

Tracing causes of Lahore's Polluted Air

Pakistan is witnessing a callous climate crisis, nowadays, Lahore, which is the largest city of Punjab, has reached Air Quality Index of 2000. This polluted air quality has disturbed the life in all sectors. Schools are been closed for days. Economy is halted due to a semi-lockdown situation. It has affected thirteen million people. And, this crisis is not sudden at all. This brewing challenge was recognized by World Health organization in 2014 and it was a prediction of 2024 calamity. However, the authorities ignored the warnings, unfortunately leading Lahore on the top rank of polluted cities. The reasons behind this high polluted air are not natural but mismanagement and taking warnings for granted. Ironically, dozens of policies and plans were proposed, but none of them was followed. Along with this, Pakistan did not align with developed countries for mitigating the impacts of such a horrendous crisis. Therefore, it has turned into more serious climate crisis than 2022 floods.