

## Nestlé Pakistan announces financial results for Q1 2020

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Nestlé Pakistan posted a revenue of Rs 29.8 billion, an increase of 2.6% compared to the same period last year, despite many difficulties emanating from COVID-19 crisis.

Juices and water as well as products for out-of-home channel were severely impacted by the lockdown. In addition, Afghanistan border closure had a major impact on the exports. Net profit for the same period has declined mainly due to higher financing cost and currency devaluation impact. These quarterly results were announced following a Board of Directors' meeting at the Company's Head Office.

In view of the very exceptional situation caused by COVID-19, we will continue to prioritize health and wellbeing of our employees, business continuity and supporting communities with our relief efforts.

In order to meet the nutritional needs of both affected and frontline heroes during these times, Nestlé Pakistan committed Rs 100 million in the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the pledge, the company is providing product and cash donations, which includes 4 million servings of milk, iron fortified dairy products, baby cereals, water and juices. Nestlé Pakistan has also partnered with Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and will benefit from its unmatched presence and expertise in providing first-aid, emergency response and epidemic control.

## Man involved in illegal kidney transplant arrested

LAHORE: The Civil Lines Police Thursday arrested a man allegedly involved in illegal kidney transplant.

The police, led by SP Civil Lines Dost Muhammad, conducted a raid at a clinic and arrested one Zulfiqar. The accused was wanted to police for the last five years. The accused used to bring people to Lahore and sell out their kidneys for big amounts. The accused was also involved in many cases of bogus cheques worth Rs 20 million.

**AVLS recovers 12 stolen motorcycles**

The Anti-Vehicle Lifting Staff (AVLS) Civil Lines busted a motorcycle-lifting gang and arrested its two members besides recovering 12 stolen motorcycle. A special police team arrested the gangsters namely Muhammad Billo and his accom-



LAHORE: People gather at a charity outlet without COVID-19 precautions at the the Shadman Market.

## Customers can donate to PM's COVID-19 Fund with convenience through UPaisa



LAHORE: UPaisa customers can now donate to Prime Minister's Corona Relief Fund and Shaukat Khanum with convenience through UPaisa's funds transfer facility.

Donations can be sent to multiple organizations which are working for the relief of daily wage workers and other deserving households by simply dialing \*786#. Customers can select "donation" option after which they can punch the desired amount.

Cash can be transferred to various funds and organizations including PM's COVID Relief Fund, Akhuwat Foundation, Jabir Bin Hayyan Trust, Shaukat Khanam Memorial Trust, Shifa Foundation, Shifa Eye Trust and Vision Forty Seven Foundation.

The initiative allows swift digital collection of relief funds while ensuring social distancing. Being a people centric brand, UPaisa has always focused towards customer enablement and providing convenience while staying at home is a testament of its commitment to support Pakistanis during these difficult times. The provision of smart solutions such as these will allow people to respect the lockdown and at the same time help the ones who are finding it extremely difficult to make ends meet.

As a socially responsible organization Ufone advises all its customers to adopt preventive measures against Coronavirus. These include washing hands thoroughly and often, with soap, for 20 seconds, avoid shaking hands, especially with those who appear to be ill, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible, disinfect shared surfaces, such as doorknobs, bathroom taps, or table tops, stay home when sick and maintain distance of at least 1 meter from any individual. By adoption of

# Modi's true face of barbarism exposed in world: Governor

## — Urges UN, AI, other human rights bodies to take serious notice, take strict action against Modi

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committing terrorism against Muslims in India while erroneously holding them responsible for spread of coronavirus.

Governor urged the United Nations, Amnesty International and other human rights bodies to take serious note and take strict action and check most dreadful crime of Indian Muslims' genocide.

"Holding Indian Muslims responsible for the spread of coronavirus is such an ignominious act on the part of Indian premier Modi that should be condemned at all levels around the world," the governor said. Asserting that Modi's true face of barbarism has been exposed in the world at large, Mr Sarwar said it was high time that the world bodies including the United Nations take strict notice and ensure stopping atrocities and barbarism being committed against Muslims in India. "Indian premier Narendra Modi has become the biggest threat to the peace in the region," he said.

In connection with the International Labour Day, the governor lauded the labourers for their

untiring work aimed at the progress and prosperity of the country. Governor was speaking to different delegations on Thursday, including delegation led by Ali Moeen, Syed Rehan Gillani, Suleman Gillani and Oniza Ahsaan that called on him at Governor's House as well as recording his message in connection with the International Labour Day on Thursday. The Governor acknowledged that hundreds and thousands of labourers had lost their jobs in the wake of coronavirus pandemic that had left the whole world crisis-ridden. He said the government was making all out efforts and added that he himself was out to serve the poor labour class that needed ration to survive during these hard times. "The PTI government is ensuring that the labourers be given their due rights and respect besides provision of ration at their doorsteps," he said. Stating that no country can progress without the support of satisfied labour class, the governor asserted that the government was committed to help labourers prosper and strong by ensuring the provision of their due rights.

**Punjab Govt leaves behind other provinces by showing excellent performance in war to combat coronavirus: IRIs survey**

According to the latest survey of Internationalised Resource Identifiers (IRIs), Punjab government has left behind other provinces by displaying excellent performance in its war against coronavirus. According to the survey masses have declared the best steps taken by the Punjab government in order to combat and eradicate coronavirus as compared to other provinces. According to the survey and opinion of 48 percent people, Punjab government remained ahead of all other provinces in making continuous and uninterrupted contact with the people under its communication strategy.

According to the survey being conducted in April, Sindh government received 39 percent vote, KPK government 12 percent vote and Balochistan government received one percent vote with regard to maintaining communication strategy.

According to the opinion of 47 percent people in the survey, Punjab government displayed exemplary and effective performance in order to combat and deal with COVID-19 pandemic while Sindh, KPK and Balochistan government received 40 percent, 12 percent and one percent respectively vote.

## Well-done Imran Khan for choosing good media team

Syed Shakeel Gillani

A recent change in the government media team is appreciated by everyone and the induction of Shibli Faraz as Federal Minister for Information



and Broadcasting and Lt-Gen (ret'd) Asim Saleem Bajwa, Special Assistant to Prime Minister for Media Affairs is praised.

It would not be justified to express that there was no inner pressure from the party for the replacement of defeated candidate, if not then why she was deposed, there will be more questions in the mind but keeping eyes on future, the government decided to look forward for sound media management, planning and strategise their policies for implementation to watch the interest of federation.

The performance of new team of media is anticipated better than previous and it shows clearly the poor role was played in the past.

Shibli Faraz was part of the Senate of Pakistan since August 26, 2018 and now holds the portfolio of Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting since April 27,

2020.

He has been the member of Senate of Pakistan from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) since 2015.

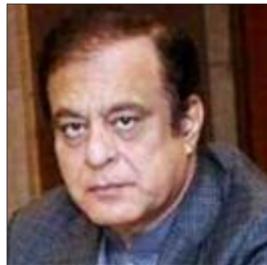
He is a very respectful member of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and was the runner up candidate for the slot of Deputy Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan. Basically Shibli Faraz is an investment banker by profession and was also a pilot of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) and then a civil servant.

He has contested the election for the Kohat District Mayor in 2002. He is the son of well-known and one of the country's most acclaimed poet Ahmad Faraz and his uncle Barrister Syed Masood Kausar had served as the Governor of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

His family is of Hindkowan background. He serves as the chairman of the committees on circular debt and commerce and textile in the Senate.

In August 2018, Prime Minister Imran Khan appointed Shibli Faraz as Leader of the House in the Senate.

Lt Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa a retired Pakistani Three-star General, who is now serving in two important positions at the moment, one is as the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting since April 27, 2020 and second one is as the Chairman

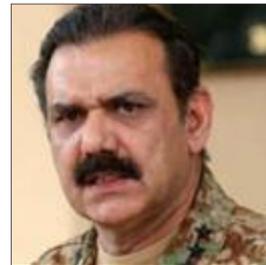


of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority since November 2019. Gen Bajwa was appointed Inspector General Arms at GHQ on Dec 11, 2016, where he served until his appointment to the key position of Commander Southern Command & XII Corps (Pakistan) in September 2017.

Previously, he also served as Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) from 2012 to 2016 preceding Major Gen Asif Ghafoor.

Lt Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa was commissioned in the 34th Punjab Regiment in 1984, at the Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) in Kakul.

He graduated from the Command and Staff College in Quetta, as well as the National Defence University (NDU) in Islamabad,



followed by the Staff College, Camberley.

He holds master's degrees in War Studies from NDU.

It would not be out of place to mention that Bajwa has a rich experience of media management, he knows how to control and win the war of media and to play within the boundaries to achieve and set the targets at this time of trial to highlight the narrative of government successfully, amicably, sociably and professionally.

He will again prove himself as thorough media professional. It is expected that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will focus on Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) as its being neglected since long. Good team good work.

The writer is broadcast journalist

## Govt responsible to reduce prices says Jawad

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chairman Barabari Party Pakistan, Jawad Ahmad while talking to party workers through video link said that the inflation bomb has almost brought doomsday on the people disturbed by the lockdown. It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the prices of essential commodities and take comprehensive measures to prevent the hoarding mafia from looting the people in this difficult time.

He said that in view of the corona virus, Ramzan bazaars were not set up this time. Govt said that they would provide cheap items to the people by giving subsidy through utility stores but there is no utility store where all the consumables are available. Sugar and flour are either not available and even if one finds them, their purchase is subject to buying other items, which is a grave injustice to the people.

Barabari Party is the only political party in the country which says that whole nation should have access to state's resources.

## Police constitute 277 teams for mosques SOPs implementation

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Lahore police have constituted 277 enforcement teams to monitor implementation of the 20-point standard operating procedures (SOPs) regarding COVID-19 precautionary measures during prayers and Taraweeh in mosques in holy month of Ramadan.

Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) of Police Operations Lahore Rai Babar Saeed said on Thursday that the enforcement teams consisted of more than 800 police officers and officials, who were submitting their surveillance reports to the authorities concerned for necessary action.

The police office paid visits to different mosques of the city to review implementation of the provincial government directions during prayers as well as the security arrangements made by the Lahore Police.

The DIG inspected Jamia Masjid Mustafa Shadman, Jamia Masjid Noor Old Anarkali, Jamia Masjid Nazeer Rahim Buksh Malik Park, Jamia Masjid Sherazia Rizvia, Madrasa Taleem Al-Binnat Lower Mall, Jamia Masjid Gulzar-e-Madina Ravi Road, Jamia Masjid Ibrahim Lorry Adda and other mosques of the city. Dolphin Sector In-charges, DSPs, SHOs and other police officers accompanied him.

Rai Babar Saeed also met the khateeb and administration of different mosques and asked them to ensure precautionary measures in the wake of COVID-19. Meanwhile, 205,583 citizens have been checked at police pickets so far and over 194,756 issued warning. More than 4,413 people involved in unnecessary movement were released after taking warranty bonds from them. As many as 183,096 vehicles including 103,549 motorcycles, 26,882 rickshaws, 5,333 taxis, 37,760 cars and 9,572 heavy vehicles were stopped at pickets and the owners were issued warning over unnecessary movement. Also, 7,334 vehicles were impounded over the law violations. As many as 2,130 cases were registered against persons involved in violation of the orders during partial lockdown in the city.



LAHORE: labourers mould molten steel rods at a mill as International Labour Day being observe today (Friday). —Online

## PFA seals three food points over adulteration, unhygienic conditions

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Thursday sealed three food points and discarded thousands of kilograms unwholesome food while carrying out an operation against adulterated milk and eatables in different districts of Punjab.

The operation was launched on the directions of PFA Director General Irfan Memon. The purpose of the inspection was to ensure healthy and safe food in the market as per the PFA Act. Food safety teams have visited dozens of eateries and examined the hygiene issues and food quality in a daylong operation.

Irfan Memon said that dairy safety teams have disposed of 1,900 litre chemically contaminated milk in Fazlia Colony Shah Jamal, Lahore. The dairy safety teams have inspected several milk shops to make certain the provision of adulteration-free food and milk to the people during the holy month of Ramadan.

As many as 2,200 litre milk was examined on nine milk shops during the in-

spection operation. The authority issued warning notices for improvement to business operators. Irfan Memon said that teams have discarded hundreds of kilograms milk which confiscated from Al-Hafiz, Sakhi Shah Jamal, Ahmed, Arshad, Botta, Talib and Akram milk shops. All these food points were found involved in the wicked practice of milk adulteration. He said that milk was disposed of after it was proved that milk had contamination of polluted water and harmful chemicals. PFA is checking milk through modern lactoscan machines.

In Multan, PFA sealed Mughal Industry at Nagh Shah Chowk and Malik Foods on Purana Dunyapur Road. He said that both units were closed down for bringing into use of expired flavours, empty bottles and untraceable ingredients. The raiding teams also witnessed improper labelling on products and poor cleanliness arrangements. He said that the use of artificial sweeteners and sub-standard pulp in drinks lead to sugar, kidney and heart problems.

According to details, the authority seized 2,220 litres Swiss mango drinks;

1,950kg mango pulp; 1,000 litres mango juice, 25kg pomegranate flavour, 23kg expired artificial sweeteners, two filling plants and 1,200 empty bottles.

PFA Sialkot team sealed Shah Chakki (grinding) unit located at Bogra Haji Pura over proved contamination of daal matri and corn in chickpea flour. He said that the team also witnessed poor storage system and worst condition of hygiene.

The director general said that adulteration is a heinous crime and adulterators would be dealt with iron hand. He further said that PFA's food safety officers are being sent to the field wearing full protective clothing who were screening the food business operators for COVID-19 with the help of thermal guns along with guiding them to prevent coronavirus.

In the meanwhile, in another raid PFA safety teams raided and sealed two food points in city for manufacturing juice with expired sweeteners.

The teams led by Director Operations South, Shahzad Magsi raided two food outlets and sealed for improper labeling, unidentified ingredients and violating already served notices.