

Minimum 18°C
Maximum 31°C
Sunset 05:22pm
Sunrise 06:11am
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR	04:49 AM
ZOHAR	11:48 PM
ASR	03:45 PM
MAGRIB	05:24 PM
ISHA	06:45 PM

Quick Read

‘Kartarpur Corridor a gift of Guru Nanak’s birthday’

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The provincial minister of HR&MA Ijaz Alam Augustine has said that hopefully corridor of Kartarpur will be open to the public on 9th of next month and it was the strong foundation laid by PM Imran Khan on November 28, last year.

He said that the corridor's opening will be a great part of Guru Nanak's 550th birth anniversary's celebrations.

The minister said that the construction work on the Kartarpur project has entered its final stage.

He further said that Pakistan welcomed India's decision to build a corridor from Punjab to Pakistan's Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib, the final resting place of Guru Nanak. He said that such steps will encourage voice of reason and tranquility on both sides of the border.

12 industries sealed over environmental pollution

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Environment Protection Department (EPD) Punjab has sealed 12 industries in different areas of Lahore over environmental pollution, said EPD Deputy Director Ali Ijaz in a statement issued on Wednesday.

"The sealed industries were harming the environment and were a cause of air pollution," he added.

The EPD team, under the supervision of Deputy Director Ali Ijaz, raided the industries emitting dense black smoke and using substandard fuel and sealed them on the spot.

The sealed industries include Zulfiqar Poultry Works, Gazanfer Poultry Works, Javaid Poultry Works, Haji Nazir Poultry Works Gajjumatta, Ali Poultry Works Gajjumatta, Haji Li-aquat Steel Re Rolling Mill Mehmood Booti Ring Road, Osama Steel Re Rolling Mill Mehmood Booti Ring Road, MSI Steel Re Rolling Mill Mehmood Booti Ring Road, Umer Steel Re Rolling Mill Karol Ghatti Ring Road, Toheed Steel Re Rolling Mill Bhenni Road, New Noshahi Steel Re Rolling Mill Bhenni Road and Style Textiles Multan Road.

Ali Ijaz said that the owners of these industries had not installed air pollution control equipments despite warnings hence they were sealed.

PRA to introduce electronic invoice system for taxation

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The 15th session of the Cabinet Committee on Law, chaired by Provincial Minister of Law Raja Basharat, was held on Wednesday in the Civil Secretariat, with provincial ministers Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed, Raja Yasir Humayun, Hafiz Muntaz Ahmed, Taimoor Ahmed Khan, Chief Secretary Punjab Yousuf Nasim



LAHORE: Motorists on their way on the GT Road Baghunpura during the morning hours as smog engulfs the area. —Online

Housing policy be devised on priority basis: CM

—Chairs meeting about progress on *Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme*

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar presided over an important meeting at his office here on Wednesday in which provincial housing secretary gave a detailed briefing about progress on Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme.

The chief minister directed to submit a feasible plan for the provision of houses to low-income stratum as soon as possible within the next two weeks. He also directed to immediately constitute a committee adding that co-ordinated planning should be made for public sector business model and social housing.

Housing policy for low-income segment should be devised on a priority basis, he added. The chief minister disclosed that houses would be constructed in collaboration with the private sector for the people living below the poverty line.

He appealed to the philanthropists and donors to play their role in this regard and directed to complete the project as soon as possible.

Provincial housing minister Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed, finance minister Hashim Jawan Bakht, advisor Dr Salman Shah, Chief Secretary, Chairman P&D, secretaries of housing and finance departments and others attended the meeting.

Senator Aurangzeb Khan called on CM Punjab: Senator Aurangzeb Khan called on Chief Minister Usman Buzdar at his office here on Wednesday.

Talking on the occasion, the chief minister said that Pakistan belongs to all of us and everyone should play its positive role for national development. Pakistan is going through a critical phase and it is time to promote national unity.

Keeping in view the prevailing Kashmir situation, the politics of agitation is not suitable in anyway. He said that politics of chaos is not in the interest of the country as anti-state elements could try to take benefit in the garb of agitation. He said that all are respectable but no one will be allowed

to play with the life and property of the people. Law will come into action in case of any dereliction of law.

He said that full attention is being paid to solve the problems of the common man and basic amenities are being improved to facilitate the people.

He further said that every moment of the government is reserved for public welfare. Senator Aurangzeb Khan commended the Chief Minister Usman Buzdar for introducing holistic reforms and taking steps for the betterment of the common man and added that Usman Buzdar has taken a number of steps for bringing improvements in the lives of the common man.

Usman Buzdar has focused his attention on the solution of problems of the masses and he is moving forward the journey of public service with commitment, passion and hard work, he added.

CM message on World Polio Day: Chief Minister Usman Buzdar has said that World Polio Day provides us with an opportunity to reiterate the com-

mitment of working with renewed energies for the elimination of polio from the society. In his message, the chief minister said that polio-free Pakistan is our mission and all resources are being utilized to provide a safe and secure future to the children.

He said that Punjab government is running a vigorous awareness campaign to strengthen anti-polio efforts.

Buzdar said that Punjab's role is very important in the elimination of polio adding that complete overcoming on polio is the priority agenda of the government. The government is using all-out resources to eliminate polio and no stone will be left unturned so that Pakistan could become a polio-free country, he added.

He said that children could be saved from this fatal disease through timely vaccination and adoption of continued anti-polio steps is the collective responsibility of the society. Usman Buzdar said that Masajid, seminars, schools and line departments should jointly work to make the anti-polio campaign a success.

CS orders to expedite work on e-procurement project

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Secretary Punjab Yousaf Naseem Khokhar has directed the concerned authorities to expedite the pace of work on e-procurement project, adding that process of purchases in government and semi-government departments would be made more easy and transparent through the latest online system.

He issued these directions while presiding over a meeting of the board of management of Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) at Civil Secretariat here on Wednesday.

Speaking at the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the PPRA must ensure transparency in the procurement of government departments and information technology (IT) should be dexterously used for this purpose.

The meeting gave approval to making PPRA a financially-autonomous institution and charging fees for the provision of services.

It was also decided to include secretaries of higher education, communication and works, energy and local government departments in PPRA's board of management because of quantum of procurement in these departments.

The meeting was attended by administrative secretaries of finance, planning and development and irrigation departments, managing director and board members of PPRA.

IGP orders to arrest absconder criminals

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Capt (retired) Arif Nawaz Khan has issued directions to RPO DG Khan for the earliest arrest of absconder criminals responsible for injuring three officials during an operation in DG Khan after taking notice of the incident. He also issued directions for the provision of best medical services to the injured officials saying that brave and dutiful officials are the pride of the Police department.

Solidarity with oppressed Kashmiris

Punjab Govt to observe 'Black Day', says Basharat

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister of Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Social Welfare Raja Basharat has said that Punjab will not be left behind to present the atrocities on Kashmiris to the world and on October 27, the Punjab government will celebrate Black Day to show solidarity with oppressed Kashmiri people of Indian Held Kashmir in shoulder to shoulder with the

federal government.

He was chairing a meeting of Kashmir Committee Punjab held at Civil Secretariat on Wednesday.

Members of Kashmir Committee, MPA Ms Uzma Kardar, MPA Mahendra Singh Pal and officers of the Information and Culture Department, Transport, Punjab Information Technology Board and DGPR were also present on the occasion. The Minister said that according to the directives of

Prime Minister Imran Khan and Chief Minister Punjab Usman Buzdar, the issue of Kashmir was being highlighted at all levels in Punjab. He said that Kashmir Hour is being celebrated every Friday in educational institutions across the province. He directed the concerned departments to initiate a comprehensive website based on the activities of the Kashmir Committee and launch an online one-million signatures campaign in favour of Kash-

miris. Earlier, giving briefing on the steps taken so far to highlight Kashmir issue around the world, the meeting was informed that the Department of Transport will run a special publicity bus carrying messages related to Kashmir which will visit every district across Punjab. There will be banners, pictures and posters of solidarity-based slogans and messages exhibited on the bus. It was added.

Breast cancer awareness

Haleeb Foods partners with SKMH

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Haleeb Foods partners with SKMH to raise Breast Cancer awareness on Wednesday. Haleeb Foods, one of the leading food and Beverages Company of Pakistan once again joined hands with Shaikat Khanum Memorial Hospital (SKMH) to organise an awareness session for its female work force and family members.

The objective of the session was to raise awareness amongst the employees about breast cancer and the importance of early detection, as well as encouraging them to look after their general health and well-being.

Commenting on this initiative, Sana Sheraz, Head of HR at HFL

stated that breast cancer is the second most common cancer amongst women in the world. This session comes as part of our continuous efforts to promote awareness amongst our staff to instill a culture of wellness.

We encourage our families and people in the community to look after their health, safety and well-being."

HFL being a responsible corporate entity has always shown strong dedication towards the welfare of the society and continues its support for Shaikat Khanum Me-

memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Center in spreading awareness about breast cancer. The company has been catering to the

nutritional needs of people for decades and vows to continue to do so by providing quality dairy products to the people of Pakistan.



LAHORE: Activists of Pakistan Muslim League-N shout slogans during the appearing of Maryam Nawaz at the Accountability Court.

