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Punjab Institute of Neuroscience vibrant, emergency active 24 hours

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Like all other hospitals, all the departments of Punjab Institute of Neuro Sciences have been mobilised for various measures against the coronavirus and to keep the neuro-surgery patients safe and treat them at home different steps have been ensured. Skype and Whats App ID's numbers have been released to provide guidance on the facilities of neuro diseases. According to Executive Director of Punjab Institute of Neuro Sciences, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood people with neuro disorders can contact on skype from 9am to 9pm at pins.neurosurgery@gmail.com and call at WhatsApp 03099649586 while for the same number mobile phone facility will also be available. He said that the emergency department of Punjab Institute of Neuro Sciences will be active 24 hours while special medical services will be provided to prevent Corona Virus in these days.

Executive Director Punjab Institute of Neuro Sciences Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood said, "There is no doubt that, like the rest of the world, we are facing a special situation with regard to the Corona Virus and in these situations the doctors, nurses who compete on the frontline are asset of the Nation." He added that every worker of para-medical staff is worthy of praise, and Prime Minister Imran Khan has rightly taken positive step towards acknowledging their services. He appealed to the citizens to support the government's efforts to control Corona and to follow all security measures while staying at home.

AC asks NAB to file assets reference against Hamza

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An accountability court on Friday directed the National Accountability Court (NAB) to file assets beyond known sources of income against Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz leader Hamza Shehbaz Sharif.

Amid coronavirus fear, the PML-N stalwart was not produced before the court for the hearing of the case. The court while extending judicial remand of Hamza Shehbaz for 14 days, ordered NAB prosecutor to file reference against him [Hamza] soon.

According to the NAB, the PML-N leader is accused of accumulating assets through unfair means and was involved in money laundering through his servants. It must be noted that the NAB had arrested PML-N leader in the assets beyond income case on June 11, 2019, after LHC had turned down his applications for extension in interim bail. On Feb 25, the Lahore High Court (LHC) rejected the bail plea of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Hamza Shehbaz in assets beyond means case.

A two-member bench of LHC comprising Justice Syed Mazahir Ali Akbar Naqvi and Justice Sardar Ahmed Naeem heard the case. —DNA



LAHORE: A deserted view of Lahore Railway Station platform as trains have been suspended till 31st. —Online

Research to be conducted on the deadly virus

China to help Pakistan set up hospital for coronavirus patients in Lahore

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chinese Kunming University of Science and Technology has announced to set up a hospital in Lahore for prevention from corona and conducting research on this deadly virus.

The Chinese university will also donate corona-test kits, masks and gloves to Pakistan. Chinese Kunming University of Science and Technology and University of Health Sciences Lahore (UHS) have also constituted a joint research group. While a delegation of Chinese Kunming University of Science and Technology will visit Lahore next week.

According to details, University of Health Sciences Lahore (UHS) Chancellor/Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar, UHS Vice Chancellor Dr. Javed Akram, Chinese Consul General in Lahore Long Dingbin, and Chinese Kunming University of Science

and Technology's VC Prof. Dr. Lee Sung held a conference through video link at Governor House Lahore.

During the conference, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar and UHS VC Dr. Javed Akram briefed the Chinese authorities about the situation created due to corona pandemic in Punjab, number of corona infected patients and other matters.

On the appeal of UHS Chancellor/Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar and UHS VC Dr. Javed Akram, Chinese Kunming University of Science and Technology has announced to initiate joint work/research with UHS Lahore against coronavirus.

For this purpose, Chinese Kunming University of Science and Technology will establish a hospital at Kala Shah Kaku Campus of University of Health Sciences (UHS). A Chinese delegation will visit UHS Lahore next week and collaborate with UHS doctors on vari-

ous matters regarding types of coronavirus; prevention from corona; medicines to prevent corona and research on the virus. Chinese varsity's doctors will also ensure complete guidance to Pakistani doctors regarding treatment of corona patients in Punjab.

Malakand groom arrested for violating Section 144

A man has been arrested in Malakand's Batkhela for holding his wedding function at his house in violation of Section 144.

According to the Levies force, people have been discouraged from gathering more than four people at a place as the country is grappling with the coronavirus pandemic.

The suspect, however, invited around 100 people to the wedding, and some guests fired aerial shots too.

The KP government has said that it will take strict action against all the people who violate their instructions. —Online

Lockdown reaches houses of those who imposed curfew in IOK

Speaker Punjab Assembly Ch Parvez Elahi has said the lockdown has also reached the houses of the Indian government which had imposed curfew on Kashmiris.

In his video message, he has said those who are keeping the Kashmiris in lockdown for 235 days should understand that the stick of God is voiceless, BJP extremists would have realized by now as to what is lockdown with which they are targeting the people of occupied Kashmir.

Ch Parvez Elahi further said that whole of India, which is committing oppression and atrocities on the Kashmir, is in the grip of Almighty Allah and in lockdown. International community should realize the gravity of situation and understand the miserable conditions of the Kashmiris and get Indian government oppression and suppression of Kashmiris stopped.

He said that the international community should also act to get oppression of Palestinian Muslims besides the Kashmiris.

Punjab govt bans Friday, Five-time prayers in mosques

The Punjab government has issued a notification that only three to five people would be allowed to offer Juma and Five-time prayers in mosques across the province.

A day after the Sindh and Balochistan government's decision, the Pakistan-Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) run Punjab government, in an effort to curb the spread of the coronavirus, has barred the general public from offering mass Juma prayers in the province. According to the notification, only three to five people including the imam and the muezzin would be allowed to pray in mosques, while the remaining public will offer their prayers at their respective homes.

Yasmin Rashid urges masses to stay at homes

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid has on Thursday urged masses to follow precautionary measures in order to get themselves saved from the coronavirus.

This she said during her media interaction after visiting medical facility built at the Expo Center to treat coronavirus patients in case of any outbreak. Dr Yasmin Rashid said the provincial government is striving hard to boost its capacity to deal with the pandemic.

The minister said a quarantine facility in Kalu Shah Kaku can entertain 1,200 patients. Replying to a question, miss Rashid said, CM Usman Buzdar is satisfied with the arrangements taken by his provincial govern-

ment in the wake of the coronavirus.

She said it is necessary for the masses to stay at their homes as this is the only way to halt the spread of the pandemic and save yourself from exposing to it. Last week, Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar had approved to establish 900-bed special field hospital at Lahore Expo Centre in fight against coronavirus.

The decision was taken in cabinet committee meeting chaired by Chief Minister Buzdar. He had directed authorities to start purchasing beds and other medical equipment needed to establish a field hospital at the Expo Centre.

CJ asks jail superintendents to file bail petitions of inmates barred upto 10 years

Lahore High Court Chief Justice Qasim Khan has directed all jail su-

perintendents to immediately file bail petitions of inmates who have been barred up to ten years.

Justice Qasim Khan remarked that the jail superintendents will file bail pleas in local courts on behalf of the prisoners. Earlier, the Islamabad High Court (IHC) had ordered to release prisoners accused of minor crimes on bail from the Adiala Jail in the wake of the coronavirus epidemic.

The court had remarked that 5,001 prisoners are present in the Adiala Jail while its capacity is of 2,174 inmates. The IHC had directed Islamabad deputy commissioner to appoint an officer to oversee the matters pertaining to surety bonds of the detainees.

Two doctors treating Covid-19 patients in Punjab test positive for virus

Two doctors who were treating

COVID-19 patients in Dera Ghazi Khan quarantine center have tested positive for coronavirus.

According to Punjab Secretary for Primary Healthcare Muhammad Usman, both doctors were treating patients in the DG Khan Isolation ward.

Dr. Usama and Dr. Saba, detected with Covid-19 have been kept in an isolation ward and are undergoing treatment, said health secretary. He said that the condition of both doctors is out of danger.

The number of deaths from the coronavirus rose to nine while 1,235 have been affected, according to the latest report released by the National Command and Control Center on coronavirus on Friday.

The national dashboard, maintained by the federal ministry of health, reported that Sindh province has been

affected more due to the virus, where the number of cases stands at 429, Punjab 408, Balochistan 131, KP 147, Gilgit-Baltistan, 91, Islamabad 27 and two cases were reported in Azad Kashmir.

During the last 24 hours, another death was reported due to the virus, taking the tally to 9 countrywide. 21 patients have recovered their health, the report reads.

More than three billion people around the world were living under lockdown on Friday as governments stepped up their efforts against the coronavirus pandemic which has left more than 24,000 people dead.

In Spain, the number of fatalities surpassed those of China, where the novel coronavirus first emerged three months ago, making it the hardest-hit nation after Italy.



LAHORE: Khateeb of Badshahi Mosque Maulana Abdul Khabeer Azad addresses the Juma prayer, staff members are present while government banned prayers and other religious gatherings in mosques. —Online

Crackdown against hoarders and violators of section 144 continues 99 cases against hoarders, 3,464 for violations of section 144

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: As per orders of Inspector General of Police Punjab Shoab Dastgir, police teams are strictly implementing the instructions issued by government of the Punjab regarding section 144, lockdown and coronavirus in all districts across the province so that precious lives of citizens may be saved from Corona virus pandemic and every possible help may be provided to them. Likewise, police teams along with health and other departments are taking steps under the supervision of DPOs to prevent from coronavirus and awareness campaigns are also being run for protection of wealth and lives of people and strict actions are also being taken against hoarders of face masks, hand sanitizers and other essential equipments. Such callous hoarders are

being arrested for selling equipments under undue profit so that the citizens may be facilitated in such difficult time.

According to details, from March 16, action is being taken against violation of section-144 without any discrimination of status and designation. Similarly, police teams from March 26, registered 3,464 cases. 6,427 violators have been arrested among them 1,798 have been detained whereas 173 have been released on warning. Likewise, during actions against hoardings, IG Punjab Shoab Dastgir stressed upon regional and district police chiefs to speed up the actions against the violators of law and directed to continue the actions against those who do not follow the directions of government and also submit the progress report of crackdown to the central police office on daily basis. He further said that officers and officials

deputed in field should follow and ensure the precautionary measures of pandemic coronavirus and take steps along with other government departments to counter this virus and help out the citizens.

Raiwind gathering cancelled over coronavirus fears

In the light of the rising cases of coronavirus cases in the country, the annual religious gathering at Raiwind has been cancelled. The congregation was called off by the central Shura after consultation with the government.

All religious groups have been ordered to cooperate with the government and central shura has advised Muslims across the country to pray for forgiveness from Allah. According to details, in a unanimous decision by the shura, the Raiwind congregation has been called off for the time being.