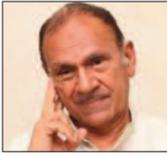


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Legend film actor Ali Ejaz laid to rest



LAHORE: Iconic Pakistani film, television and stage actor Ali Ejaz who died of cardiac arrest, was laid to rest at local graveyard on Tuesday. Earlier, his funeral prayer was offered here at Ayubia market, Muslim Town. Artists, stage actors and a large number of people belonging to different schools of thought attended the funeral prayer.

The legendary actor had suffered from paralysis a decade ago but he survived the effects of the illness, and on Tuesday, he died of cardiac arrest. Ali Ejaz had ruled the silver screen during the 1980s and his partnership with Nanha in lead comic role gave him eternal fame while his television drama 'Khawaja & Son' won him immense popularity.

He had started his career with employment in a bank while started acting career from a radio drama and later film 'Insaniyat'. He was cast in the movie by director Shaba Keranwi who had met Ali Ejaz in a bank. There are 107 films to his credit which include 84 Punjabi, 24 Urdu and one Pushto films while he had started his career in 1967. He acted in lead role in dozens of Pakistan television and private productions.

He was decorated with the Pride of Performance Award on August 14, 1993 while he had bagged multiple other awards in recognition of his acting skills. Some of his famous films include 'Sala Sahib', 'Insaniyat', 'Dubai Chalo', 'Dada Ustad', 'Pyar Da Palla', 'Bhaiyyan Di Jori', 'Yamla Jutt', 'Bad Nalo Badna', 'Bura Ashiq', 'Mera Naa Sadhu', 'Shetani Laila Majnu', 'Zulm Kai Nai Phalda', 'Sadha Rasta', 'Badal Sohrayat', 'Jawai Mister', 'Aflatoon', 'Naukartyay Tay Malik Wohdi Daa Sawal Aey', 'Baoji', 'Dushman Pyara', 'Andheri Nagri', 'Dhi Rani', 'Chor Machaey Shor', 'Ishq Mera Naa', 'Bharosa', 'Sala Sahab', 'Athra Puttar', and 'Ishq Samandar'. Ali Ejaz spent the last years of his life in professional wilderness and was ignored by the industry and television but he had left his marks on the film and drama history of the country. He has left behind a widow and two sons.

51st meeting of PBC BoGs held

By Our Sports Reporter

LAHORE: The 51st meeting of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Board of Governors (BoGs) was held on Tuesday at the National Cricket Academy (NCA).

The entire BoGs members sans the vacant Sialkot and Quetta seats were present at the meeting.

Chairman PCB, Ehsan Mani, presented his report, which dealt with restructuring of the PCB in a bid to professionalise the organisation.

The BoGs was also updated on the new appointments being made, including Managing Director PCB, Director Media and Communication, Chief Strategy Implementation Officer and Project Consultant (Marketing).

The Task Force's report on domestic cricket structure was also discussed at length.

The BoGs approved the conceptual framework recommended by the task force in which both the departments and regions will continue to have an important role.

It was reiterated that the interest of all stakeholders, especially the players, will be safeguarded.

The task force has been advised to work on the details of the structure based on constitutional and financial parameters. The BoGs, after deliberations, also approved the budget for HBL PSL 2019. The BoGs were also updated on the arrangements about the upcoming HBL PSL and the progress of the sales of HBL PSL commercial rights. The Audit and Cricket Committee reports were also presented, while the BoG was given a comprehensive briefing on the outcome of the PCB-BCCI dispute.

Balochistan uplift a must: Siraj

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Amir, Jamaat e Islami (JI), Pakistan, Senator Sirajul Haq, has said that the development of Pakistan was not possible without the development of Balochistan.

Addressing a press conference at Quetta hereon Tuesday, he said that Balochistan was rich with minerals but the incompetent rulers and cruel Sardars had made it "Masailistan" or the land of problems.

Sirajul Haq said that the governments had been promoting corruption in the province and according to the Amnesty International, there was 68 per cent corruption in the provincial Works department. He said that even the NAB had not shown any performance in controlling corruption. The JI chief said that the enemy had its eye on Balochistan and the arrest of Indian spy Kalboshan from the province proved that there was enemy hand behind the unrest in the province. He said the people of Balochistan had reservations over the CPEC and the provincial government claimed that several of its important projects had been dropped. He said that instead of concealing the facts or causing confusion, the provincial leadership and the parliament should be taken into confidence in this respect and the dropped projects should be included again. The JI chief said that even the present government had not initiated any steps for the solution of the problems of Balochistan. He said that eleven districts of the province were facing worst drought and if prompt measures were not taken to control the situation, large number of people



LAHORE: Provincial Trade Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal presides over a meeting of the Board of Directors (BoDs) of Sunder Industrial Estate (SIE).

Gas consumers in city the 'worst' victims of SNGPL

By K A Mian

LAHORE: Residents of different localities in the provincial capital have been complaining in large numbers about the absence of natural gas and low pressures in the domestic connections despite the federal government's announcement of provision of gas to domestic consumers in the entire winter season.

People whom Daily The Business spoke showed their anger against the company for making their daily lives miserable.

The federal government had announced on November 26 that the gas consumers wouldn't face any gas load-shedding during ongoing winter. For the last three weeks or so, there is hardly any locality in the city that has not faced supply, or at least, low pressure problem.

The worst-affected localities are said to be Kot Lakhpat, Mughalpur, Town-

ship, Samanabad, Ghaziabad Cantt, Gawallandi, Cavalry Ground and some parts of Gulberg and Johar Town.

"Though everyone expects the problem will resume each winter because of depleting gas reserves and system losses, domestic consumers feel the heat of the problem when it knocks their doors," says Muhammad Naeem Butt of Kot Lakhpat.

"For the last three months, we have to shift our entire cooking to the much expensive Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). Warm water is simply missing as geysers don't run for the better part of the day, creating problems for the elderly members of the family."

"Life is becoming increasingly hard though winter that has still not begun with severity of cold in December. Once temperatures drop further, things would only worsen," Naeem said, adding the SNGPL only enhance frequency

of advertisements asking gas users to not waste gas but do nothing to enhance its production and supply.

Ibrahim of Bahar Colony, another citizen, alleges the SNGPL employees are involved in getting bribes from a private hospital in H-Block Mode Town for providing continued gas supply especially in winter season.

He disclosed the SNGPL officials divert gas from the main supply valve towards their near and dear ones and leave the remaining people in the lurch.

Some residents living 500 hundred yards away from Bahar Colony people are receiving interrupted supply whereas people residing along main drain of Kot Lakhpat have been receiving inadequate gas for the last three months.

Ms Shama Liqueat talking to this scribe complained: "We have been facing extreme shortage and low

gas pressure since October and due to non-availability the cooking expenditures of LPG filling hover around Rs3000 of a four to five member family approximately."

The area people also complain poor action by the SNGPL to check violation of gas compressors has further aggravated the situation as deserving people are being deprived of gas share.

An SNGPL official seeking anonymity said thousands of complaints have been received against illegal installation of compressors in Gulberg zone only.

He added the department is reluctant to take any action against such elements and complainants are advised to launch such kind of complaints at the Prime Minister e-Portal directly for immediate rectification.

Managing Director SNGPL Amjid Latif wasn't available for comments despite repeated attempts.

PFA serves notice to Sting Energy Drink

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has directed Sting Energy Drink for not on-air the current advertisement while serving notice to them here on Tuesday.

PFA has directed them to make necessary changes in their advertisement as per the standard of Punjab Food Authority.

The notice was served after hearing a case concerning the sting energy drink's TV commercial at PFA Headquarter. Muhammad Usman said that the company presented a wrong picture of the sting drink in TV Commercial while the ground reality is totally opposite of it. He said that food authority already banned the sale of energy drinks across the province however.

It is strictly prohibited to run those advertisements in which energy drinks are being promoted.

He further said that the use of "energy drink" word for caffeinated drinks is completely banned and directed companies to use word "stimulant" instead of "energy".

DG Muhammad Usman further said that the action is being continued against wrong labels and misleading advertisements in Punjab.

It is mandatory for all food manufacturers/marketers to seek the approval of the Punjab Food Authority on the contents of the Promotional Television

Commercials prior to broadcasting in order to avoid mislabeling, deception and misbranding.

UET VC completes four years tenure successfully

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Vice Chancellor UET Lahore Prof. Dr Fazal Ahmad Khalid has successfully completed his tenure of 4 years.

In this regard, Chairmen and Deans organized a meeting to pay tribute to his untiring efforts for uplifting the University of Engineering and Technology Lahore in the field of research and development.

Registrar Muhammad Asif, Director of Student Affairs Prof Dr Asif Ali Qaiser, Dean faculties, Administration, representatives of all departments, Teachers, Advisors and Coordinators of all student societies and a large number of students attended the meeting and pay their gratitude to worthy vice chancellor Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid.

"His services will be remembered forever for UET.

This journey towards development and improvement will always continue." It was said by the participants of meeting.

Genuine demands of businessmen to be resolved, says Buzdar

— Businessmen delegation calls on CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A delegation of businessmen led by former caretaker minister Anjum Nisar called on Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office here on Tuesday.

Talking on the occasion, Chief Minister said that a facilitating environment has been arranged for boosting the investment in the province as industrial growth also catalyzes new employment opportunities. I shall soon start visiting the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI) and other chambers along with my team and contacts with the businessmen community would be continued.

He said that Punjab government will provide every possible cooperation to solve the genuine demands of the businessmen community.

The problems relating to the Punjab government will be solved on priority basis and every possible step will be taken to promote investment.

Usman Buzdar said that consultation process with the businessmen will be continued.

He informed that drip irrigation program will be further expanded to promote the agriculture sector and added that problem of availability of fire brigade for Sahiwal Industrial Estate will be solved soon. He directed that a committee should be constituted to solve the problems of the business community with Minister for Trade & Industry in the chair and this committee would present feasible recommendations to the government. He said that problems relating to the civic agencies will also be solved. Those who called on the Chief Minister included Mian Zahid Hussain, former caretaker minister Mian Nauman Kabear, Muhammad Ali Mian, Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, Ahmed Jawad, Khamas Saeed Butt, Tanvir Ahmed, Adnan Khalid Butt and others. Provincial Minister Muhammad Aslam Iqbal, Secretary P&D, Secretary Industries, Spokesman to CM Dr. Shahbaz Gill, CEO PBIT and others were also present on the occasion.

Condoloes death of Ali Ijaz

Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief over the death of famous actor Ali Ijaz and extended heartfelt sympathies to

the bereaved family.

In a condolence message, CM paid tributes to the services of Ali Ijaz in the field of acting and social service adding that late Ali Ijaz earned a niche with his marvelous acting talent. He was a seasoned actor and a role model for the young artists, he added.

100-day plan: CM reviews departmental performance

Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar presided over a high-level meeting at his office here on Tuesday which lasted for four hours.

The meeting took a detailed review of performance of different departments including revenue, energy, environment, information & culture, excise and taxation and food. He put up the questions about the departmental performance, 100-day plans and future roadmap of the departments. He inquired that what benefits have been provided to the people through the steps taken by these departments.

He also directed to provide in black and white the details of steps taken with regard to 100-day plan of the government.

Talking to the participants, he said that departments will have to show performance adding that midnight oil should be burnt to achieve the targets well in time. Along with it, overcoming of electricity theft as well as energy conservation should be ensured. He assured that Punjab government will fulfill its responsibilities with regard to overcoming the environmental degradation.

He expressed the satisfaction that effective measures taken by the environment department have protected from smog.

He directed that a culture-calendar should be prepared to preserve the multi-faceted folk-culture of the province.

The food department should devise its policy keeping in view the future needs of wheat and sugarcane, he added.

The Chief Minister was given a briefing about the 100-day plan by ministers and their secretaries. Provincial Ministers Malik Muhammad Anwar, Muhammad Akhtar, Hafiz Mumtaz Ahmad, Fayaz-ul-Hassan Chohan, Samiullah Chaudhry, Chief Secretary, spokesman to Punjab government Dr. Shahbaz Gill, concerned secretaries and high officials attended the meeting.

Alumni homecoming weekend held at LUMS

LAHORE (PR): The Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) held its Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2018 for all the graduated batches of the past years.

Alumni from around the country and across the globe came back to LUMS this weekend to celebrate and connect.

The event turned out to be a grander affair than ever this year with the LUMS alumni community coming back to campus for three exciting days of happening events, meet-and-greets, musical performances, deep discussions with old acquaintances, and conversations over what's happening.

Programming for the weekend included an exciting panel discussion featuring star faculty and alumni, a master class for alumni led by one of the LUMS Deans, a community cricket match, and a cultural evening celebrating the winners of the Vice Chancellor's Alumni Achievement Awards and featuring dazzling performances.

The weekend was truly monumental and luxuriant. For returning alumni it was a true treat to spend time in the heart of where they had experienced every range of emotion and seemingly every aspect of life – be it happy or sad, rough or smooth – over the course of their 2-5 year stay. —PR

Dawlance a leading home appliances brand

LAHORE (PR): Dawlance, a leading home appliances brand of Pakistan, was established in 1980 with the vision of making Dawlance a global brand by practicing reliability and to make Pakistan Proud.

Dawlance serves its consumers in 3 functions involving Food Care, Fabric Care and Home Care with its wide range of appliances including refrigerators, freezers, micro-wave ovens, water dispensers, small kitchen appliances, hoods & hobs, washing machines, dishwashers and air conditioners.

Dawlance has large manufacturing capabilities owing to its 3 factories. It has the largest service centre and dealer network in Pakistan; Dawlance's vast service network in Pakistan displays its ability to reach consumers in every corner of the country and is one of the prime reasons for the brand's success. —PR

Rising disregard of rate lists 5,671 challans registered against violators in 2018

By Waleed Bin Imran

LAHORE: The District Administration has registered around 5,671 challans against those who were found involved violating the rate lists issued by the district administration whereas a fine of Rs 1,210, 9,250 was imposed on those who were found overcharging. Report also mentions that a total of 100,77 cases were filed against the violators of the administration rate list resulting in arresting of 12,220 shopkeepers out of which 4,329 people were jailed.

District Administration of Lahore has issued the detailed annual report of the regulatory authorities' operation for price control spanning for January 1, 2018 to December 17, 2018. According to the report, district administration did around 5,671 challans to those who were found violating the rate lists issued by the district administration whereas a fine of around Rs 1,210, 9,250 was imposed on those who were found overcharging.

Report also mentions that a total of 100,77 cases were filed against the violators of the administration rate list resulting in

arresting of 12,220 shopkeepers out of which 4,329 people were jailed.

District administration has been found very active in its crackdown against overpricing and violation of DC rate.

Similarly, district administration went an extra mile to depute medical staff at Prime Minister's Shelter Homes. As per the notification issued by the Deputy Commissioner Office Lahore, district administration has deputed medical staff to look after those taking shelter in at the newly established shelter homes from 6 PM to 9 PM.

Further details state that Dr. Khadim Hussain has been transferred from Govt. Dispensary Kot Lakhpat and posted at Thokar Niaz Baig, Multan Road shelter; Dr Abdul Rehman has been transferred from Truck Adda Badami Baqh and posted at Lorry Adda, Badami Baqh shelter; Dr. Muhammad Naeem Tariq has been transferred from Govt. Mian Meer Hospital and posted at Fruit Mandi shelter; Dr. Nadeem Mansha has been transferred from Govt. Mian Meer Hospital and posted at Bhatti Gate shelter and Dr. Arif Bilal, has been transferred from Govt. Mian Meer Hospital and posted at Railway Station.

Data of population welfare being computerized

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Population Welfare Col (retired) Hashim Dogar has said that population is rapidly increasing with every passing day adding that population of Punjab province will reach to 25 crore in 2030 with this growth rate.

There is a dire need to sensitize the general public with regard to multifarious benefits of family planning and keeping this thing in view, government has started working on it. —BOSR