

## Acumen celebrates the Pakistan Fellows Class of 2018

**KARACHI:** Acumen held a celebration ceremony on Saturday for the Pakistan Fellows Class of 2018. The ceremony commemorated the completion of the 2018 cohort's first year as Acumen Fellows and their induction into a global community of over 500 Acumen Fellows.

During the celebration, these 21 social changemakers, the 6th cohort of Acumen Pakistan Fellows, showcased their leadership journeys, to an audience of Acumen team and board members, sponsors, investors, social activists, entrepreneurs and exemplary professionals from the fields of healthcare, education, finance and law.

"We are delighted to be a part of the leadership journey for these exceptional individuals who have the courage, grit and resilience to focus on solving some of the most difficult socio-economic challenges in Pakistan" said Dr Ayesha Khan, CEO of Acumen Pakistan.



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LAHORE: Deputy Commissioner Saleh Saeed presides over a meeting of District Quality Control Board.

## Province-wide inspection drive PFA seals two frozen meat units for failing to meet food standards

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has carried out a province-wide drive against frozen meat manufacturers here on Saturday.

In the drive, meat safety teams have participated and sealed two units for not following the Punjab Pure Food Regulations 2018. The teams have inspected 16 frozen meat units in a daylong operation, upon the directions of PFA Director General Captain (retired), Muhammad Usman. Out of 16 units, two sealed, five punished and nine units were served with warning notices for bringing improvement in their food businesses.

Muhammad Usman, Director General, Punjab Food Authority has said that PFA's teams have shut down Al-Shaheer Frozen Meat in Lahore and Hamza Poultry Products in Sheikhupura owing to violate the rules of PFA Act.

Briefed on the issues, he said that authority sealed both units for preserving expired meat in rusty freezers, failing to produce records, an abundance of pests and poor storage system. He further said that the teams also warned nine meat outlets, asking them to improve the hygienic condition.

## Defamation laws in Pakistan weak: Shujaat

— Says decision of Chief Justice Asif Saeed Khosa about lying is quite appreciable

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Muslim League (PML) President and former Prime Minister Ch Shujat Hussain has said that decision of Chief Justice Supreme Court of Pakistan Mr Justice Asif Saeed Khosa about lying is quite appreciable.

He said defamation laws in Pakistan are weak, Chief Justice Asif Saeed Khosa should do good to the nation and introduce reforms in the defamation law so that nobody is humiliated without evidence.

In a statement issued here on Saturday, he said that it is also mentioned in the Holy Quran that Allah's curse be on liar as such the apex court is requested to take measures for curbing the liars and those leveling allegations without evidence. Shujat further said that there is hardly any politician in Pakistan who has gone to London and filed a defamation case against prominent newspaper The Guardian there. He said we have never got loan written off but newspaper The Guardian had leveled allegation against us that we have got loan written off. He said that we had filed a case against this newspaper in the Queen Bench of London High Court, after one month hearing The Guardian not only published apology on the front page but also paid all expenses of the lawyers in London and Pakistan.



LAHORE: The 80th birthday of top calligrapher Aslam Kamal was celebrated here on Saturday under the auspices of *Basm-e-Anjum Romani*. The portrait of Allama Iqbal which was made by Aslam Kamal himself presides over the ceremony, while the portrait of Faiz Ahmad Faiz is the chief guest.

# Pak-Saudi investment, trade accords to strengthen national economy: CM

— Says Saudi Prince's visit will determine new avenues of development for Pakistan

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that we welcome Saudi Prince Mohammed Bin Salman and other Saudi brothers in Pakistan.

The government and the people of Punjab like the whole of Pakistan cordially welcome the Prince.

The visit of the Saudi Prince is a matter of extreme happiness and gratitude for the whole Pakistani nation.

In a statement issued here on Saturday, CM Usman Buzdar said investment in the country will increase due to bilateral agreements between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in various fields.

Investment and trade agreement between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia will strengthen the national economy. The wide-ranging Saudi investment will help eliminate poverty.

He said the bilateral ties between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia will further improve and strengthen due to the visit of the Saudi Prince to Pakistan.

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ple of Pakistan has become an example and that the Muslims in Pakistan hold them in great esteem for their services to the holy places.

He said the people of Pakistan have profound love for the royal family of Saudi Arabia.

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## CM reaches home after performing Umrah

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Usman Buzdar has returned to Lahore after performing Umrah. He offered Umrah in Makkah and offered Noawafil in the Holy Mosque in Madinah. He prayed for the peace, progress and prosperity in the country during his Umrah.

— Expresses grief over Justice (r) Aftab's death  
Usman Buzdar has expressed deep sense of grief over the death of Justice (retired) Aftab Farukh. In his condolence message, he expressed sympathies with the bereaved family and prayed that Allah rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family.

— Takes notice of girl's death in Lahore wedding firing  
Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has taken notice of the death of an eight-year-old girl in the Manawa area of Lahore due to the firing into air during a wedding and sought a report from CCPO Lahore.

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## Ill-planned pharma conference at LCWU ends result-less Participants blame purposeless agenda; even no conference declaration issued

By K A Mian

**LAHORE:** A three day international conference on "new challenges and opportunities in Pharmacy" conducted by Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) and BZU goes conclusion-less on Saturday, sources said that there was no productive material in the sessions of so called international conference, no conference declaration was issued, *Daily The Business* has learnt here on Saturday.

Attendant of the conference said that it was merely wastage of the time

as conference was not designed on any agenda and objective to achieve.

In such conferences always research papers/articles are being presented in which valuable knowledge shared with target audience that's why I am not satisfied with this. Another participant of this conference said that he was really shocked to see that the only varsity platform was used for this purpose even as I am not happy. It was just gathering in which lunch and dinner was offered by the sponsors of the pharmaceutical company what is this. Official sources said we are not giv-

ing any worth to this even VC didn't speak anything about the conference.

It couldn't be stated a successful event how can anyone conclude it? It was expressed by the sources in the LCWU in the condition of the anonymity while talking to *Daily The Business*. The Provincial Minister for Health, Dr Yasmin Rashid also addressed the eve and said that they will facilitate universities with the latest equipped labs for pharmaceutical research. Vice-Chancellor LCWU Prof Dr Farkhanda Manzoor and her counterpart from Quaid e Azim University

Islamabad were also attended the event as guests of honour. Prof Humaira Khan, Director Institute of Pharmacy LCWU told that experts from local and foreign universities and stake holders of pharmaceutical industry presented their research and experiences how to improve the standards in pharmacy.

Students as well as faculty will be enriched through this conference.

Vice-Chancellor LCWU Prof Dr Farkhanda Manzoor announced to organise international pharmaceutical expo in the varsity in coming months.

## Siraj opposes proposed ban on social media

— Says govt wants to take away peoples right of expression'

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Amir, Jamaat e Islami (JI), Pakistan, Senator Sirajul Haq, has opposed the proposed ban on the social media and said the government wanted to take away the peoples right of expression.

In a statement here on Saturday, he said that devising a code of ethics was necessary but clamping a ban on the social media and resorting to harsh steps on the basis of difference of opinion was not desirable.

He said that various steps adopted by the government against the print and the electronic media had already rendered hundreds of newsmen jobless.

However, he said that depriving the people of their democratic right to criticize the government and register their protest was a dictatorial approach.

Sirajul Haq said that the laws of cyber crime control should not be misused. He said that if the government itself did not follow the laws, accepting the same from the general public was only self deception. He said that if the masses demanded a ban on the tweets of the ministers, the government would not have any answer. He said that freedom of the media was a requirement of the democratic system.

## PBM provides 73 wheel chairs in last five months

From Our Staff Correspondent

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) has provided 73 wheel chairs to deserving persons in last five months, Minister In Charge of the Cabinet Division Ali Muhammad Khan told National Assembly.

In a written reply to the question of Syed Mehmood Shah, he said PBM provided wheel chairs to the disable applicants having income upto Rs 15,000 per month.

## Opening ceremony of community watch wing, public liaison committee project held Timely justice to public going on with cooperation of police, public

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** On the directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Amjad Javed Saleemi the process of timely justice to the public and elimination of anti social elements of society is going on with the mutual cooperation of Police and the public.

A prestigious inaugural ceremony was held at district police lines Attock for establishment of community watch wing and public liaison committee in this regard.

Public representatives, members of civil society, community watch wing, members of PLC and DPO Attock along with other police officers participated in this ceremony.

While briefing DPO Attock told to participants that the basic objective of community watch wing and public liaison committee is to establish a mutual cooperation between police and the public following the parameters of community

policing and also ensure elimination of crime from the society. These committees will also resolve the common disputes by which the precious time of police will be saved and police will be able to put complete focus on extermination of major crime from the society.

He further said that 200 members of community watch wing from general public will aid police in crime investigation whereas 400 members of public liaison committee will provide timely information to police regarding suspicious sectarian and political activities. According to DPO Attock by these committees the issues of the public will get resolved very

quickly and it will strengthen the trust between public and police. The issue of political and religious will also be redressed by these committees before getting se-



vere because if sectarian issues are not overcome timely then these issues cause high disastrous. He further said that members of Community Watch Wing will patrol streets, mohallas and villages. They will be provided with proper gear

with fluorescent jackets, helmet, torch and sticks will patrol with police by which the crime graph will be lowered down. SDPOs will supervise these members and submit reports on daily basis. The objective of PLC is to provide relief to public which will play its role in resolution of political and religious issues. In this way, local people will become eyes, ears and hands of Police in their efforts.

DPO Attock further said that it will be easy to fight against the crime on identification of public and police patrolling has been scheduled in this regard by which monitoring and surveillance systems will be improved. It will also help in identifying the criminals, their arrest and activities by the help of public cooperation.

## All possible measures being taken to control crimes in city: DIG OPs

**LAHORE:** DIG Operations Lahore Muhammad Waqas Nazir has said that Lahore Police has taken all possible measures using latest technology and implementing on institutional reforms to control crimes in the city. Lahore Police has gained valuable success in its crackdown against criminals in very first 15 days of February. Lahore Police Operations wing has issued its first 15 days of the February performance regarding action against criminals here today. Lahore Police arrested as many as 75 members of 27 dacoit gangs and recovered 69 lakh and 07 thousand of rupees which they had snatched from the citizens.

During grand action against illegal weapons in the city, Lahore Police arrested as many as 186 criminals and also recovered from them 08 rifles, 05 guns, 166 pistols, 01 daggers and more than 960 bullets from these criminals. During action against narcotics Police arrested as many as 286 drug peddlers and recovered from them more than 09kg heroin, more than 01kg Ice, more than 164kg Charas, more than 70kg Bhang and 3550 liters of liquor. Similarly in during first 15 days of this February, Lahore Police arrested 210 criminals involved in gambling and registered 48 cases against them recovering more than 01 lakh rupees. Moreover 105 Proclaimed Offenders of A&B category, where as 119 Court Offenders were arrested. Lahore Police initiated search operations in hotels, guest houses, hostels, education institutes, buses and railway stations, residences of Chinese as well as Madaris to maintain law and order situation in the city. Lahore Police also arrested 1258 criminals for violating of One Wheeling Act, Kite Flying Act, Price Control and Loudspeaker Acts.—