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Quick Read

LWMC washes The Mall, Anarkali bazaar with disinfectants

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) Monday washed The Mall road and Anarkali bazaar with disinfectants to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the city. LWMC Managing Director Rao Intiaz Ahmad said that all main roads, crossings, markets and other areas in the city were being washed with disinfectants on daily basis. He said that maintaining proper cleanliness was one of the ways to curb coronavirus.

Two dead, 498 injured in 452 road accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least two persons were killed and 498 injured in 452 road accidents in Punjab province during the last 24 hours, according to Punjab Emergency Service (PES), commonly known as Rescue-1122. As many as 284 seriously injured people were shifted to different hospitals while 214 with minor injuries were treated on-the-spot. The data analysis showed that 203 drivers, 16 underage drivers, 74 pedestrians and 223 passengers were among the victims of the road accidents. The statistics show that 88 road accidents were reported in Lahore, which affected 96 persons, placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by 37 in Faisalabad with 42 victims and at third Multan with 37 accidents and 40 victims. According to the data, 429 motorbikes, 37 auto-rickshaws, 24 motorcars, three vans, one passenger bus, 12 trucks and 43 other types of vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in the road accidents.

818 cases registered over violation of Section 144

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the orders of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Shoaib Dastgir, police teams registered 818 cases over violation of Section 144 and arrested 1,095 persons during the last 24 hours. According to police spokesman, 209 persons were released after issuance of warning. Also, a crackdown on hoarders continued during this period and police registered 21 cases and arrested as many persons. According to the police, 26,401 individuals and 17,857 vehicles and motorcycles were checked at 1,282 checkpoints and 19,473 people were issued a warning. Surety bonds were sought from 1,547 citizens, 875 people were sent to police stations and 382 FIRs were registered in this regard. Police said action was taken against 57 shopkeepers and four restaurants, whereas 8,767 persons were provided help during an awareness campaign.



LAHORE: An ariel view of Brandreth Road area during the 7th day of lockdown amid corona virus outbreak. —Online

CM reviews coronavirus related measures in Province

—Says govt will also give incentives to heirs of doctors, health professionals, employees died during anti-coronavirus campaign

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar presided over a meeting at his office here on Monday to review latest coronavirus situation in the province. The meeting was attended by Corps Commander Lahore Lt. Gen. Majid Ehsan, DG Rangers Punjab Maj. Gen. Muhammad Amir Majeed, Chief Secretary, IG Police, SMBR, Chairman P&D, ACS (Home) and high level civil and military officials. The Chief Minister told the meeting that doctors and health professionals engaged in the treatment of coronavirus patients will be given one month's additional salary. The Punjab government will also give incentives to the heirs of doctors, health professionals and employees died during the anti-coronavirus cam-

paign under Shuhada Package, he added. He pointed out that Punjab is the only province where The Punjab Infectious Diseases Control and Prevention Ordinance, 2020 has been enforced which has helped the administration and health department to take steps for controlling the coronavirus. The CM stated that Rs12 billion has been given to the health department. Section 144 is enforced in the province and very sensitive areas have been locked down in to. Similarly, SOPs have also been devised to trace the people remained in contact with the affected patients, he said. Meanwhile, new testing labs are being set up. The chief minister said that wheat harvesting will start in April and Punjab government has also increased wheat quota for the flour mills. On the other side, he announced

that 5000 metric ton wheat is being given to the KPK province daily. The wheat will be procured from farmers at the rate of Rs 1400 per maund, he added. Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Majid Ehsan assured of continuing full cooperation to the civil government and both political and military leadership decided to strictly implement governmental steps for overcoming the pandemic. The meeting reiterated that the best healthcare facilities will be provided to the patients. Steps relating to treatment facilities for the coronavirus patients, food security and food supply chain were also reviewed in detail. **Pakistan will win battle against coronavirus** Buzdar has said that timely steps have been taken to deal with the coronavirus and added that PTI-led federal and Punjab governments have an-

nounced the best package worth billions of rupees for providing relief to the daily wage earners. In a statement issued here on Monday, the CM maintained that coronavirus is a collective challenge of the whole world and regretted that opposition is engaged in politics over this sensitive issue. Regrettably, the opposition tried of point-scoring over coronavirus pandemic and its jangling discord over this important issue is deplorable. The negative role being played by the opposition in this hour of trial will not be remembered in good words, he maintained. Usman Buzdar maintained that opposition is engaged in hollow sloganeering as it has not done anything practical. Today, the nation needs unity as the national debt can be retired through collective efforts. Prime

Minister Imran Khan has always stressed for taking collective actions and the nation will surely win the battle against coronavirus under his leadership, concluded the chief minister. **Wheat harvesting to start in April: Usman Buzdar** Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that harvesting of wheat crop will start in April. He was addressing a special meeting, held to review the recent condition of Coronavirus and steps being taken to protect lives of people, here on Monday. He said that the Punjab government had increased wheat quota for flour mills, adding that 5,000 metric tonnes of wheat was being provided to Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa on daily basis. Buzdar said that wheat would be procured from farmers at a rate of Rs 1,400 per maund.

Aslam urges philanthropists to help out the poor, needy

—Says war against coronavirus could be won through determination, unity

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Industries and Trade Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal Monday urged philanthropists to come forward during the hard times of the nation and earn blessing of Allah Almighty by assisting the poor and needy people generously. He said in a media statement that the war against coronavirus could be won through determination and unity. Joint struggle of the government and the institutions would help the nation get rid of global pandemic. "We will steer the country out of current difficult situation by combating the virus bravely," he added. Mian Aslam said that coronavirus scourge could not defeat resolute determination of a brave nation. The whole nation salutes the medical and paramedical staff fighting against dreaded virus

on the forefront, he added. Unnecessary mobility of people had been restricted to save them from coronavirus; therefore, they must follow the government advisories in this regard. The minister said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government had also granted hefty fiscal relief package for the downtrodden segment of the society. He also clarified that there was no shortage food items in the country and people should neither get panicked nor buy commodities beyond their needs. Those indulging in hoarding for the sake of earning a little more money were criminals of the nation, he added. Aslam Iqbal directed the administration to continue strict crackdown on hoarders and price-hike mafia. In order to effectively cope with the prevailing pandemic, everyone would have to adopt the precautionary measures to break the virus

Medical aid from China reflection of ever-green Sino-Pak friendship: Augustine

—Appreciates China support during Pak hard times

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Human Rights & Minorities Affairs (HR&MA) Ijaz Alam Augustine Monday said that China had always supported Pakistan during the testing times. In a statement, he said that medical aid from China was a reflection of the ever-green friendship between China and Pakistan. The minister said that Pakistani nation was thankful to the Chinese people for the medical support. He said that the situation of viral pandemic in the country would improve due to Chinese assistance. He said that Prime Minister Imran Khan had personally been monitoring the countrywide situation. He appealed to people to stay at their homes and support the government's initiative to curb the spread of the viral disease in the country.



LAHORE: People receive free food from vehicle on the GT Road Baghbanpura area during the 7th day of lockdown amid corona virus outbreak. —Online

CS orders screening of Tableeghi Jamaat members

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Secretary Major (ret'd) Azam Suleman Khan Monday directed the relevant departments to contain all members including foreigners of Tableeghi Jamaat to the districts of their current location in Punjab and also conduct their corona screening to help curb the spread of the virus. He issued these directions while chairing a meeting on administrative affairs, testing process of coronavirus patients and steps to minimise educational losses due to lockdown. The meeting was attended by Senior Member Board (Revenue) (SMBR), Additional Chief Secretary Home, IG Punjab and officers concerned. The CS said that decision to carry out screening of Tableeghi Jamaat had been taken to stem spread of the pan-

demical, and those with positive COVID-19 would be shifted to quarantines. The SMBR told the meeting that personal protection equipment (PPE) including 38,500 surgical masks, 5,750 N-95 masks, 14,600 gowns, 36,500 gloves, and 12,900 goggles had been dispatched to hospitals in all districts. The meeting deliberated on a proposal to promote students from class one to eight without examination and on the basis of their performance in summer vacation homework. It was decided that online classes would be arranged for 9th and 10th class students, especially subjects of Mathematics and Science up to class eight. These lectures would also be telecast on cable TV as well. The meeting was briefed that a notification had been issued to constitute

divisional philanthropists committees at divisional level for helping deserving people, affected by lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. Each committee would comprise of divisional commissioner, a provincial minister, to be nominated by the Punjab chief minister, regional police officer, deputy commissioner, district police officer, president chamber of commerce of district/division, philanthropists, representative of any non-governmental organisation (NGO), and district head of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) or Ehsaas Programme. The committee would identify needy/poor of the area/district; decide the method of assistance either through food hampers or cash distribution, besides ensuring that social distancing was observed during distribution of the aid.