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Bajaur Agency:

On 01 April 2013, two women, one from Bajaur tribal agency and the other from Lower Dir district, made history when they became the first tribal women to file nomination papers to contest elections for National Assembly.

On 02 April 2013, Badam Zari, the first tribal woman to come forward to contest for a National Assembly seat from Bajaur Agency said that she wants to become a powerful voice of women of tribal areas.

Mohmand Agency:

On 04 April 2013, tribesmen belonging to Mohmand Agency asked CJP and the EC to take note of the issuance of computerised national identity cards CNICs to Afghan refugees.

On 04 April 2013, the tribal elders in Mohmand Agency have demanded of the authorities to restore the old jirga system and strengthen role of elders in resolution of disputes in the area.

Khyber Agency:

On 01 April 2013, a total of 55 candidates have filed their nomination papers for the two National Assembly seats of Khyber Agency, NA-45 (Jamrudcum-Landi Kotal) and NA-46 (Bara) show that 27 candidates have submitted nominations papers from NA-45 and 28 aspirants from NA-46.

On 02 April 2013, a lady doctor was killed after being hit by a mortar shell in Khyber Agency.

On 02 April 2013, around 43,000 people have been forced to leave their homes in Maidan area of Tirah Valley, Khyber Agency, over the past two weeks because of escalation of hostilities between militant groups in the tribal region, the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (Ocha) revealed.

On 02 April 2013, Khyber Agency political agent Mutahir Zeb removed assistant political agent of Landi Kotal Dr Azmat Wazir as returning officer for the local NA-45 constituency and gave the additional charge of the office to assistant political agent of Jamrud Jehangir.

On 03 April 2013, students in blasted government primary school Sheikhmal Khel No 2 were still confronting the worse condition as they were taking their classes in a sandy and open ground without having a tent and any other basic facilities.

On 04 April 2013, a soldier was injured in an attack on a security checkpost in Nala area of Bara Tehsil when more than two dozen militants equipped with light and heavy arms attacked it.

On 04 April 2013, at least three militants were killed and some of their hideouts destroyed when fighter jets bombed their positions in Tirah valley.

On 06 April 2013, at least fourteen militants were killed and five troopers martyred in airstrikes and skirmishes between security forces and militants in different areas of Tirah Valley of Khyber Agency.

On 07 April 2013, six militants were killed and 40 houses were torched in joint operation by security forces and Zakhakhel tribal lashkar in Akakhel area of Tirah valley in Khyber Agency.

On 07 April 2013, Honourary Consul General of Japan in Peshawar, Nawabzada Fazal Karim Afridi, inaugurated a school at Kadam village in Khyber Agency.

Orakzai Agency:

No event of grave consequences was reported during this week in Orakzai Agency.

Kurram Agency:

On 04 April 2013, a person shot dead his wife and daughter, suffering from psychological imbalances, in Tandu area of Kurram Agency in the wee hours of Wednesday.

On 05 April 2013, four militants were killed and five others sustained injuries when militants across the border attacked a checkpost in lower Kurram Agency.

North Waziristan Agency:

On 01 April 2013, four people were injured when a car was attacked in Spinwam tehsil of the North Waziristan tribal region for violating curfew.

On 02 April 2013, setting a 24-hour deadline for the political administration, the members of the peace grand jirga threatened to stage protest if the government did not lift the curfew as it had created food shortage in North Waziristan.

On 03 April 2013, a Grand Jirga was held in Miranshah, North Waziristan Agency, among the tribal elders of NWA, Political Administration and the Army Officials wherein the tribal elders while speaking at the occasion highlighted the problems being faced by area's people due to prolonged Curfews.

On 04 April 2013, Awami National Party and Pakistan People's Party, the major coalition partners in the previous government, find it hard to get a level-playing field for their candidates to contest general elections in North Waziristan and South Waziristan agencies due to hostile environment.

South Waziristan Agency:

On 03 April 2013, at least five suspected militants were killed when security forces launched an offensive operation against the terrorist outfits in Baron area of the agency.

On 04 April 2013, sixty-two personnel of the levies force of tehsil Toi Khulla, Wana, South Waziristan have returned their weapons and uniforms to the agency's political administration over their alleged mistreatment at the hands of the latter.

On 07 April 2013, Mullah Nazir Group of Taliban has assured aspiring candidates that the insurgents would not interfere with the election process in the South Waziristan tribal region.

On 07 April 2013, a three-day anti-polio drive would start from April 15 in Fata, except in South and North Waziristan agencies due to security reasons.

Peshawar:

On 01 April 2013, the police raided the home of the suicide bomber who blew himself up in Katlang bazaar on Saturday and recovered weapons.

On 01 April 2013, two people died and seven others were wounded, among them an election candidate, in a bomb attack on a motorcade in the Janikhel area of Bannu.

On 01 April 2013, Pakistani religious scholars and US experts have developed a **model curriculum** for **Pakistan's madressahs**, combining religious studies with physical and social sciences.

On 01 April 2013, the attack on the convoy of Malik Adnan Wazir, an ANP-supported candidate for PK-72 in Frontier Region Bannu, heralds the Tehrik-e-Taliban (TTP) onslaught on election campaign of the Pakhtun nationalist party.

On 02 April 2013, the latest Pak-Afghan cross-border shelling incidents and continuing Taliban infiltration dominated the meeting between the chiefs of Pakistan Army and the international forces in Afghanistan as the two commanders' explored ways to strengthen their border coordination mechanisms.

On 02 April 2013, government directed the law enforcement agencies to check movement of internally displaced persons and illegal Afghans in the province.

On 02 April 2013, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Engineer Shaukatullah said that concerted efforts would be made to maintain peace and bring rapid normalisation in Fata to ensure conduct of ensuing general elections in a free, fair and transparent atmosphere.

On 02 April 2013, police identified another suicide bomber of the Katlang bazaar blast.

On 03 April 2013, local police arrested a key accused, identified as Jamshed of Pajaggi, in the killing of a young woman at the Lady Reading Hospital last week.

On 03 April 2013, security forces apprehended a most wanted terrorist from Samanth area located east of Michni, who was known for his expertise in the making of Improvised Explosives Devices (IED).

On 03 April 2013, dozens of gunmen attacked a grid station in Shaikh Mohammadi area in the small hours of Tuesday and killed at least seven people and kidnapped four others.

On 03 April 2013, the Foreign Office rejected Afghan charges of construction and reinforcement activities along the Durand Line saying Pakistan was only renovating one of its border posts for improving border controls.

On 03 April 2013, another Shia community shopkeeper was gunned down, identified as Zulqarnain Haider, near his shop in Dora Chowk, Phandu Road Peshawar.

On 04 April 2013, a 12-year-old swara victim appealed to the chief justice of Pakistan and the caretaker provincial chief minister to provide her and her brother with justice and adequate safety, saying a local jirga is pressuring her to marry a 22-year-old man against her will.

On 04 April 2013, a Taliban office in Doha could “facilitate” talks with the militants, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said in an interview with Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television.

On 04 April 2013, hectic diplomatic efforts are under way between Islamabad and Kabul to cool tempers after the latest cabinet level charges from Afghanistan accusing Pakistan of firing missiles into its territory and allegations of Pakistan military’s unilateral construction and physical reinforcement activities along the border in the eastern Ningarhar province.

On 04 April 2013, Governor Shaukatullah Khan said that government had not contacted militants for holding peaceful elections in the tribal areas.

On 04 April 2013, local police failed to get clues about the Wapda employees kidnapped by militants from Shaikh Mohammadi grid station Peshawar.

On 04 April 2013, China, Russia and Pakistan agreed to make concerted efforts to safeguard peace, stability and security in Afghanistan and the region, and support the Afghan-led and Afghan-owned reconciliation process.

On 06 April 2013, a person was killed and three others injured when militants fired three rockets on the FC Headquarters in Hayatabad area of Peshawar.

On 07 April 2013, seven of the eight nominated jirga members in the Doog Darra `swara` case, including father and would-be father-in-law of the girl, were arrested by the police.

On 07 April 2013, a grand jirga announced to extend all-out support to the government for restoring peace in Hangu district.