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Quick Read

5000 masks, disposable gloves distributed among cops

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: All arrangements regarding precautionary measures of Corona virus in Central police office have been completed, under which, 5,000 masks and disposable gloves were distributed among officials - Mobile washing units established at eight spots of the city.

As per directions of Inspector General of Police Punjab Shoaib Dastgir, precautionary measures regarding Corona virus are being strictly implemented in all regional and district police offices. In this regard, steps for the protection of officials from virus in central police office have been ensured with comprehensive strategies.

According to details, All security and other staff have been provided with safety kits and in this regard, in CPO office, five sites have been set up for the provision of water and sanitizers for hand washing. Whereas, 100 sanitizers, 100 liquid hand wash, 500 tissue roll and 8 mobile washing units have been provided at all bathrooms and wash basins of the CPO. In order to avoid corona virus, it has been directed to all staff to wear masks and gloves during their security duty.

Furthermore, security staff deputed on the entrance of CPO have been provided with infra red thermometer by which screening of every person entering into CPO office may be ensured strictly.

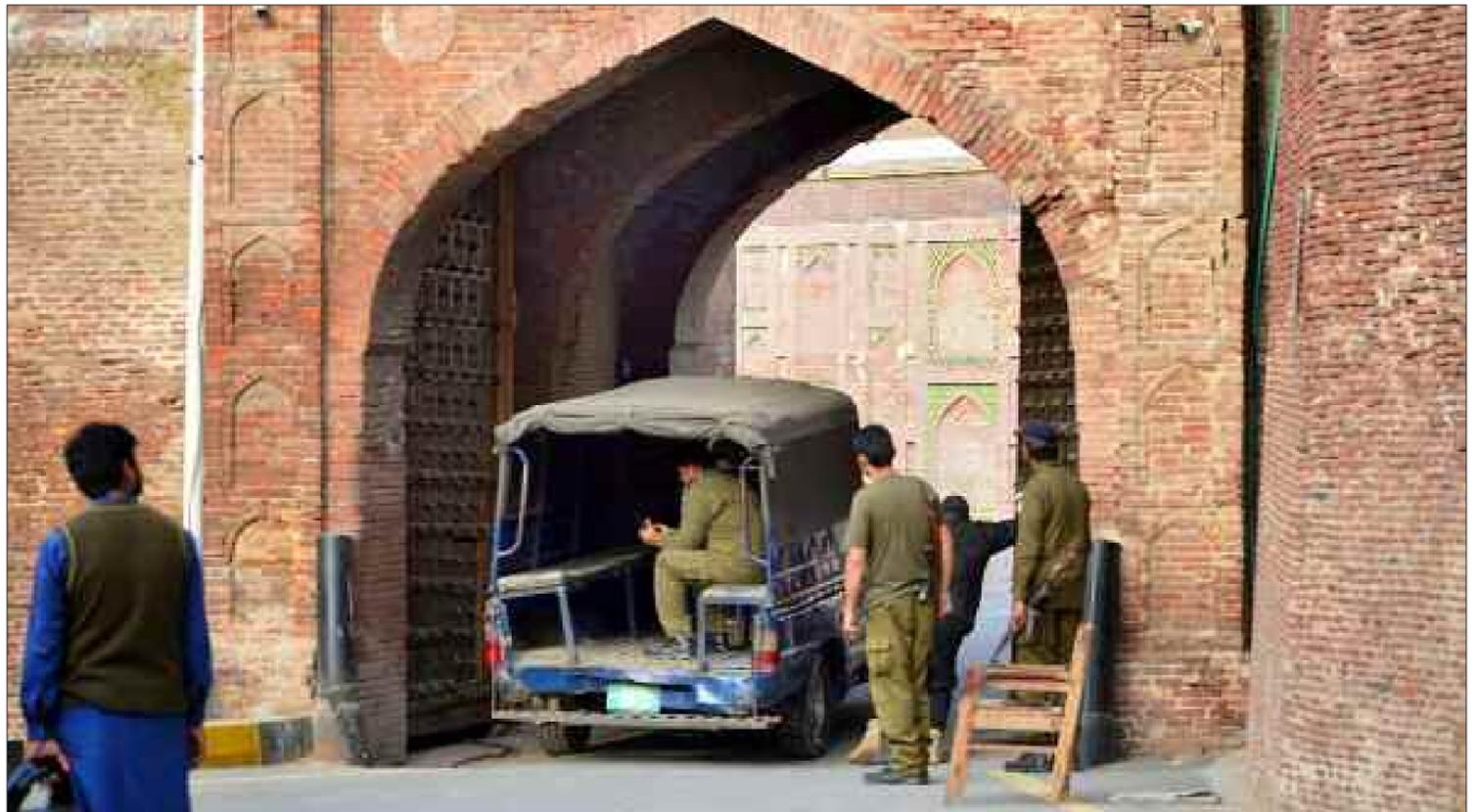
HR&MA Dept holds training at Labour Dept

LAHORE: Provincial Department of Human rights & minority affairs (HR&MA) organized a training session regarding protection of labor rights at Labor department here on Tuesday.

The training session chaired by Deputy Secretary HR&MA Muhammad Yousaf while labor officers and inspectors on human rights were also present on the occasion.

Muhammad Yousaf said that labor rights were of fundamental importance while the Punjab government had already launched Punjab Labour Policy 2018' with emphasis on simplifying the existing labour legislation, improving its enforcement through re-vamping inspection, and rationalization of labor wages with a shift towards living fair wage. He added that the Punjab Labour Policy was full of plans and promises with a hope of formulating a strategy to protect the labor rights.

Representatives of labor department said the department had committed in document a survey of child labour shall be carried out in order to assist the Bureau of Statistics to assess quantum of labor. The Domestic Workers' Policy has been prepared by Labor Department with the assent of the government and initiating administrative measures to facilitate women workers at the workplace like establishment of daycare centres, separate washrooms, separate meal places and specific arrangements



LAHORE: Police personnel vehicle enters at historical Lahore Fort as the Punjab government issues orders to keep close Lahore Fort due to fear of coronavirus. —Online

Steps to cope with coronavirus completed, claims CM

— Says Punjab govt fully aware about threat of coronavirus; chairs cabinet standing committee meeting

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that Punjab government is fully aware about the threat of coronavirus and all the administrative arrangements for dealing with coronavirus have been completed.

There is a complete liaison with the federal government over coronavirus issue. The government will not take such decisions which create the atmosphere of panic and fear. A high-level meeting of Cabinet Standing Committee was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar to cope up with coronavirus. A special committee has been constituted under the supervision of Punjab Finance Minister to review the effects of coronavirus on economy.

Whereas, in order to deal with Coronavirus at local level, committees will also be set up at district level under the supervision of Deputy Commissioners comprising members of civil society.

The Chief Minister directed to review the making masks, safety kits and sanitizers at local level. The meeting was informed that NDMA will provide ten thousand safety suits within a week.

One thousand safety kits have reached, whereas, five thousand more kits will soon be supplied. He said that all-out measures will be taken for the safety of doctors and paramedical staff in the hospitals. Safety kits and masks are being provided to the doctors and paramedical staff in the hospitals.

Available resources should be utilized in a logical manner to cope up with coronavirus. Healthy person does not need face mask, provision of face

masks and other necessitates to the paramedical staff will be ensured.

Those who are involved in masks-hoarding will be dealt with an iron hand. 90 thousand masks have been recovered during operations against hoarders in Rawalpindi and Lahore.

The quarantine will be established for more than three thousand corona affected patients in the labour colony of Multan. Hostels rooms of educational institutions will be used for isolation. He further directed that medical check-up of passengers, arriving from other provinces should be conducted at bus stands. A helpline should be established for providing awareness of coronavirus at district and central level.

A briefing was given about precautionary measures being taken by the government to save from coronavirus and the participants of the meeting gave

their recommendations in this regard.

Expresses deep sense of sorrow over loss of lives due to collapse of roof

Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the loss of precision human lives due to the collapse of the roof in Kohat. The chief minister extended heartfelt sympathies and condoled with the bereaved family members.

Takes notice of murder of two minor brothers

Buzdar has taken notice of murder of two minor brothers near Hafizabad and sought a report from RPO Gujranwala.

The Chief Minister directed that murderers of double murders should immediately be apprehended.

Condoles death of famous novelist of Zafar Lashari

Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the sad demise of Zafar

Lashari, a famous Novelist of Saraiki language. The chief minister extended heartfelt sympathies and condoled with the bereaved family. He prayed may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage and strength to the family members to bear this loss with fortitude.

The Chief Minister while paying tributes to the literary services of the late said that his unforgettable achievements for the promotion of Saraiki literature will long be remembered.

Condemns unprovoked Indian Army firing at LoC

Buzdar has strongly condemned unprovoked firing by India at Line of Control. Usman Buzdar expressed his deep sense of grief and sorrow over the martyrdom of Pak army soldier and urged the world community to take notice of unprovoked firing by Indian forces.

Coronavirus: Hand sanitizers to be placed in all factories

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: In light of the pandemic faced by the whole nation Punjab Industrial Estates Development & Management Company (PIEDMC) has initiated a campaign in which hand sanitizers will be placed in all the factories and compulsory hand washing will implemented before entering the premises to safeguard the workers, labourers and managerial staff in fight against corona virus.

Presently more than 2000 factories in different production sectors of economy are working in all seven industrial estates including Sundar Estate, Quid-e-Azam estate, Bhalwal estate,

Rahim yar khan estate, Multan estate phase one and two and Vehari industrial estate. Approximately 250,000 workers are involved directly and about one million people are engaged indirectly with these set-ups.

This decision was taken in an emergency meeting held here, yesterday, chaired by chairman Punjab Industrial Estates Development & Management Company (PIEDMC) Syed Nabeel Hashmi. Shahzad Azam President BOM-SIE and Arif Qasim President BOM-QIE and representatives of all the industrial estates attended the meeting and resolved to enforce measures against the epidemic.

The emphasizes was to comply

strictly with the instructions issued by the Punjab Government to make people aware about menace of corona virus (COVID19). A ban has been imposed on gatherings, seminars, training workshops, sports festivals and any other activities. It was also decided to close all parks situated in all Punjab Industrial Estates Development & Management Company (PIEDMC) estates during the next six weeks.

The chairman endorsed the antiviral measures taken by PM Imran Khan and Punjab Govt and said that all the industrial estates would launch awareness campaigns through pamphlets, billboards and other means to make people aware of this pandemic.

PTI's inefficiency, incapability totally exposed: Jawad

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chairman Barabari Party Pakistan Jawad Ahmad has said that the present government of PTI is the first government in the history of the country which is doing everything except the welfare of people due to which all sections of the country have suffered. Farmers, workers, weak and poor classes are starting to think Imran Khan is not the messiah but the reason for their anguish and troubles. PTI's inefficiency and incapability has been totally exposed, the party which used to raise hue and cry over bad governance of previous governments. In future, people will suffer further due to the federal government's public policies. He further said while talking to party workers in response to a question about PTI government's performance that only within a year and a half.



LAHORE: A vendor displays fresh fruit melon on the GT Road in Baghanpura area.

Aslam vows to defeat virus

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Industries and Trade Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal has said that coronavirus has become a pandemic. Difficult situation persists but we do not have to worry over it.

Those nations which cope up difficult situations with bravery and courage always succeed. We do not have to be afraid of coronavirus but rather fight with it jointly and also defeat it, he resolved. He further maintained that prevention is better than cure and precautionary measures should be fully implemented. We should wash our hands frequently and pay special attention to hygiene and cleanliness, he added.

Mian Aslam Iqbal in a statement issued here today said that PTI government has completed all necessary arrangements in order to save the masses from the dangers of coronavirus as well as providing them all necessary treatment facilities.

We are fully focused on the current

situation regarding surfacing of coronavirus hazards. He further maintained that people should stand side by side with the government in the war against coronavirus and the guidelines laid down by the government should be fully implemented.

Instead of becoming fearful of the challenges posed by coronavirus, we have to fight with it bravely. Awareness campaign for adopting precautionary measures in order to save the masses from coronavirus is vigorously going on. Religious scholars, media and other influential persons should create awareness among the masses to prevent themselves from coronavirus, he concluded.

Isolated wards must be out of hospitals: YDA

Young Doctors Association (YDA) President Dr Salman Haseeb Chaudhry on Monday said that Isolation ward should be set up outside of the hospitals premises so that other patients and medical staff could not be affected from Coronavirus.

Addressing a press conference, he

suggested that the people should not come to hospital with minor flu and cough problem, adding that hospitals may install screening and vigilance equipments at the entrance of hospital.

He said the government should provide at least 4500 ventilators in the province, adding that only 600 ventilators were functional while 200 out of order. He said the government should provide free of cost coronavirus diagnostic kit to hospitals, adding that by taking preventive measures the government should nationalize all government, semi government and private hospitals for the treatment of Coronavirus patients. He said that YDA was going to launch an awareness campaign for the prevention of coronavirus epidemic.

He said that some private hospitals had charged heavy fee for coronavirus test and the government should take necessary action and make it free of costs. He said that doctors should examine the infected patients according to international SOPs so that patients and doctors could