

Minimum 04:°C
Maximum 14:°C
Sunset 05:07pm
Sunrise 07:00am
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR	05:34 AM
JUMA	12:03 PM
ASR	03:30 PM
MAGRIB	05:07 PM
ISHA	06:34 PM

Quick Read

Naila assumes charge of DG OPC Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Ms Naila Baqir (PAS/BS-19) has assumed the charge of the post of Director General, Overseas Pakistanis Commission (OPC) Punjab.

Ms. Naila Baqir is among the honest and hardworking bureaucrats of Pakistan Administrative Service.

She is graduate of London School of Economics and belonged to 34th Common Training Programme.

She has served on various significant posts such as Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala, General Manager National Highway Authority, Director Excise and Taxation, National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and many more.

Vice Chairperson OPC Ch. Waseem Akhtar, Commissioner OPC Syed Javed Iqbal Bokhari and all the officers of Overseas Pakistanis Commission (OPC) Punjab extended their good wishes to newly appointed Director General.

Christian community thanks PTI's govt

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for HR&MA Ijaz Alam Augustine on the behalf of Christian Community all over the Pakistan thanked to P.M to make possible celebration of Christmas at National level for the 2nd time in the history of Pakistan.

He acknowledged that every Provincial and National member of PTI celebrated Christmas among Christian community in their respective departments to show solidarity among Christian Community.

The Minister said that under the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the provincial government is making all-out efforts to remove sense of deprivation and alienation amongst minorities and driving them towards national mainstream.

The Minister Ijaz Alam also thanked to C.M Punjab Usman Buzdar to provide opportunities to the Christian community.

Dense fog likely to prevail in Punjab

By Our staff Reporter

LAHORE: Dense fog is likely to prevail in plain areas of Punjab during the next 24 hours.

According to the Met office, the fog will prevail in Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Narowal, Sargodha, Sialkot, TT Singh, Hafizabad, Jhang, Faisalabad, Okara, Sahiwal, Multan, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, D.G Khan and Rajanpur during morning and night hours.

Meanwhile, cold and dry weather is expected in the province. On Thursday, the minimum temperature in the city was expected at three degrees Celsius. As per synoptic situation, dry continental air is prevailing over most parts of the country.



LAHORE: A partial solar eclipse seen from provincial capital, the last solar eclipse of 2019 was witnessed in Pakistan along with several other countries. —Online (another pic on Back Page)

Jalalpur Canal a project of historic, economic significance: CM

—Says inauguration of Jalalpur Canal project a matter of pride for PTI

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that inauguration of Jalalpur Canal project, the 2nd largest project of Punjab, after 121 years is a matter of pride for Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.

While addressing the inaugural ceremony of Jalalpur Canal Project in Pind Dadan Khan, Usman Buzdar said that the project of Jalalpur Canal was originally planned in 1897 but no former rulers bother to complete this project until now.

He said that PTI government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan will complete this five years project in three phases. He said that Jalalpur Canal is a project of historic and economic significance.

This project will change the destiny of people of Pind Dadan Khan and Khusab. Usman Buzdar said that Jalalpur Canal being constructed at a

sum of rupees 32 billion 70 crore, is a 2nd largest project of Punjab after the construction of Taunsa Barrage in 1965.

He said this project is being complete by Irrigation Department and 117 km long canal, 93 km long link canals, 72 irrigation structures and 18 flood structures will be developed under this project. Construction of Jalalpur Canal will not only provide abundant water for irrigation but also provide more than 40 cusec potable water. The Chief Minister said that flood protection dam at a cost of Rs. 1.80 billion is near to its completion for safeguarding the city situated in the right side of river Jhelum.

He said that Dina and Mangla road will soon be completed which will cost one billion rupees. He said that completion of project Pannahgah in District Headquarter Hospital Jhelum with the efforts of Deputy Commissioner and with the cooperation of private sector

is a good omen.

The Chief Minister especially thanked Prime Minister Imran Khan for attending the foundation stone laying ceremony of Jalalpur Canal Project and congratulated the people of Pind Dadan Khan and Khusab for starting the construction of this project.

Martyred Army jawans our heroes, national pride: CM

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has strongly condemned violations of Line of Control (LoC) by Indian army and paid tributes to the Pak army for giving a befitting reply to the enemy.

In a statement, the chief minister said that Pak army has given a strong reply to the enemy by sending Indian army men to hell. He also paid tributes to the martyred army jawans and extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs. He said that martyred army jawans are our heroes and a national pride. The nation is proud of its mar-

Rana Sana released from Camp Jail

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz leader Rana Sanaullah has been released from Camp Jail here on Thursday after the Lahore High Court granted him bail in drugs case. The PML-N leader was arrested in a case pertaining to smuggling of drugs. His surety bonds were submitted in the LHC. —APP

tyrs, he added. The armed forces of Pakistan are ever-ready for the defence of the country and nation is firmly standing with them, he added.

-Greets cabinet committee, police and administration for best arrangements

Buzdar has congratulated cabinet committee on law and order, police and administration for making best security

arrangements on the occasion of Christmas and Quaid's birth anniversary.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, he said that all the line departments deserve accolades for their best performance adding that duties have been rendered responsibly for the protection of life and property of the people. He expressed the satisfaction that Christmas and Quaid's birth anniversary were held in a peaceful atmosphere.

I extend congratulations to the line departments and members of the cabinet committee also worked hard for maintaining law and order in the province, he said.

It is praiseworthy that line departments worked like a team and performed their duties efficiently.

This passion should also be displayed in future for maintaining peace in the province, concluded the chief minister.

Process of accountability against corrupt politicians underway: Ansar

—Says PTI govt believes in bringing change in real manner by spending people's money on their welfare

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Labour and Human Resource Ansar Majeed Khan has said that process of accountability against corrupt politicians is underway. Why corrupt politicians are in panic for facing indiscriminate accountability? When the question was asked from those who plundered national exchequer, their democracy is endangered, the minister added. Ansar Majeed Khan said that opposition besides hatching conspiracies should support government to cope with difficult situation.



PTI government believes in bringing change in real manner by spending peoples' money on their welfare and betterment. All the cases against Sharif brothers were registered in their own tenure. He said that palaces were constructed with public money during previous regime. He further maintained that Prime Minister Imran Khan has laid a foundation of new era of public service. PTI government has never compromise on public service ever.

Health Dept to monitor vaccinators through geotagging system

The Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department has decided to tighten its grip around the vaccinators to ensure the presence of them in the fields as per their assigned duties. In this regard, the health department will monitor the live location of vaccinators through the geotagging system while strict

Eight injured in cylinder explosion

LAHORE: At least eight people were injured in a gas cylinder's explosion here on Thursday. According to the Rescue 1122, the incident occurred in Samanabad area where a LPG cylinder exploded in a shop. Resultantly, Ashfaq, Sohail, Irfan, Adnan, Yaseen, Azam, Zafar and Adnan sustained injuries. The injured were shifted to Jinnah Hospital. However, the police reached the spot and started investigation. —APP

action will be taken against whoever responsible in the line of duty, as well as in case of finding their

wrong location. These views were expressed by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Secretary Captain (retired) Muhammad Usman while presiding over a meeting to review issues at his office on Thursday. He said that it is a first target to prevent children from diseases and to ensure the presence of vaccinators in every nook and corner of Punjab for which all necessary steps are being taken by the health department. Usman informed that megaphone will install on the motorcycle of the vaccinator for the announcement because it was observed that the public remained unaware of the vaccinations despite reached teams in their areas. He further said that the lives of children can be saved from different diseases by timely immunizations. Secretary has vowed to get the 100 per cent target of vaccinating as soon after launching the mega plan.



LAHORE: A man carries loaded bull cart of dry woods for burning purpose. —Online

Pak-US higher education institutions must promote bilateral ties: PU VC

—US delegation visits PU

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: US Consulate General Lahore's Deputy Public Affairs Officer Mr Brian Brendel has visited Punjab University and met Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad Akhtar at his office.

Registrar Dr Muhammad Khalid Khan, US Consulate General Lahore's Cultural Affairs Specialist Tanveer Hussain, PU Director External Linkages Dr Sobia Khurram and Confucius Institute Director Prof Liu were present on the occasion. Addressing the meeting, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad briefed the delegation about Punjab University and said that there was need to promote bilateral relations among higher education institutions of



both the countries. He said that there should be exchange of teachers and students and the universities of both the countries must collaborate in re-

search. Later, the VC presented souvenir to the guest. PU students win quiz competition Punjab University Department of Space Science and

University Law College students' Ahmad Ijaz and Tauqeer Ahmad have participated in quiz competition and clinched first position. The competition was organized by Pakistan Television Corporation Limited (PTV) Lahore regarding 'Quaid's Day'. PU awards PhD degree to Haseeb Ahmad Piracha Punjab University has awarded PhD degree to Haseeb Ahmad Piracha S/o Muhammad Tufail Piracha in the subject of Library & Information Science after approval of his thesis entitled 'Prospects of Research Data Management and Curation Services in University Libraries of Pakistan'. Mr Haseeb Paracha has served Punjab University as deputy chief librarian and he was also given additional charge of Chief Librarian at PU.