth by shifting focus to skill development.

“Industry in Pakistan is in dire straits due to a crippling energy crisis, lack of access to finance and skill shortages, hence the PTI industrial policy aims to build solid foundations for the revival of industry by creating 10 million new jobs for the youth over the next five years and to make the sector more viable and competitive in international markets,” said PTI leader Asad Umar, while announcing the industrial policy.

Speaking to the media on the occasion, PTI Chairman Imran Khan said the country would no longer be in need of any foreign aid if his party was voted to power as the main focus of PTI would be on human development and eradicating corruption.

“Poverty has been increasing due to rising corruption and the only solution to inflation is to eliminate corruption and take action against those involved in corrupt practices. We will ensure supremacy of law and will not use the army against the public,” said the PTI chief.

“Country can be made richer by recovering public money kept in offshore accounts by some corrupt leaders,” he said, adding only PTI could take such a step as its leaders had all their assets in Pakistan.

Poor law and order had compelled investors to stop businesses in Pakistan, he said and asked “how can an investor come to the country where cricketers are not ready to play.”

He claimed that just 90 days were required to enforce rule of law in the country, making it clear that all the PTI policies and decisions were doable.

He pointed out that talent was present in Pakistan, but lack of skills has hampered progressive activities. “Our party’s main focus will be on skill development to make people perform their best not only for their own country but also in foreign countries,” he said.

PTI has also committed to eliminating electricity and gas shortages within its first term in office by resolving the circular debt problem with the help of a lower cost of power generation and reduction in line losses.

“Gas import should be expedited and equitable rationing of resources should be ensured until gas arrives. Provinces will have to play their role in developing indigenous energy resources and making Pakistan an energy-secure state,” stressed the PTI leader.

Senior party leaders including Jahangir Khan Tareen, Naeemul Haq, Ayla Malik, Dr Israr Shah and others were present on the occasion.
Asad Umar underlined the need for taking proactive and effective measures to boost investor confidence, stressing that rent seeking and corruption needed to be checked and an alternative dispute resolution mechanism developed to speed up contract enforcement.

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Imran Khan promises corruption-free Pakistan

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chief Imran Khan Imran Khan Saturday promised thousands of his supporters to make Pakistan a corruption-free country, also taking pledge from them that they also not indulge in corrupt practices.

Speaking at a big public meeting at Minar-e-Pakistan, the PTI chief said that six promises with the nation to build a new Pakistan.

“I will always speak truth with nation and will stand with oppressed class”.

Imran Khan said he will have no property or assets outside Pakistan and will live and die in the country.

He pledged that he will never benefit from power and will not allow any of his relatives to benefit from his being in power. He will not make factories after coming in to power.

He will protect money of public taxes and will not allow anyone to evade tax or spend it on luxuries. He said he will build play grounds and turn Governor House building into a library.

Imran Khan said he will also stand against the brutalities on overseas Pakistanis. He pledged that promises made in the manifesto would be fulfilled.

In his address, Shah Mahmood Qureshi said if voted to power, his party will end traditional politics and build a new Pakistan.

He said in 1940 people supported for Pakistan and today people demanded to build a new Pakistan.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi said PTI has become a force to bring to an end the traditional politics of turns.

He said the country is passing through a critical time with high poverty and inflation rates and dilapidated economy. Only PTI can change the circumstances in Imran Khan's leadership.

He said PTI elected their representatives through intra-party elections and today 80,000 elected representatives including 23,000 females are in front of the public.

He said that he was criticized when he decided to join Imran Khan at a time when he had offers from PML-N and PPP. Now his decision has proven correct. He asked public to vote for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf if they want change in the country.
Khan vows to bring peace in KPK

Swat: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan has vowed to establish peace in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the tribal region, besides introducing reforms in the education, health and police system.

Addressing an impressive rally in Swat, Imran Khan said that people of Swat rendered sacrifices but peace could not be established. “There will be peace in KP and FATA after PTI comes to power, I asked rulers not to fight the US led war, when I said this they used to call me Taliban Khan,” he said.

“They did call me terrorist and Taliban Khan because I used to say there is no military solution, I called for a political solution. Now those who called me terrorist are calling for peace talks,” Khan said amid slogans.

“But they can’t do that. InshaAllaah I will show you how peace could be restored through involving tribesman. Tribesmen fought for Pakistan in 1948, and 1965 and rendered sacrifices. I will tell them to hold talks with militants in their areas. We have a complete program for this purpose”.

Imran Khan said that people were worried that tickets were not being awarded on merit. “One thing that could lead the defeat of the PTI would be awarding party tickets to wrong people. We will give tickets on merit,” he assured the crowd.

He said the PTI was the first democratic party in the country.

“There are no other democratic political parties in Pakistan, other parties belong to family dynasties. Members will elect PTI leaders. Youth will be encouraged and new leadership will be introduced. 25 percent tickets will be awarded to candidates under the age of 35 years,” Imran Khan said.

“We won’t be defeated if tickets are awarded on merit.

Commenting on the education system, Khan said a uniform curriculum would be set up for rich and poor in the country and Rs 2,500 billion would be spent on the education sector.

“I set up Namal university. It was the first institution set up in a village where 90 percent students are given a free education and awarded a Bradford University degree.

“I know how to improve the health system as I set up the best hospital in the country. Now a cancer hospital is also being built in Peshawar.”

Khan said that he would introduce pre-1974 justice system in Swat.

Imran Khan said that he fulfilled all the dreams he saw and now he had also dreamed that the PTI had swept the election.
Imran Khan delivers his own 'I have a dream' speech

By Ferya Ilyas

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MINGORA: Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan delivered his own version of US civil rights activist Martin Luther King’s “I have a dream” speech during a large rally in Mingora, Swat, on Sunday.

Addressing a huge crowd, Imran told the locals about his many dreams and how he fulfilled them, adding that four months back, he dreamt of winning the upcoming elections.

“I dreamt about playing for Pakistan at the age of nine and I played for the national team at 18.

I dreamt of becoming world’s best all rounder; in nine years time I became one.

I dreamt of making Pakistan the best cricket team and winning a world cup; it took 10 years and we won in 1992.

I dreamt of establishing a great cancer hospital, it took five years and Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital was created.

I dreamt of a university like Oxford; I set up Namal University. Though, it is just the beginning for the institution.

When I joined politics, I dreamt of Pakistani people rallying with me for a better Pakistan and on October 30, 2011 the ‘tsunami’ took over Pakistan.

Four months back, I dreamt of Pakistanis celebrating in the streets and I realised PTI had swept the general elections.”

**Education**

Lamenting the sad state of education in the country, Imran said his party will bring one system for both the rich and the poor.

He said he will spend five times more money in education and will invest in the government schools.

Emphasising the need to increase employment opportunities, Imran said his government will promote technical education.

**Health**

The PTI chairman claimed he has experience in the health sector and he can fix the country’s health system.
He further congratulated the people of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa for the second SKMH being constructed in Peshawar.

**Austerity**

Repeating the promises he made in the recent Lahore rally, Imran said no MPA or MNA will be given funds in the name of development projects and only local authorities will have access to money allocated for the benefit of the people.

Criticising the lavish lifestyle of the rulers in Pakistan, the PTI chairman said all the “governor houses will be converted into sports grounds and libraries.”

**The oppressed**

Imran promised to his enthralled audience that he will bring pride to Pakistan during his tenure.

The PTI chairman said he – along with other Pakistanis – will stand by the oppressed, the minorities and the poor.

He added that he will never quit on his people and asked his supporters to do so.

Imran further told the people to prepare for the change as elections are just six weeks away.
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Altaf promises 'just, equitable system' if MQM elected

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MIRPURKHAS: Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM) Chief Altaf Hussain that his party if elected in the forthcoming general elections would give Pakistan a ‘just and equitable system’.

Addressing a rally here at Gama Stadium on Monday on the occasion of the 29th Foundation Day of the MQM, he said that no one should die because they do not have money to buy medicine and no one should be left without education because of lack of financial resources.

He said that the MQM's government would make education free up to matriculation and it would be the responsibility of the government to provide free complete healthcare facilities to the poor people.

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He said that across the board accountability would be done and loan defaulters, looters of national wealth and bribe-takers would be given exemplary punishment.

He said that the MQM does not sell party tickets at the time of general elections and no one can point finger at the MQM MNAs, MPAs and Senators for any corruption. The MQM awards tickets purely on the basis of merit and totally free of cost, he added.

Hussain said people would ask as to how the MQM would implement its revolutionary policies keeping in view the fact that the country was heavily burdened with foreign debt. He said that the looted national wealth would be recovered and spent on public welfare projects.

The MQM founding leader said that no one would be able to evade tax if an MQM government came in power.

Altaf Hussain said that the evil customs of karokari and marriage with the Holy Quran would be abolished. Those who throw acids on women would be given harsh punishments.

He said that the MQM’s government would allocate 50 per cent reserved seats for women in provincial and national assemblies. He said that 50 per cent jobs in government and semi-government institutions would also be reserved for women in order to lift their economic status.

Hussain said that the MQM would introduce land reforms a limit would be set on maximum landholdings. The surplus land would be distributed among poor farmers and peasants.

About law and order situation, he said that the MQM would ensure that no one had the fear of being looted, even women will feel secure in travelling.
He asked the Co-ordination Committee to establish a centre under KKF where couples wanting to marry out of their own free will according to Islamic laws could take shelter.

Altaf said that the organizations killing people on the basis of sectarian differences should be boycotted. "Shias should protect Sunnis and Sunnis should protect Shias."

He said that the MQM was working for eliminating differences among different nationalities. The MQM wanted to change Pakistan according to the vision of the Quaid-i-Azam.
Free health services, education up to matric if MQM wins polls: Altaf

By Web Desk

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KARACHI / MIRPUR KHAS: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) chief Altaf Hussain vowed on Monday that if his party wins the upcoming elections and comes into power, they would make health and education up to matriculation free, Express News reported.

Addressing simultaneous foundation day public rallies in Mirpur Khas and Karachi via telephone, Altaf said they aim to end exploitative feudal system.

Terming the murder of Professor Sibte Jafar as yet another attempt to incite differences among the public along sectarian, he urged the people to remain calm and defeat this conspiracy.

The MQM chief added that in their government, a poor man, if they are unable to hire a lawyer, would be able to fight their own case.

Altaf also promised greater accountability especially for extortionists and terrorists. “Those who have looted the national exchequer, they would be hanged in front of the people.”

He also promised new land reforms where small farmers will be given lands.

Ending Karo-Kari

The MQM chief in his address said that his party will fight against the culture of Karo-Kari.

“Those women who want to marry of their own free will and if someone declares them as karol kari – then such women will be provided shelter at MQM protection centres.”

He added that there will be greater persecution of crimes against women.

“Who so ever will abuse women will be brought in court and sentenced according to the severity of their crime.”

Altaf also vowed to raise the representation of women in governmental and semi-governmental organizations to 50 percent.
Altuf promises just and equitable system if MQM elected

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Hussain said the party was working for eliminating differences among different nationalities and wanted to change the country according to vision of the Quaid-i-Azam.

He said that the MQM government would introduce changes in the constitution to give equal rights to overseas Pakistanis.

The MQM chief also urged the Sindh government to pay attention on public welfare projects in Mirpurkhas.

Dr Farooq Sattar, Sardar Nabil Gabol and others also spoke on the occasion.
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LAHORE: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman launched his election campaign in Punjab with a huge public meeting at Minar-e-Pakistan on Sunday. He unfolded his election manifesto pledging 50 per cent share of workers unions in the industries’ board of directors, banning forced eviction of tenants from agricultural lands, liberating the country’s natural resources from multinational companies and tapping them to produce cheaper energy to revive the industrial sector.

He made an hour-long address to a charged but highly disciplined crowd, mostly comprising youth, who had been sitting there for over 10 hours. The Maulana said conspiracies were being hatched to postpone elections on the pretext of terrorist activities in the country but his party would foil all such conspiracies and elections would be held on time.

The Maulana vowed to protect Islamic culture and identity against Western conspiracies, safeguard minorities and their rights by treating them with due respect, as specified by Islam, liberating country from West’s financial and political slavery which Gen Musharraf had thrust on it after 9-11, and later on successfully pursued by the Zardari regime. Fazl promised that he would create a balance between salaries of private workers and government servants, disallowing private workers to become slaves and the capitalist system, which was a legacy of the British colonists.

He also asked Punjab’s agricultural workers and tenants to vote for his party, saying that his manifesto would be a new ray of hope for realising respectable life for them.

The Maulana criticised the military establishment and the Western powers for their respective roles in pursuing a hunt for Islamic values in Pakistan and usurping the freedom of Muslim nations through the UN resolutions and international laws. The Maulana did not openly accuse the military establishment of bracketing Pakistan’s security with Afghan situation, but used passive voice for describing that military doctrine was drastically changed, from that which identified India as arch enemy for the last 65 years, to the one which hunts internal terrorism and those adhering to Islamic values as the primary target of the military. He lamented that “the country established as a welfare state was thus turned into a security state. And unfortunately, the approval of such a drastic change was not authorised by the parliament.”

He said Musharraf and his followers pushed Pakistan into Afghan war on the US pressure and made our army fight against own countrymen. When our youth resisted against that and took up arms to counter the Western conspiracies, we called them terrorists. He recalled that the youth of Fata and Balochistan rebelled against that policy and climbed over mountains with arms. But we kept dubbing them as terrorists without trying to remove the root-cause of rebellion.

He warned the US and Western powers against violating the territorial independence, sovereignty of smaller nations, saying if the US and Western powers used their resources and powers positively we would welcome that. But, he said we would resist their attempts to colonise and destabilise other countries. “Every country’s own constitution and law must be held supreme over that of international
laws and the UN regulations and resolutions. And in case of a conflict, the local law should prevail over the foreign laws,” he added.

He assured the West of giving due respect to their interests but ‘not at the cost of our own interests.’ He said: “We will end the master-slave relationship but only maintain peaceful coexistence.”

The Maulana said Western concepts of human relationships were creating tensions and unrest among the country since they were exactly opposite to Islamic concepts. He said West treated man and woman as two contenders while Islam made them two wheels of a vehicle but having different roles, without proper interaction between them the vehicle would not function properly. Similarly, the Western values of independence have put our youth against their own elders, he complained.

About economic crisis, he said Pakistan was fully capable of producing enough electricity and gas from its own resources and it did not need purchasing costly power and gas from Iran, Tajikistan and any other country. The only problem was that rulers sold out our power generation and gas distribution to Western multinational companies which resold that to the poor masses at much higher rates. When the government failed to pay them money to buy oil, they stopped power production which caused load-shedding.

He wondered as to what all our agencies and departments concerned were doing when India was constructing dams on our rivers and diverting our waters away. He warned that water shortage would create agricultural crisis in the country which, in turn, would create industrial crisis. He lamented that all those rulers, bureaucrats and others responsible for turning country bankrupt and plundering the poor masses were allowed to go scot free and were only held responsible for tax evasion.

He recalled that the National Reconciliation Order (NRO) of Gen Musharraf and the PPP was enacted to pardon 8,042 killers, plunderers and those who shifted the national wealth to other countries, adding none of the beneficiaries were from the JUI-F. He also claimed that none of the JUI-F members were nominated in lists of Asghar Khan case, accusing the ISI of distribution money among politicians, Karachi target killing mafias, extortionists, loan defaulters and those who got loans written off.

He reiterated that the JUI-F had single-handedly fought the battle for protecting Pakistan’s Islamic identity, Islamic articles of the Constitution, Namoos-e-Risalat, and Islamic cause, while resisting the US policies and Western dictation for the last five years inside the parliament.

He said the alliance of religious parties would be the best thing under the circumstances but unfortunately we failed in achieving that objective. He said if the nation trusted the JUI-F for fighting alone for all Islamic causes inside parliament in the past then people could vote them again for doing the same.

Interestingly, Maulana Fazlur Rehman avoided any direct criticism of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chief Imran Khan, but other speakers criticised him in an attempt to avenge some of his remarks against the JUI-F leadership.

Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haidri, Malik Sikandar Khan, Rasheed Ludhianvi, Khalid Mehmood Soomro, Mufti Aslam from UK, Abdul Ghafoor Qasmi, Muhammad Khan Sherani, JUI-F minority leader Akram Waqar Gill and others also addressed the meeting.
5-6 سال کے بچوں میں کسی کیا ایک ہی لنگوں کی کافی تعداد سے نمر کے ساتھ اپنا ہے، کیونکہ دکھایہ جارہے ہیں کہ ان کے 80000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ اس کی تعداد کے 15000 میں ایک 6263 کی ہے جو دوسرے بچوں کے درمیان ایک خزانہ کا نام دے سکتی ہے۔ محفوظ ہیں کہ تین سال کی ایک اور بچوں کے درمیان 3000 کے معاہدہ ہے جو محفوظ ہے।
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| 6/5/2013   | Sira-jul-Haq                  | Peshawar     | Education               | Free education from first class to intermediate and equal education in educational institutions of KPK while free health facilities to be given in all district hospitals. | Pakistan Education News |
| 6/5/2013   | Sira-jul-Haq                  | Peshawar     | Law and order           | 1. Would end the Thana culture and  
2. Military operation in the KPK province,  
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Manifesto matters: JI vows to make Pakistan ‘a self-reliant Islamic welfare state’

By Our Correspondent

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ISLAMABAD: With pledge to make Pakistan a sovereign and self-reliant Islamic welfare state in line with Islamic principles, the Jamat-e-Islami (JI) has vowed to change and revise the political system of country.

JI Deputy Secretary General Dr Fareed Ahmed Paracha presented the party manifesto for general debate on Tuesday at a seminar organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), according to a press release.

The manifesto includes several determined objectives, including ending terrorism, lawlessness, land reforms, unemployment, energy crises and overseas Pakistanis political rights and inequitable distribution of wealth.

Paracha was of the view that increasing the tax net can solve the problem of increasing budget deficits. “After coming to power, the JI will ensure the availability of daily use items along with their sustained prices for its full term in office,” he said.

The JI leader did not address how prices would be controlled.

He said the JI will spend five percent of gross domestic product on education and will focus on upgrading schools, promoting Urdu and local languages as primary mediums of education, and will make English the second language.

Replying to a question, the JI leader said, “JI is against terrorism and to cope with this problem there is an immediate need for proper law and order reforms.” All visas which have been issued without any security clearance will be cancelled immediately,” he said.

“We will also investigate past cases of terrorism in Pakistan and will ensure the return of Dr Afia Siddiqui back to her motherland,” said Paracha. However, he did not explain how this could be done.

On the energy sector, the JI leader said the party would control line losses and optimise the 22,000 megawatt electricity generating capacity with the help of Iran and China. Reflecting upon the energy policy, he said that JI has planned to make six big and 200 small dams all over the country.

On women empowerment, the manifesto says the party would make divorce harder to get, address problems with women’s rights to inheritance and ownership, and address honour killings.

He also talked about reforms in civil services, local government and police.

Mukhtar Ahmed, a senior analyst said the JI manifesto is comprehensive and innovative, but lamented that the party has not addressed the issue of sectarianism in its manifesto.
JI Promises Freedom From Zardaris

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PESHAWAR: Jamaat-e-Islami Chief Syed Munawar Hassan has expressed his resolve to win freedom from, what he called, ‘clutches of Zardaris’.

Addressing a public gathering here on Wednesday, he said poverty in the country was on the rise, and people were extremely disturbed over the prevailing conditions.

Munawar Hassan urged upon the people to vote for balance, party’s election symbol, in order to get freedom from terrorism.
Jamaat-e-Islami promises free education up to high secondary

Written by | May 6, 2013 |

PESHAWAR: Central vice Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, Sirajul Haq in a meeting held on Sunday unveiled its preferences in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after winning general elections. Free education from first class to intermediate would be given and equal education would be introduced in education institutions while free health facilities to be given in all district hospitals.

Shadow Chief Minister of JI while addressing a meeting said his party made public the preferences for the province and it would work these preferences if JI voted to power in KP. JI government would end the Thana culture and military operation in the province, Siraj claimed and saying all the missing persons in his reign would be recovered.

He claimed his government would take historical steps in the filed of education and render free education from first class to intermediate while patients would be treated freely in entire districts hospitals.

The graduated students would get scholarship till the findings of jobs and the female rights would be protected, Siraj stated. His government would focus on welfare and uplift works in the province after defeating the opponents in elections, Siraj added.

Mr. Siraj categorically said 2000 megawatt power to be produced from water in KP and improvement would be brought in agricultural. Local government system would be implemented and rights of minorities would be secured, he added.

JI if came into power would eradicate the corruption and bribery in the province, JI Ameer claimed.

The deteriorating position of industries would be restored and people would build new industries and get employments, Siraj said and adding his party was on top in electioneering campaign in the province and form government after next elections. He advised party activists and leaders on the occasion to expedite election campaign and convey the manifesto of his party in well manner.
Centre for Peace and Development Initiatives, (CPDI) is an independent, non-partisan and a not-for-profit civil society organization working on issues of peace and development in Pakistan. It is registered Under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984). It was established in September 2003 by a group of concerned citizens who realized that there was a need to approach the issue of peace and development in an integrated manner. CPDI is a first initiative of its kind in Pakistan. It seeks to inform and influence public policies and civil society initiatives through research-based advocacy and capacity building in order to promote citizenship, build peace and achieve inclusive and sustainable development. Areas of special sectoral focus include promotion of peace and tolerance, rule of law, transparency and access to information, budget watch, legislative watch and development.