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Quick Read

PJL starts 'Kala Bagh Dam Banao Mulk Bachao' campaign

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakiatan Jamhoori League (PJL) has started "Kala Bagh Dam Banao Mulk Bachao" campaign. Lawyers, Business Community, Students, merchants and civil society has also been invited to participate in campaign.

Chief Justice of Pakistan has also been requested to take suo motto notice on issue. Chairman Pakistan Jamhoori League Rana Zaman Saeed along with Secretary Information Zahem Hameed Gondal while addressing the workers said that Pakistan is facing crisis of water security due to climate change and burgeoning population. In 2025, Pakistan will become water scarce country as per World Bank estimation. Pakistan can only solve the crisis by building Kala Bagh Dam.

It is no more issue of choice, but it has become national imperative for sustainable future of Pakistan.

It is matter of death and life for Pakistan. Politicisation of Kala Bagh issue is national enmity. Reports of World Bank and independent observers have already dismissed all frivolous objections on construction of Kala Bagh Dam. Political parties must act as the vanguard of national interest by leaving political differences aside.

This is demand of people of Pakistan. Anyone who will oppose this dam will become history. We will unveil the malevolent agendas behind opposition to dam before the public. He said, I urged Chief Justice of Pakistan to take suo motto action because it is matter of prime public interest.

Dry weather forecast in City

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Meteorological Department has forecast dry weather in most part of the province including the provincial capital during next 24 hours.

However, partly cloudy weather and rain is expected in upper and hilly areas of the Province. According to synoptic situation, continental air is prevailing over most parts of the country. The maximum and minimum temperature was recorded as 23 and 12 centigrade, respectively while humidity was recorded 47 percent.

PFA destroys 2,200 litre tainted milk in Chakwal

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has destroyed 2200 liters of ill-standard and hazardous to health milk during an investigation at District Chakwal Punjab.

According to the PFA Food Inspector the food authority started investigating on news from a source at Odharwal in Chawal, during which they captured the vehicle carrying the substandard milk.

The suspects brought the substandard and hazardous to health milk tankers from Sargodha to Chakwal. The captured 2200 milk was destroyed during



LAHORE: A large number of peoples purchase materials in Baghbanpura Bazaar, as Punjab Govt issues order to keep all educational institutions, shrines, parks and other public places close till next order. —Online

Best arrangements being made to tackle coronavirus: CM

—Visits corona care centre, inspects treatment facilities at PKLI

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Sardar Usman Buzdar's government has set up Corona Care Centre at Pakistan Kidney and Liver Transplant Institute (PKLI).

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar in spite of holiday has paid a surprise visit to Corona Care Center at PKLI on Sunday.

He inspected advance arrangements being made for the treatment of patients at Corona Care Center and also reviewed availability of beds over there. Usman Buzdar while talking on this occasion said that Punjab government has undertaken all necessary measures for the treatment of corona patients and setting up 30-bedded Corona Care Center at PKLI is a major link to the advance arrangements being made for the treatment of coronavirus patients. He observed best arrangements being made for outdoor and indoor patients at Corona Care Center while three floors have also been allocated for the possible corona patients at PKLI. The total number of beds at three floors of PKLI is seventy five, he added. He further maintained that in case of any emer-

gency or need there is also scope of five hundred additional beds to be arranged at PKLI.

Adopting preventive measures in order to save people from coronavirus is an ample proof of an advance excellent planning being made, he lauded.

He further stated that Punjab government is utilizing all possible resources for preventing people from the dangers of coronavirus.

We are also undertaking all necessary steps in order to save people of the province from the hazards of coronavirus, he stressed. Strict implementation is being made on the instructions being issued by the Health Advisory for prevention from coronavirus. CM was also given detailed briefing about possible medical facilities to be provided and treatment of coronavirus patients. Provincial Health Minister Dr Yasmeen Rashid, Chief Secretary, Secretary Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education, Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare, Secretary Information and PKLI senior doctors were also present on this occasion.

Directs administration to provide best facilities to pilgrims

Buzdar has directed that pilgrims arriving from other provinces to Punjab should be provided with best facilities and also be properly looked after.

Usman Buzdar directed Provincial and district administration to leave no stone unturned in properly taking care and looking after the pilgrims. Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners should personally monitor the affairs of providing best facilities to the pilgrims as they should not face any trouble or inconvenience.

Condolence of CM office Superintendent

Superintendent Abdul Wahab deputed at Public Relations Section of CM office has died on Sunday.

His funeral prayer was offered at Wahdat Colony Park and was attended by officers, government employees of CM office, close relatives and other persons. He was laid to rest at the Wahdat Colony graveyard. Quran Khawani for the deceased will be held at his residence 54-H Wahdat Colony on 16th March at 7:00 AM and forgiveness prayers will also be offered at 8:00 AM. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar also expressed his

deep grief and sorrow over his sad demise. Usman Buzdar in his condolence message expressed his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family members and prayed that Allah Almighty rest the departed soul in eternal peace as well as grant fortitude to the grieved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

-Artist community vows to fight against virus

As the efforts to stop the onslaught of corona pandemic from Buzdar Government edge further, artist community has also stepped in to spread awareness in masses on how to stop Corona from spreading.

Heavyweights from film and drama industry namely Yasir Nawaz, Imran Abbas, Ali Rehman and Hareem Farooq have voluntarily contributed in Government of Punjab's "Salute Salaam" awareness campaign against Corona through their short video messages. "Salute Salaam" campaign has been initiated by Information Department to promote the habit of oral greetings instead of traditional handshake to slow down the spread of Corona virus as physical contact is considered most common way this disease spreads.

All stakeholders would have to play role in efforts to combat coronavirus: CS

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: All stakeholders in the society would have to play their role in efforts to combat coronavirus, besides strictly adhering to the advisory on precautionary measures so that every citizen could be saved from this disease.

These views were expressed by Chief Secretary Punjab Major (r) Azam Suleman Khan and Provincial Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid while presiding over an emergent meeting on coronavirus, at Camp Office here on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary Home Momin

Agha, IG Police Shoab Dastgir, secretaries of health and food departments, commissioner Lahore and Bahawalpur

whereas as all other divisional commissioners, deputy commissioners, regional police officers and district police officers joined the meeting through video conferencing. Additional Chief Secretary Home Momin Agha told the meeting that section 144 has been imposed for three weeks across the province to prohibit hoarding and profiteering of hand sanitizers, opening of all private and public educational institutions, marriage/banquet halls and mar-

ques, holding of examinations, religious congregation, public gatherings, and sports festivals.

The Chief Secretary directed that all educational institutes would be kept closed and presence of teaching staff there would not be allowed as well.

The meeting decided to close all parks, zoos and recreational places for public. It was also decided that buses, which brought pilgrims from Iran and other areas, would be disinfected, relatives of pilgrims would be given awareness about precautionary measures through videos and help of Ulema would be sought for this purpose.

All the divisional commissioners

were asked to allocate one hospital in each division for medical treatment of coronavirus patients and make arrangements for quarantine and isolation there.

Dr Yasmin Rashid suggested providing kits to private labs by the government to give people facility of coronavirus test at affordable rate. She maintained that the health department has established a helpline 1033 to provide information to general public. IG Punjab Shoab Dastgir told the meeting that his force is standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the administration. "Our Jawans would not budge an inch in the hour of need," he added.

Augustine attends memorial service of Yuhanaabad's incident

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for MA&HR Ijaz Alam Augustine presented flowers at the tombs of martyrs in St. John's Catholic Church and Christ Church, Yuhanaabad on the eve of 5th death anniversary.

During his address, the minister said that we are all gathered here to paid tribute to sacrifices rendered by religious minorities for the country over the years. He said that entire nation especially whole Christian community can't forget the sad day of 15th March 2015 belongs to tragic incident of Yuhanaabad.

The minister said that every year on March 15, the wound refreshed again.

He said that on the same date in previous year terrorists also attacked on Muslims community in Newzealand, the whole Christian community still sad along Muslims. He emphasized that Pakistan is our motherland, and it is a duty for all of us to help it advance and flourish. Provincial minister also talked about Corona Virus and appealed to nation to ensure directions of Punjab Government while special camps have been set up for the diagnosis of Corona virus in Punjab especially by the district administration of Lahore.

Precautionary activities continue at LGH

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Keeping in view of the present situation of Coronavirus, medical and precautionary activities remained continue here at Lahore General Hospital even on Sunday Principal PGMI Prof. Dr. Al-Fareed Zafar and Medical Superintendent of LGH Dr. Mahmud Salah Uddin himself supervised arrangements of cleanliness and spray in different wards while there was high alert in all the departments and doctors and paramedical staff remained on duty as well.

Talking in this regard, MS LGH told that we all have to make united efforts to meet this challenge and leave no stone unturned in this regard.

He said that in Lahore General Hospital Isolation Ward for Corona patients has been established in Phase III which is totally separated from other wards and patients while other than duty doctors, nurses and medical staff no one would be allowed to go there.

Dr Mahmood Salah Uddin further told that as per the guidelines of SOPs of Health Department of Punjab all the suspects of Corona Virus are being provided complete help in diagnosis and medical facilities in this regard. He said that bio-metric attendance has also been stopped for all doctors, nurses and para medical staff. Principal PGMI said that today Corona has become an international issue and we are also trying level best to stop this menace at the start. He appealed the masses to also adopt all precautionary measures even at home. Prof. Al-fareed assured that no negligence would be observed and doctors, nurses and medical staff would be alert round the clock to meet any emergency of Corona Virus.

2 suspects killed during exchange of fire with police

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Two men were killed during an exchange of fire with police in Lahore's Kahna Saturday night.

According to the police, the incident took place while the police officers were shifting a suspect from the Kahna police station to the central jail.

"Rashid's accomplices opened fire at us while we were on the way to the central jail," a Central Investigation Agency officer said. During an exchange of fire between the groups, one of Rashid's ac-

Call to follow govt advise against coronavirus

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Ulema have urged the nation to follow the government advice in letter and spirit on the issue of corona virus pandemic.

In a joint message issued by Darul Afta Pakistan (Regd), Pakistan Ulema Council and leadership of Wafaq-ul-Masajid, Madaris-e-Pakistan, the Ulema said that precautionary instructions given by the Pakistan government for the eradication of corona virus were in accordance with the teachings of Islamic Shariah. The clerics said that corona virus had turned into an pandemic and affecting the entire world so it was required that everyone should adopt precautionary measures to stay safe against this pandemic. "Being Muslim, we should learn to have trust in Allah but we should also learn to adopt precautionary measures," said in the message.

The Ulema quoted a Hadith (SAWW) that on one occasion, Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.W) commenting about plague said, if plague spread in a

locality, one should neither allowed to leave that area nor people from out of that area should be allowed to come in that locality. The leadership of Pakistan Ulema Council stated that adopting precautionary measures were requirement of the teachings of Shariah. They said that instructions and precautionary measures issued by the government were in accordance with the Islamic Shariah.

The religious scholars also stated that if the government on account of any reconciliation issues directives, it is mandatory for public to ensure implementation on the instructions of the state.

The Ulema endorsed the decision of the government to announce vacations in schools, colleges and varsities including seminars upto 5th April 2020. The Muftis of Darul Afta Pakistan urged the people to offer Sunnah (Optional) prayers at homes and offer only Farz (Obligatory) prayers in mosques. The people have also been urged to perform Wudu (Ablution) at their homes. The Ulemas also requested of prayer leaders to short Juma prayers as

well as other daily prayers.

Ulema and Mashaykh announced that if the Corona virus became more pandemic, people should abstain from making handshake.

Ulema, Mashaykh and Muftis have urged the masses to seek penitence (Astaghar), recitation of Ayate Karima and striving for giving alms to needy ones to overcome this pandemic.

The message has been endorsed by the leadership of Pakistan Ulema Council and leading religious scholars including Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi, Maulana Asad Zikriya, Allama Abdul Haq Mujahid, Maulana Rafiq Jaami, Maulana Abdul Karim Nadeem, Maulana Shafi Qasmi, Maulana Nauman Hashir, Maulana Asadullah Farooq, Qazi Matullah Saedi, Mufti Umar Farooq, Mufti Imran Farooq, Allama Tahirul Hassan, Maulana Aslam Siddiqui, Pir Asadullah Shah Jammali, Maulana Tahir Aqeel Awan, Maulana Muhammad Hussain Darkhawati and Maulana Shakilur Rehman Qasmi.

Crackdown against anti-social elements, criminals continues

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Shoab Dastgir sought a report containing police actions against criminals and anti social elements from all RPOs and DPOs of the province and also directed to speed up the intelligence based operations so that properties and lives of people may be secured and service delivery may be improved.

Likewise, under the supervision of DPO Mandi Bahudin Nasir Sial, police teams during actions against proclaimed offenders, court absconders, thieves, dacoits, drugs dealers and illegal Arms holders arrested 201 proclaimed offenders implicated in heinous crimes during last month. Police teams also seized 21 klashankovs, 17 guns, 14 rifles and 74 pistols and registered 124 cases against the offenders.

In a campaign against drugs dealers, 53 cases have been registered and 32 kg charrs and 225 bottles of wine have been recovered. Whereas 38 lac rupees have also been recovered from arrested accused of three gangs and amount of more than 18 million rupees have been recovered from the accused involved in theft, dacoity, cattle lifting, robbery and vehicles lifting, moreover the said stolen amount has been handed on to real owners.

In an action against gamblers and kite flying hundreds of kites and kite metallic threads have been recovered whereas 33 cases have been registered against power theft. DPO Mandi Bahuddin said that the door of his office will remain open for public and provision of justice is among his top priorities, open courts are being held in this regard. DPO Nasir Sial said that elimination of crime form the society is top priority of district police, the criminal activities are being noosed in this regard and district police is fully alert in maintaining law and order and also securing lives and properties of the citizens.