

QUETTA - A 12-inch diameter gas pipeline on Tuesday was blown up in Machh area of Bolan district, some 40 kilometers from here.

According to sources, explosive material had been planted near the gas pipeline, which exploded with a big bang, badly damaging the pipeline. As a result, gas supply from the line was suspended to many areas, including Quetta. Police said over two kilograms explosive material was used in the blast.

Following the blast, a team of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) reached the site and started repair work to restore gas supply. The local authorities lodged a case against unknown accused and began investigation. No one has so far claimed responsibility for the terrorist act.

Levies official among two shot dead: A woman was shot dead in Naseerabad on offering resistance in a dacoity bid and a bullet-riddled body of Levies Force official was recovered from Dera Bugti.

Police said armed bandits barged into a house in Gott Bahram Khan in the precincts of Manjoshura Police Station and tried to loot valuables when an occupant, Wazira Bibi, offered resistance. Upon which the bandits opened fire killing her on the spot and fled after the shooting.

Police reached the site after the incident and shifted the deceased to hospital for medico-legal formalities and started a search operation to arrest the accused.

In another incident, a bullet-riddled body of a Levies official was recovered from tehsil Sui of Dera Bugti district.

Levies sources said the body was recovered from Haftwali area which was later identified as Iqbal. The official was shot dead by miscreants who later dumped the body in Dera Bugti area.

A case has been registered into the incident and further investigations are underway.

Ziarat Residency restoration: The Balochistan government has initiated restoration of Quaid-e-Azam Residency in Ziarat, with which the nation has emotional attachment, from its own resources

The impression created by a section of media that Sadaruddin Hashwani was doing this job is not based on facts. The provincial government praises Hashwani's spirit he manifested for restoring the residency building which is a national monument, a spokesman for the Balochistan government said.

The provincial government has constituted a committee, headed by former Balochistan chief secretary Mirza Qamar Baig, to finalise steps for restoration of the building to its original shape.

The committee also consists of well known architects, engineers and experts of national heritage like Nayyar Ali Dada, Ms Yasmin Lari and Kamil Khan Mumtaz. They have volunteered their services for this national cause.

The restoration committee has sought prequalification of contractors from all over the country.

Nayyar Ali Dada and Kamil Khan Mumtaz have recently visited Ziarat and reviewed the situation. They have put forth their suggestions for restoration of the residency to the provincial government. The government has started taking practical steps in the light of the recommendations.

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