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21 die in Sadiqabad train accident

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: At least 21 passengers have died and over 100 injured in a deadly train crash in a southern Punjab district with officials fearing the death toll could go up as some of the injured are in a critical condition.

Passenger train Akbar Express travelling to Quetta from Lahore rammed into a freight train at Sadiqabad station near Sadiqabad in Rahim Yar Khan district Thursday morning.

The impact was so strong that several compartments of Akbar Express went off the rail while the locomotive suffered substantial damage, according to officials.

Sadiqabad ASP Dr Hafizur Rehman Bhugti rushed to the spot soon after the crash along with

Walhar railway station near Sadiqabad in Rahim Yar Khan district Thursday morning.

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Police and rescuers to supervise the rescue operation.

More than 50 ambulances - both public and private - from across the district participated in the rescue operation, according to him.

He said a state of emergency has been declared in Sheikh Zayed Hospital and Tehsil Headquarters Hospital while a control room has also been set

up for better coordination.

Television footage from the site showed the heavily damaged locomotive and carriages, as emergency workers and local people used metal-cutting tools and heavy cranes.

Umar Farooq Salam, the district police officer of Rahim Yar Khan, said that based on preliminary investigations, when the signal changed on the track, the

train went on to the loop line where the goods train was parked resulting in the crash.

President Dr Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Imran Khan expressed grief and sorrow over the loss of lives and ordered provision of best possible medical treatment to the injured.

In a tweet, the prime minister said he has asked the railways minister to take "emergency

steps to counter decades of neglect of railway infrastructure and ensure safety standards".

According to a railways spokesperson, an information cell has been set up in Sukkur division for the families of the victims.

PPP Chairperson Bilawal Bhutto Zardari urged the government to announce

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Imran thanks overseas Pakistanis for sending more remittances;

OSDI and NCHD sign MoU to gain economic viability

KARACHI: National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) and Organization for Social Development Initiatives (OSDI), a Karachi based Social Policy Think Tank, have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate and work together for poverty alleviation and economic sustainability and creation of jobs in the rural areas of Pakistan, says a Press release.

Both the organizations have mutually agreed to collaborate on improving the lives of the vulnerable people through engaging in education, health-care and livelihood programs in the focused communities of district Mardan (KPK), Thatta (Sindh) and Lasbela (Baluchistan). OSDI shall construct and renovate Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) and Feeder Schools; along with donation of necessary school equipment to facilitate the students.

NCHD on the other hand shall, appoint and train teachers in all the educational facilities intervened by OSDI. Moreover, both the organizations shall support each other in School Based De-Worming program (SBDW), Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) tests, setting up Free General Medical Camps (GMCs) in the focused communities and provide vocational trainings to empower the youth. Besides this, NCHD shall also facilitate in training of farmers in Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP) of OSDI.

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KARACHI: Col. (Retd) Dr. Amirullah Khan Marwat, Chairman, National Commission for Human Development and Aasim A. Siddiqui, founder Trustee, Organisation for Social Development Initiative exchanging documents after signing MoU.

Understanding has been signed by both the organizations in a simple and graceful ceremony held the other day where Col. (Rtd.) Dr. Amirullah Khan Marwat, Chairman, National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) and Aasim A. Siddiqui, Founder

Trustee, Organization for Social Development Initiatives (OSDI), came into a formal agreement for mutual co-operation. Sheheryar N. Khan, Manager Programs from OSDI and Shafqat Ali Janjua, Director Education, from NCHD were also present on the occasion.

Karachiites advised to come forward to

City problems