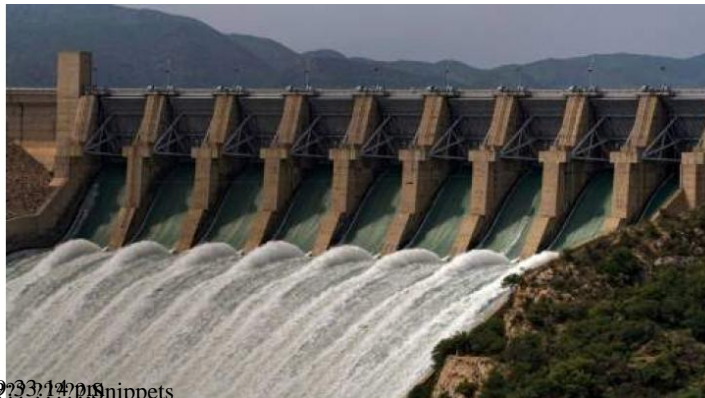


## AJK Wild Life, Fisheries Deptt clarifies media' reports about alleged drug smuggling under the guise of fish extraction from Mangla dam.



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MIRPUR ( AJK): March 11: The spokesperson for the AJK Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has clarified recent news reports published in a section of electronic and print media regarding large-scale drug smuggling through the contractor responsible for fish extraction at Mangla Dam reservoir, it was officially said.

“The department has a formal agreement with the contractor for fish extraction at Mangla Dam, under which the contractor is responsible for extracting fish from the dam and adhering to all state laws”, the spokesperson said and added that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does not condone any illegal activities under the guise of fish extraction and was committed to fully cooperate with relevant state institutions in this regard”, he added.