

Minimum 05°C  
Maximum 18°C  
Sunset 05:04pm  
Sunrise 06:59am  
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR	05:31 AM
ZOHAR	12:01 PM
ASR	03:27 PM
MAGRIB	05:04 PM
ISHA	06:31 PM

## Quick Read

## Augustine flays Para 66 dragging Musharraf's body to D-Chowk

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The wording in Para 66 against Musharraf was seemed to transgresses humanity, religion, culture, and any other values. The vindictive language had no example in past of any court ruling; a judge giving such a judgment could be his personal opinion.

These views were expressed by Provincial minister HR&MA Ijaz Alam Augustine in a brief press conference among other Christian leaders at Catholic Cathedral Church, Lawrence road on Sunday to denounce the judgment against Musharraf.

The minister Ijaz Alam told to the press that A judge has had his sanity questioned after he ruled the corpse of Pervez Musharraf should be 'hanged for three days' if he dies before his execution. He said that verdict in the case was unethical and 'inhuman'.

He also appealed to Chief Justice of Pakistan to remove those words added in wording Para 66. Other leaders also said to drag the corpse of General Musharraf was "disrespectful to the dead and against the teachings of any religion. The minister Ijaz Alam in response of a question strongly condemned the citizens amendment act by Indian Government, said all those Indians who want a pluralist India are beginning to protest & it is becoming a mass movement and statement of Indian Army chief adds to our concerns of a false flag operation but if India does such an operation to divert attention from its domestic chaos plus whip up war hysteria to mobilize Hindu nationalism, the Pak Army always ready to give a befitting response.

## CCPO reviews security of churches

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Zulfiqar Hameed here on Sunday visited different churches and reviewed the security arrangements. According to official sources, he visited Cathedral church and others located at old Anarkali, near Nila Gumbad and others areas. The CCPO also met police officers and personnel and issued special directions to them. The CCPO also met the heads of christian community and extended Christmas greetings.

## All apprehensions of Turkish contractors removed: LWMC

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) Chairman Riaz Hameed Chaudhry has said that all apprehensions of Turkish contractors have been removed three days back. Addressing a press conference here on Sunday, he said that cleanliness work in the city was set to be completed by Sunday evening. He said that operational work got affected due to non-payment of wages to the workers, which was regrettable. The LWMC chairman said that all-out efforts would be made to maintain proper cleanliness in each and every area of the city.



LAHORE: A man sits on his boat waiting for customers at the beach of the Rivi River during the cold foggy weather. —Online

## Best medical facilities to common man mission of PTI govt: CM

—Visits Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Taunsa

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar visited Tehsil Headquarters Hospital Taunsa, and inquired after the patients in different wards of the hospital.

The chief minister also visited cardiac unit and ward of the hospital. He also reviewed the expansion project of the hospital. The chief minister expressed displeasure over the complaint of patients for getting the medical test done outside the hospital and directed that free medicines and facility of medical test should be provided to the patients in the hospital at any cost.

He said that strict action will be taken against the responsible in case of any complaint received in future from any patient. The chief minister talked to the patients and their atten-

dants and inquired about facilities being provided in the hospital. He was also given a briefing regarding expansion project of hospital. The chief minister directed to complete the expansion project at the earliest. While talking to the chief minister, people said that earlier cardiac patients had to take to the out station for the treatment, now they are being provided medical treatment facilities in Taunsa, due to his efforts.

They said that facilities of treatment are being provided to cardiac patients where there were no medicines available. They said that improvement is being seen in the hospitals of far-flung areas of the province, under his leadership. The chief minister, while talking to the patients and their attendants, said that provision of quality and best medical facilities to common man is the mis-

sion of present government. He said that there is no shortage of resources to further improve the health sector. He said that PTI government has increased the health budget by 27% during current financial year. He said that 9 thousand beds will be increased with the construction of 9 hospitals. Visits under construction pannahgah at Taunsa: Buzdar visited under construction building of pannahgah in Taunsa.

A detailed briefing of the project was given to the chief minister. He said that it is a noble cause and it should not be delayed.

He said that project of pannahgah is not less than blessing for homeless persons. He said that according to the directions of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the scope of pannahgah project is being expanded throughout the province and homeless people will

not have to sleep under the open sky in extensive cold. He said that shelter less people do not face the hardships of the cold weather in those cities where pannahgah project has been made operational.

For such people pannahgah is such a blessing which has no alternate. The chief minister said that state is fulfilling its responsibility by providing shelter and food to the homeless people. He said that there is no such precedent of kindness for less privileged segments of the society in during the previous regimes. He said that serving to humanity is the top priority of the government. He said that Prime Minister Imran Khan is taking all out measures for the welfare of common man of the country. Sardar Usman Buzdar said that he is personally monitoring the construction work of the pannahgah project. The chief

minister directed to complete of pannahgah project in Taunsa as soon as possible.

## Expresses strong indignation over poor cleanliness condition

Buzdar has expressed strong indignation over poor cleanliness condition in some areas of provincial metropolis and sought report from Commissioner Lahore Division, Deputy Commissioner and authorities of Lahore Waste Management Company.

The chief minister directed to further improve the cleanliness condition and all out resources should be utilized to remove heap of garbage from the roads. He said that no negligence would be tolerated in this regard.

He said that cleanliness condition of some areas of the city is highly regrettable. It is the duty of concerned departments to ensure cleanliness.

## CS expresses displeasure over non-implementation of open door policy

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Expressing displeasure over non-implementation of open door policy and delay in holding meetings of parliamentarians by Deputy Commissioners in some districts, the Chief Secretary Punjab Major (retired) Azam Suleman Khan has directed that guidelines about improving governance and public service delivery be implemented in letter and spirit.

He was presiding over a video-link meeting of all commissioners and deputy commissioners at Civil Secretariat. Speaking at the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that officers should perform their duties honestly and diligently so that desired targets could be achieved. It is priority of the government to address problems of the common man and no compromise could be made on this important matter, he asserted. Asking the officers to ensure punctuality and accessibility, the Chief Secretary said that open door policy must be followed strictly and the common man should be

## PFA issues warning notices to 40 sugar mills

LAHORE: Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has issued warning notices to 40 sugar mills for improvement during a province-wide inspection operation of mills before the start of crushing season. The purpose of the operation was ensuring food safety measures and standards along with provision of safe food in the market as per the Food Act. PFA Director General Irfan Memon said the authority PFA, under the Punjab government policy, was continuing an operation against adulterators to make the province adulteration-free food region. He said the food safety teams of the authority visited 41 sugar mills in Punjab and found one of them closed. According to statistics of the inspection drive, the food safety teams examined 19 mills in Lahore zone, nine in Rawalpindi zone and 13 in south Punjab region. The director general said the PFA issued warning to 40 mills, asking them to improve hygienic conditions. The purpose of the checking was to ensure sugar manufacturing process as per the hygiene principles, as well as to make sure implementation of the food regulations, added the DG.

given due respect in government offices. He mentioned that in democratic system, elected representatives play an important role, adding that officers must be courteous with parliamentarians and get their feedback for resolving peoples' problems. He said that officers would be given 'full authority' but they would be held accountable.

He said that performance would be reviewed monthly and the officers who fail to deliver would be removed from their posts. Administrative secretaries have been asked to devolve their powers to commissioners and deputy commissioners, he added.

He ordered that availability of daily-use com-

modities, especially edibles, be ensured at the prices fixed by the government.

Stern action be taken against profiteers, hoarders and adulterators, he said.

He asked deputy commissioners and districts police officers to visit wholesale fruit and vegetable markets twice a week, besides holding joint open courts. The Chief Secretary also directed Punjab Food Authority to extend full cooperation to district administrations in the drive against adulteration. He said that under the Clean and Green Pakistan Campaign special attention should be paid to tree plantation, cleanliness and patch work of roads in cities. Another direction was about expediting anti-encroachment drive and revenue collection, particularly water tax (Abyana). The meeting was attended by Senior Member Board of Revenue, Additional Chief Secretary, Commissioner Lahore, Deputy Commissioner Lahore whereas other commissioners and deputy commissioners joined the meeting through video conferencing.



LAHORE: Women visit stalls during Jashn-E-Iqbal at the Awan-e-Iqbal.

## DRAP seeks pharma companies promotional activities' data

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Drugs Regulatory Authority Pakistan (DRAP) has asked all pharmaceutical companies to submit their expenditure data regarding promotional activities including sampling for the last two years, from 2017 to 2019.

As per Rule 33 (related to registration, licensing and advertisement) of the Drugs Act 1976, no pharmaceutical firm/company should spend more than five per cent of their turnover on advertisement, sampling to prescribers and other promotional activities in respect of drugs. DRAP has issued a notification in this regard, seeking record of pharma companies for the last two years, so that an audit of the record could be done to check misappropriation in allocation of more than five per

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Fog disrupted trains schedule in the country due to which passengers were facing problems. According to the PR sources on Sunday, arrival and departure of several trains were behind its schedule as 1-Up Khyber Mail was 2:30 hours late, 2-Down Khyber Mail 2:10 hours, 5-Up Greenline Express train 3:45 hours, 6-Down Greenline 4:48 hours, 8-Dn Tezgam train was 30 minutes late, 9-Up Allama Iqbal Express 5:40 hours, 11-UP Hazara Express 7 hours, 12-Down Hazara Express 4 hours, 13-Up Awam Express 3:20 hours, 14-Dn Awam Express was 5:50 hours late and 15-Up Karachi Express 7:20 hours and 16-Down Karachi Express was 8:15 hours late.

centurnover. The country's aelopathic medicines market consists of around \$.12 billion per annum in which 38 per cent shareholders are multinational companies. Meanwhile, a leader of Pakistan Pharmacists As-

sociation and Drugs Lawyers Forum Dr Noor Advocate termed the government move a right step, which would discourage pharmaceutical companies, mostly multinational companies, to oblige senior doctors and professors

for prescribing brands of specific companies. He cited the example of a simple pain-killer (Diclofenae sodium), which is available for only 98 paise in the market by national pharmaceutical companies.

17-Up Millat Express was 6:45 hours late, 23-Up Akbar Express train 5 hours, 27-Up Shalimar Express train 4:15 hours, 28-Down Shalimar Express 5:25 hours, 30-Down Sindh Express 2:25 hours, 33-Up Pak Business Express 8:35 hours, 34-Down Pak Business Express train was 6:15 hours late while 37-Up Sir Syed Express train was 5:34 hours late while 37-Up Fared Express was 3:45 hours, 38-Down Fared Express one hour, 39-Up Jaffar Express 2:40 hours, 41-Up Karakoram Express 11:20 hours and 42-Dn Karakoram Express was 8:50 hours late. 45-Up Pakistan Express was 9:40 hours late, 46-Down Pakistan Express was 1:25 hours, 47-Up Rehman Baba Express 6 hours and 48-Down Rehman Baba Express was 6:20 hours late.