

RWMC to utilise resources against virus

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Waste Management Company (RWMC), will utilize all available resources to stop spread of coronavirus with cooperation of masses.

Managing Director Awais Manzoor while chairing a meeting directed the official concerned to launch campaign to educate masses regarding the Coronavirus and precautionary measures to get rid of it.

All the public places including Perwadhahi bus stand, Metro bus station, Katcheri etc should be properly cleaned with Chlorine and insecticides while using machinery instead of manual work, he added.

He said that the coronavirus advisory along pamphlets would also displayed and distributed at hotels, bus stops and public places.

The MD said there was no need to be scared of the virus, rather there was a need to combat it with full preparedness and take precautionary measures.

Meanwhile, the communication teams conducted door to door awareness campaign at Zahooraabad, Pirwadhahi (UC-07) where the residents and traders were educated that their co-operation with the company would lead to a "Clean & Green Pakistan".

Navy ready to tackle security challenges: Zafar



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RAWALPINDI: Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi, Chief of the Naval Staff visited PAF Air War College, Faisal on Tuesday.

On his arrival he was received by Air Vice Marshal Zulfiqar Ahmed, Commandant Air War College.

Addressing the Air War course participants, Admiral Zafar Abbasi paid rich tributes to the role and sacrifices of the Pakistan Air Force in defence of the country. He further said that we must keep abreast of the emerging trends and make endeavours to deal with complex and dynamic security environment facing the world today.

He added that jointness remained central to the modern concept of military operations as no force could achieve success in today's warfare single handedly.

He further said that Pakistan Navy is always ready to tackle the maritime security challenges facing the country.

Later on, the Naval Chief also met foreign officers undergoing course at the premier institution. PAF Air War College is the prestigious institution of Pakistan Air Force, where mid level officers of Pakistan Armed Forces and friendly countries are prepared for assumption of key Command and Staff appointments.

DC distributes masks to cope with coronavirus

From Our Staff Correspondent

QUETTA: Deputy Commissioner Harnai Azeem Jan Dumar on Tuesday said all available resources would be utilized to control spread of corona virus and stressed upon the people to take precautionary measures against corona virus.

He expressed these views while visiting district headquarters hospital and Lady Hospital to review taken measures against the corona virus.

The Deputy Commissioner said administrations and health department were ensuring preparations in the hospitals to cope any case of the corona virus in the areas on special directive of Chief Minister Balochistan and Chief Secretary because there was no reported case of the corona virus in the district.



KARACHI: A view of closed Play land park as a COVID-19 precautioning measure.

People returning from Iran via Taftan to stay at quarantine

From Our Staff Correspondent

MULTAN: Secretary Specialized Health, Nabeel Awan along with Secretary Primary Health, Capt (retired), Muhammad Usman, paid a visit to the country's largest quarantine area consisting of 2976 rooms here on Tuesday.

The quarantine has been set up at Labour Welfare Complex located in Industrial Area of the city.

Commissioner Multan Division, Shan-ul-Haq and Deputy Commissioner, Aamir Khattak were accompanying the visiting secretaries.

Speaking at presser, provincial secretaries stated that devotees returning from Iran through Taftan would be made to stay at this quarantine.

They informed that out of total 15,000 pilgrims, 1,200 belonged to South Punjab adding they (pilgrims) would be kept at Multan and Bahawalpur quarantines.

Only five suspected patients of coronavirus were admitted at Nishtar hospital, they informed and added that a mechanism would be formulated to mitigating the rush of people at the health facility.

Doctors, nurses paramedics were the front line force of health department and their lives would not be put on risk at any cost, they assured.

They urged media to play its role for awareness of the masses including hand hygiene and cleanliness, saying that people should adopt social distancing.

Mask was not mandatory for each one of us and elderly people over 60 were more vulnerable for the virus, they clarified. Meanwhile, Commissioner Multan Division and DC visited Nishtar Hospital to check the arrangements.

Focal Person for Coronavirus, Dr Naveed Jamal briefed the officials on latest situation.

NMU VC, Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha was also present.

"No entry in Pakistan, without authentic COVID-19 negative test"

Minister for Aviation Ghulam Sarwar Khan Tuesday said that entry within Pakistan territorial limits would not be allowed without the authentic COVID-19 through RT-PCR negative test result for Corona virus.

Addressing a press conference after cabinet meeting along with Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan and Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr Noor-ul-Haq Qadri, he said, "all passengers travelling to Pakistan would be required to provide certified copy of test result for COVID-19

through RT-PCR conducted during the 24 hour period prior to boarding the flight."

He said, that the test result must include the name and passport number of the passenger. Original test result would be required at the disembarkation airport in Pakistan. All airlines were required to comply with this mandatory requirement, he added.

The condition would remain in place till April, 4, he added. He said, "This measure is being taken to control the spread of Corona virus in Pakistan."

Ghulam Sarwar Khan said, the requirement for test result would be in addition to current requirement of submission of completed health declaration form at the point of disembarkation in Pakistan. He said that the position would be continuously monitored as per the evolving situation and would be subject to review at appropriate time. He said that all domestic departures at the airports were required for the screening of the passengers for the Corona virus before being allowed to board the flight.

"This mandatory screening at domestic departure would be enforced with effects from March, 21 with the help of respective federal or provincial health authorities" he added. He said that the

step had been taken to ensure that necessary steps were in place to control the spread of Corona virus in the country.

The international flight operation will revert to the original airports, except Gwadar and Turbat and the international operation will remain suspended on Gwadar and Turbat airports, he added.

He said that earlier the international flight operations were shifted to three major airports i.e. Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore.

The past few days have been spent in better equipping the remaining International Airports to ensure proper screening of the arriving international passengers.

He said, that all aircrafts were required to be disinfected as per the best industry practices prior to embarkation of passengers at the point of origin.

The airline, he said, would be required to submit a certificate in that regard to the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority, failing which the aircraft would be denied entry into Pakistan.

A similar mandatory condition has also been imposed with respect to domestic flights as well.

To a question he said that PIA flight operation to bring back Pakistani about 5000 Umrah pilgrims from Saudi Arabia

Eight dacoit gangs busted, 28 arrested

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: Police busted eight dacoit gangs and arrested their 28 members besides recovering cash, gold ornaments, weapons, four vehicles, three motorcycles and other items during 100 days.

According to a police spokesman, City Police Officer, Rawalpindi, DIG Ahsan Younas chaired a meeting on Tuesday to review performance of Pindi Police.

Senior Superintendent Police (SSP) Investigation Muhammad Faisal briefed the meeting about raids and arrests made during 100 days.

He informed that eight dacoit gangs were busted and police managed to arrest Nasir Shafaqat, Mansoor, Fazal Raheem, Baqir, Wailayat Shah, Qabil Masih, Tariq Masih, Adeb, Kabir Gul, Sulman, Abu Bakar, Noor Rehman, Hamad, Khatab, Bilal, Haider, Li-aquat, Rais, Tasadiq, Siddique, Shahid Sohail, Adeel and others.

Similarly, Noor Khan, Tariq, Yasir, Sajid Mehmood, Asad, Shehreyar, Basit Javed and other dacoits who received bullet injuries during police encounters were also netted.

He informed that several police teams were constituted under the supervision of Station House Officers of different police stations.

PFA seals three outlets, imposes fine of Rs 81,000

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) in its ongoing drive of checking food outlets on Tuesday inspected various sites, and sealed three for not following the SOPs regarding maintaining food standard.

The departments spokesman told media that PFA teams during routine checking sealed Jhoolay Lal Milk shop for selling adulterated milk.

The teams also sealed Farman godown and Naveed hotel for not adopting cleanliness arrangements while their administration failed to provide the record of the items.

The teams also imposed fine of Rs 81,000 on various outlets while notices were issued to 181 outlets to improve cleanliness. He further said strict action was being taken against violators to ensure provision of hygienic food to the residents.

Crackdown against hoarding masks

From Our Staff Correspondent

SUKKUR: Sindh Minister for Transport, Mass Transit, Labour, Human Resources, Information, Religious Affairs and Forests, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah Tuesday said strict action would be taken against hoarding coronavirus prevention masks.

Talking to media persons during his visit to isolation center established here at Mahar Medical College, the minister said the government had already started crackdown against those hoarding surgical and masks and were being

DC asks traders to ensure sale of surgical masks

From Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: The Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad, Ayesha Abro on Tuesday asked the traders, whole sellers and shop keepers to ensure sale of surgical masks, sanitizers, other protective material and daily use items at the rates already fixed by the administration.

The Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting of the traders to ensure provision of surgical material, edible items and other necessary things on prescribed prices.

The objective of this meeting is to warn those who were involved in black marketing of daily use items, Ms. Abro said and directed traders to ensure availability of surgical masks, edible items and other things on fixed prices.

The DC said 'she had directed concerned officers to conduct surprise raids

on the shops and warehouses to check the prices of the mentioned items, adding that in case of black marketing of these things action would be initiated against the violators.

The district administration has received several complaints regarding hike in prices of surgical masks, edible items and other things which is a gross violation of law. DC said and warned that during raid if anyone found involved in this dirty practice, heavy fines would be imposed against them and shops would also be sealed forthwith.

The Deputy Commissioner advised the traders to cooperate with the administration and refrain from over charging prices of above mentioned commodities.

The coronavirus situation in Hyderabad is under control and condition of the only patient admitted in LU hospital was recovering day by day, the DC said and

hoped that patient would soon be cured and discharged from hospital.

The Deputy Commissioner asked the traders to submit detailed quantity wise report about edible items and the surgical material to the concerned officials immediately.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner Qaim Akbar Nimai, Assistant Commissioner City Mohammad Ibrahim Arbab, Assistant Commissioner Latifabad Faraz Ahmed Siddiqui and others were also present in the meeting.

Commissioner directs to improve arrangements against Covid-19

The Commissioner Hyderabad Muhammad Abbas Baloch has asked to officers of all concerned departments to further improve the arrangements against Covid-19 in order to meet the challenge of pandemic that gripped to entire world. Though the situation in Hyderabad re-

mained under control however more efforts are required to monitor the situation with holding regular meetings on daily basis by the officers of departments concerned, he added.

The Commissioner issued such directives while presiding over a meeting with the officers of concerned departments here at his office on Tuesday.

He also asked them to obtain complete data from the management of Imambargahs and religious organizations about the arrival of pilgrims in Hyderabad from Iran. Those who returned from Iran and other Covid-19 affected countries should be brought in quarantine centers for monitoring, he added. The Commissioner asked the Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad to ensure round the clock functioning of the control room and also make sure availability of masks and other necessary goods in the markets.

CM KP chairs first KP Culture & Tourism Authority BoDs meeting

PESHAWAR: The first meeting of the Board of Directors of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority (KPCTA) was held here on Tuesday with Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan in chair.

The forum approved creation of a post of Director General, one post of Director, three posts of General Managers and other necessary slots for KPCTA.

Professionals will be hired against these slots from private sectors through competitive process for a specific period extendable subject to satisfactory performance of the incumbents. The meeting also approved organogram, official logo and budgetary allocation for operational expenditure of KPCTA in addition to the procurement of vehicles and other equipment for the authority.

Additional Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shakeel Qadir, administrative Secretaries of Tourism, local government, Finance, Environment and Communication & Works departments,

Member Provincial Assembly Ayesha Bano and private sector members of the BoDs including Shumila Tabassam, Rabia Amin and Syed Salman Sadat attended the meeting. The meeting was briefed in detail about short-term and long-term plans of the authority for the promotion of cultural and tourism activities in the province.

The meeting was informed that draft of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Integrated Tourism Plan has been finalized which will be notified shortly whereas draft rules for establishment of proposed Kalam Development Authority on the analogy of Kaghan Development Authority have also been prepared and would soon be tabled in provincial cabinet for formal approval.

The Chief Minister directed the relevant authorities to complete recruitment on the administrative positions approved for KPCTA in the shortest possible time further directing that transparency and merit in the recruitment process should be ensured in all

respects. He directed that rules prepared for establishment of the proposed Kalam Development Authority be presented to the cabinet for formal approval so that the establishment of the authority could be realized and resultantly maximum tourists could be attracted to the area in the upcoming season.

RMI holds awareness video conference on virus

Rehman Medical Institute (RMI) Tuesday organised video conference with Chinese team of experts, learning from their experience of managing Corona Virus (COVID-19).

Advisor to CM for Science and Information Technology Zia Ullah Bangash and Managing Director Science and Information Technology Dr. Shahbaz Khan were the guest of honor at the session. There was live interaction between team of RMI experts, along with representatives of Lady Reading Hospital, Prime Hospital, Shifa international hospital. —APP



MULTAN: District administration places placards inscribed with awareness messages and measures against coronavirus threat.