



Balochistan Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Event Report

World Environment Day 2010 Celebrations at Quetta



**Jointly organized by IUCN, UNICEF
&
Balochistan Girls Guide Association
BGGGA House, Quetta**

Introduction

5th June is celebrated as the “World Environment Day”. Like every year, this year also IUCN Pakistan, in collaboration with UNICEF, Balochistan Environmental Protection Agency (BEPA), Balochistan Forest and Wildlife Department and with an active role of Balochistan Girls Guide Association (BGGA) celebrated the event.

The main objective of the event was to create awareness among the school girls about the importance of our environment and about the current year’s theme of the WED 2010 i.e. Many Species. One Planet. One Future.

The event was attended by a large number of school girls from all over Quetta city.

Organization of the event

Though this event was to be organized on 5th June, 2010, but due to the prevailing security situation in Quetta, it was decided with mutual consultation to organize the event on 7th June. The event was divided into three parts, first part was dedicated to the painting and poster competition, second part consisted of the speeches by the school girls and third part was dedicated to a documentary on Hingol National Park and its bio-diversity.

Mr. Habibullah Khan, Secretary Forest and Wildlife, Govt of Balochistan was the chief guest of the event. Event started with the name of Allah. Mrs. Ishrat Aliani, Provincial Head, BGGA, Pakistan welcomed the participants and chief guest. She also described the history, working and achievements of the Balochistan Girls Guide Association. She thanked all the partners of the event especially, IUCN Pakistan.



Mrs. Ishrat Aliani welcoming the participants



Ms. Naila Kakar – Debate competition contestant

Speeches of the young girls from different schools of the Quetta city followed the welcome address of Mrs. Aliani. A total of nine girls took part in the debate competition. Ms. Naila Kakar was the first one to deliver the speech on the importance of environment and our health. Other students followed her. The performance of the debate contestants was evaluated by the panel of judges. There were three judges, Mrs. Bushra Kamal, Mrs. Jaffery and Ms. Mah Jabeen from BGGA.



Participants of Debate competition



The poster competition was started earlier than the planned event so that the contestants can have required time to complete their drawings. There were 16 contesting girls from different schools of Quetta city. The judges for the poster competition were Mrs. Jamila Kakar, Mrs. Rubina, Ms. Faryal and Ms. Muskrat Khan.



Poster competition contestants in action



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Speech by Mr. Zabardast Khan Bangash

Manager, IUCN Balochistan program; Mr. Zabardast Khan Bangash in his speech highlighted the importance of the World Environment Day focusing on the role of the young girls. Historically explaining, he was of the view that Pakistan's environmental statistics suggest that our environment is deteriorating at a faster pace, which needed to be arrested. We have to explore many more options in tackling the environmental pollution like planting as many trees as possible. He emphasized the role of young children especially girls in making the environment more friendly and greener.



Mr. Zabardast Khan Bangash addressing the WED event

He also emphasized upon the role of government departments like Balochistan Environmental Protection Agency (BEPA) and Forest and Wildlife Department and other players of the field to implement the rules and regulations to make our environment friendlier and to combat the impending danger of climate change impacts on our lives. He also discussed the impacts of population pressure on the cities like Quetta and its negative impacts on the lives of common man and on the environment.

Display of documentary

A documentary prepared by the SUSG-CAsia, Hingol National Park and Balochistan Forest and Wildlife Department was also displayed for the young girl guides. The main theme of the documentary was the rich bio-diversity and ecological importance of the Hingol National Park and communities living in and around the park. Hingol National Park is one of the largest national parks of Pakistan.

The main objective of the display was to create awareness among the young girl guides about the fragile relationship of ecosystem and human interdependence.

At the end of the documentary, a complimentary copy of the documentary was also presented to Balochistan Girls Guide Association (BGGA), to be shown during the future planned events of the Balochistan Girls Guide Association (BGGA) at provincial and national level.

Speech by the Chief Guest, Mr. Habibullah Khan

Mr. Habibullah Khan, Secretary, Forest and Wildlife, Govt of Balochistan in his presidential address appreciated the efforts of the IUCN Pakistan, UNICEF, BEPA, SUSG-CAsia and BGGA in successfully organizing the event. He expressed his deepest concerns on the depleting forest reserves and shortage of water. He emphasized the civil society originations and govt. institutions to join hands to combat the environmental issues being faced by the people of the province.

He appreciated the idea of involving young girl guides in making them change agents for changing the attitudes of the common men towards taking care of our environment. He assured his full support for the cause of the saving our planet and species for future generations.



Mr. Habib Ullah Khan addressing the WED event

Prize distribution

At the end of the event, Chief Guest Mr. Habibullah Khan and Mr. Zabardast Khan Bangash distributed the shields, prizes and special prizes to the winning candidates. The following were announced winners in **posters** competition:

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| • Ms. Yasmeen | Govt Girls High School, Islamabad Quetta | 1 st Position |
| • Ms. Razia | Govt Girls Middle School, Abdullah Jan Lane | 2 nd Position |
| • Ms. Rubi | Govt Girls High School, Huddah, Quetta | 3 rd Position |
| • Ms. Shukria | Govt Girls High School, Sardar Essa Khan | 4 th Position |

The following were the position holders of the **debate** competition:

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| • Ms. Farwa | Govt Girls Mission Model High School, Quetta | 1st Position |
| • Ms. Naila Kakar | Govt Girls Middle School, Abdullah Jan Lane | 2 nd Position |
| • Ms. Zahra | Govt Girls High School, Huddah, Quetta | 3 rd Position |
| • Ms. Sajida | Govt Girls High School, Sardar Essa Khan | 4 th Position |

Winners of the posters competition along with their posters



1st Prize winner



2nd Prize winner



3rd Prize winner



4th Prize winner (Special Prize)

List of schools participated in the World Environment day 2010 at Quetta

The students of the following schools took active part in the different events of the WED 2010 event organized at BGGGA office.

- 1) Govt Girls High School, Islamabad, Quetta
- 2) Govt Girls Middle School, Abdullah Jan Lane
- 3) Govt Girls High School, Huddha, Quetta
- 4) Govt Girls High School, Sardar Essa Khan, Quetta
- 5) Govt Girls High School, Hazara Town, Quetta
- 6) Govt Girls High School, Postal Colony, Quetta
- 7) Govt Girls Middle School, Ibrahim Zai, Quetta
- 8) Govt Girls High School, Lady Sundeman, Quetta
- 9) Govt Girls Mission Model High School, Quetta

Winners of the debate competition



1st Prize winner



2nd Prize winner



3rd Prize winner



4th Prize winner (Special Prize)

The prize distribution was followed by the shields presentation to the esteemed guests and organizers of the event and in acknowledgement for their work on environment and species conservation.

Among those, who received the shields were Mrs. Ishrat Aliani, Mrs. Hassan Baloch, Mrs. Rubina, Mrs. Bushra Kamal, Mrs. Bilquess Jaffery, Mrs. Jameel Kakar, Ms. Laraib Malik and Ms. Mahjabeen from Balochistan Girls Guide Association. Mr. Zabardast Khan Bangash from IUCN, Mr. Habib Ullah Khan from Balochistan Forest and Wildlife Department, Mr. Tahir Rasheed from UNDP-SUSUG-CAsia, Mr. Hassan Baloch from UNICEF, Manager Hingol National Park, and Mr. Ayub Tareen from BBC World Urdu and Pashto Service.

Mr. Zabardast Khan Bangash, Manager IUCN Balochistan program and Secretary, Forest and Wildlife Govt of Balochistan, Mr. Habibullah Khan presented the shield to the recipients.

The event came to conclusion with the vote of thanks from Mrs. Bushra Kamal.

Shields distribution ceremony



Mrs. Ishrat Aliani receiving shield from Mr. Habibullah Khan



Mr. Habibullah Khan receiving shield from Mr. Zabard Khan Bangash



Mr. Tahir Rasheed receiving shield from Mr. Bangash



Ms. Laraib Malik receiving shield from Mr. Bangash



Mrs. Rubina receiving shield from Mr. Habib Ullah Khan



Mrs. Bushra Kamal receiving shield from Mr. Bangash