

52 private hospitals treating COVID-19 patients

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: After special inspections of the Punjab Healthcare Commission, 52 private hospitals in eight cities are treating Covid-19 patients. These hospitals include 21 are in Lahore, Faisalabad 10, Rawalpindi 6, five each in Multan and Sargodha, Gujranwala 3, while one each in Narowal and Lodhran, where 228 Covid-19 patients are being treated. The isolation wards and high dependency units have been developed separately where 1,222 beds have been allocated for the Covid-19 patients. Besides this, these healthcare establishments have developed intensive care units where 370 ventilators have also been made available for affording patients. Moreover, reporting of the Covid-19 patients have been ensured in these hospitals. Also, after the intervention of the PHC, 10 laboratories in different cities are carrying out PCR tests of the coronavirus patients.

Five injured in blast in shop

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Five people were injured in an explosion in a barber's at Tajpura Butt Chowk. According to the eyewitnesses, as the barber opened the door of his shop, the explosion took place and fire broke out in the shop. As the result, five people, including four passersby, were injured by pieces of glass and other particles blown out by the explosion. The injured were rushed to a local hospital where the condition of two of them was stated to be critical. The cause of the explosion could not be known, rescuers said.

Ration distributed

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Beauty of Humanity (BoH) on Saturday distributed ration among hundreds of poor people, keeping the SOPs for coronavirus in view including social distancing. According to a press release issued here, the ration was distributed at homes in Shahdara, Sabzazar and other areas. Addressing on the occasion, BoH President Sheikh Ejaz Ahmed and General Secretary Hamid Mukhtar said: "We can't leave people alone at this difficult time. We will take care of the poor."

We will surely defeat scourge of coronavirus: Governor

Asks Opposition should come on one same page with govt to combat spread of dreadful coronavirus



By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar says the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf government does not believe in political victimization and stresses that the opposition should come on one same page with the government to combat the spread of dreadful coronavirus. He said all state institutions including NAB had been made apolitical and Prime Minister Imran Khan government's sole focus was on country's progress and prosperity. He said the business community was itself under severe economic stress but still helping out the poor and vulnerable families. "We will surely defeat the scourge of coronavirus, if we all will work hand-in-hand," he said.

Punjab said the coronavirus had become the biggest-ever challenge and could be fought against while strictly observing the SOPs with complete unity and harmony. "This is not a right time to indulge in petty politics but to get united," he said and urged the opposition to shun political point-scoring, prepare policies in the best interest of people and join hands with the government to fight against coronavirus pandemic. In the PM Imran Khan's government, Chaudhry Sarwar said all decisions were being taken in the best interest of people. Stating that the business community in the country was facing worst-ever economic suppression, he acknowledged that the business community was still working to provide ration to the families, whose bread-winners lost their jobs during the ongoing coronavirus crisis. He said the history would remember all those, who would serve the distressed humanity in these hard times. Chaudhry Sarwar said the govern-

ment had eased restrictions in the lockdown to offer relief to the business community. Now, he said, it was business community's responsibility to strictly implement and observe SOPs to save workers and customers from getting infected by the coronavirus. "The spread of coronavirus is expected to see massive surge in the days to come," the governor warned. Sarwar Foundation distributes ration among twenty thousand COVID-19 hit unemployed people. Distribution of ration among needy families of Azad Kashmir has also been started. Sanitisers, masks, protective kits and other equipment have also been distributed among people across the Pakistan. Vice-Chairperson, Sarwar Foundation, Perveen Sarwar, told press on Sunday that Sarwar Foundation immediately started relief and assistance operation after sprawl of pandemic and imposition of lockdown in Pakistan. She said, "We have not

only distributed ration among poor families, but also provided sanitisers, masks and protective kits to common people, medical and paramedical staff. We have dispatched ration for three thousand needy families of Murree and Kohala in time of distress as our gift for people of Kashmir. Distribution of ration is done without any discrimination. Sarwar Foundation has also distributed ration among Christian Community of Lahore and Sikh Community of Nankana Sahab. We believe that our minorities are severely hit by lockdown and epidemic. To build inclusive Pakistan, we have to take care of them and provide assistance. While answering question, she said, lockdown has torn down healthcare system of advanced countries. State cannot cope up with situation without help of philanthropic community. Sarwar Foundation is playing cardinal role in reducing the disastrous impacts of lockdown on vulnerable segments of our society. In coming days, we will speed up our ration drive and other initiatives.

Body found from Ravi

LAHORE: Police found a body of a man on the Ravi River bank here on Saturday. Locals of Shahpur spotted the body on the bank of the river and informed police. It was removed to morgue.

STOLEN CARS: The Anti-Vehicle Lifting Staff of Civil Lines police handed over two stolen cars to their owners on Saturday. The cars were handed over to their owners named Amir Hussain and Faheem.

Meanwhile, Nawankot investigation police arrested two alleged thieves identified as Waseem and Qurban and recovered cell phones and electronic appliances from their possession.

18,79,001 called 15: The Punjab Safe Cities Authority issued statistics of PUCAR-15 for April 2020.

The Police Unified Communication and Response-15 Emergency Helpline received 18,79,001 calls, out of which, 10,73,445 calls were considered hoaxes and approximately 1,24,136 calls with genuine concerns, on which, further action was taken and 5,62,738 calls were dropped. As many as 51,736 calls were made for information, traffic management or traffic police help. PSCA extended its services in 2,068 cases pertaining to traffic offenses. PSCA received 14,551 calls relating to crime against people and 19,976 calls pertaining to property disputes and 20,795 calls about public order. —APP

200 teachers booked

LAHORE: Civil Lines police registered a case against at least 200 teachers on charges of staging a protest demonstration on The Mall. Khizar Hayat Gondal, Fareed Khan, Shabir Ahmad Hashmi and Prof Adnan were among the 18 teachers nominated in the FIR. According to the FIR, the teachers violated the social distancing system and gathered on The Mall. The case was registered on the complaint of a sub-inspector.

NOTICE: The inspector general of police Punjab took notice of murder of eight people in a fight between two groups during wheat harvesting and sought a detailed report on the incident from the Sheikhupura Region RPO.

POLICE SHUT SHOPS: Police cordoned off the Hall Road Market on Saturday. Similarly, police forced the shopkeepers to close their shops on Sanda Road and many other places in the City. —

LCCI greets Chela Ram Kewlani for becoming chairman Minorities Commission

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) office bearers Saturday congratulated Chela Ram Kewlani on becoming Chairman Minorities Commission. LCCI President Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, Senior Vice President Ali Hussain Ashgar and Vice President Mian Zahid Jawaid commended and thanked Prime Minister Imran Khan for appointing leading Rice Exporter of Pakistan Chela Ram Kewlani as Chairman of Minorities Commission of Pakistan.



They said that they are thankful to the PM for his wise decision of making Chela Ram Kewlani Chairman Minorities Commission. "Chela Ram Kewlani is a multi-faceted businessman who rose to prominence solely on the basis of hard work and honesty of the purpose," Irfan said, adding that such people are the rare assets of our society and they must be given chances to serve the society.

Chela Ram Kewlani has always advocated the minorities' right as businessman. The office bearers hoped that Chela Ram will play a vital role in bridging interfaith harmony in the

country brightening the soft image of Pakistan. Chela Ram Kewlani is the founder and key management personnel, serving as the CEO of K.K. Rice Mills (Pvt) Limited. With a vast and versatile experience in rice export industry, his family has been in commodity trading since three generations and is well known plus experienced in trading of rice, wheat, sugar and cotton ginning.

He is also serving as Managing Committee Member of (REAP) Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan. He is a highly experienced man who has

been exporting rice vigorously since last two decades proving premium quality rice to its clients.

Today he is bestowed with a great respect from his clients and he is known among the top rice exporters from Pakistan. Chela Ram Kewlani, Sole Proprietor of K.K Commodities which currently exports rice & wheat to many parts of the world.

The company has been awarded with best export performance in rice category at 50th Anniversary of Karachi Chamber Of Commerce & Industry Highest Exports in Non-Basmati Rice at Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan for its highly appreciated performance.

Chela Ram Kewlani, Partner of Meskay & Femetee Foods which exports various food stuff regularly to different countries of the world since 2004. Chela Ram Kewlani is also Ex-Director of Meskay & Femetee Private Limited where he played a tremendous role in marketing of rice to different countries of the world. He had kept in touch with international buyers, mill administration and office management and this led to the success of the company.



LAHORE: Akif Luqman of Storm fiber presents PPE kits to provision Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid.

CM condoles loss of precious human lives due to falling down vehicle in Malsi Link Canal

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Buzdar has expressed his deep sense of grief and sorrow over the loss of precious human lives due to falling down of a vehicle in Malsi Link Canal.

Usman Buzdar expressed his heartfelt sympathies and condolence with the bereaved family members and lamented that the incident is highly tragic and he is also highly grieved to know about it. CM prayed that Allah Almighty rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family members. CM also sought immediate report from Commissioner Multan about the incident. Grieves over death of a youth due to string twine

Buzdar expressed his deep grief and sorrow over the death of a youth due to entwined by a string at Band Road.

CM expressed his heartfelt grief and sympathies with the family members of the deceased. Usman Buzdar prayed for granting courage to the grieved family members and expressed his severe indignation over kite-flying incidents.

He also sought a report from CCPO Lahore and directed to take stern action against those found involved in committing negligence and further warned that kite-flying incidents are highly intolerable.

CM directed that effective crackdown should be launched against those involved in kite-flying and selling kites. CM stressed that hundred per cent control on kite-flying will have to be ensured and warned that in case of surfacing kite-flying incidents, the concerned

Kaira grieved over artist Jeddi's death

LAHORE: Pakistan People's Party Punjab President Qamar Zaman Kaira has expressed his condolences over the demise of renowned comedian and dramatist Athar Shah Khan Jeddi.

In his message on Sunday, he paid homage to Jeddi and said that he was an asset of the nation.

He said that the deceased would always be remembered on account of his individual style and acting.

The PPP leader expressed his heartfelt sympathies and condolence with the bereaved family members and prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant fortitude to the grieved family members.

Jatoi condoles death of Senator Faisal's mother General Secretary, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Sukkur chapter, Mubeen Jatoi on Sunday expressed condolence over the sad demise of the mother of Senator Faisal Javed.

In a statement issued here Jatoi prayed for the grant of eternal peace to the departed soul. —App

Reckitt Benckiser commits to further invest Rs500m to help Pakistan fight COVID-19 crisis

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Reckitt Benckiser (RB), the multinational producer of hygiene, health and nutrition products including Dettol, Harpic and Robin has pledged to invest another PKR 500 Million to help the country fight the CoVid-19 pandemic.



Reckitt Benckiser

According to WHO's Director General, Dr. Tedros Adhanom, without effective interventions there could be an estimated 200,000 cases by mid-July in Pakistan[1]. The impact of such an outbreak could be devastating for the economy, increasing the number of people living in poverty. This investment, therefore, is a response to the latest needs for this epidemic's prevention by providing relief to the healthcare sector and for the economic well-being of those most affected by the

pandemic. This investment includes donations of PPEs and hygiene products (Dettol, Harpic and Robin) that will be distributed on a national level through relevant Government bodies and NGOs as per the need and requirement of healthcare facilities across the provinces. The Company, using its most trusted brands, will also be conducting large-scale disinfection drives across the country to clean and disinfect public spaces for the protection of the people. Furthermore, RB will also be working with NGOs to provide for ration to the most vulnerable communi-

Augustine takes strict notice of attack on church

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Human Rights and Minorities Affairs (HR&MA) Ijaz Alam Augustine Sunday visited Sheikhupura and took strict notice of an attack on a church in Pind Hakimpur area of the district by unidentified persons.

According to a handout issued here on Sunday, he directed the police officials to immediately register an FIR [first information report] and ensure protection of the church. The provincial minister was informed by the police officials that a dispute was going on between two groups over the ownership of one-and-a-half kanals of land adjacent to the church. A few days ago, a party claimed ownership of 6-marla land on the church premises, and damaged the door and a wall of the church. Police took immediate action against the accused and started raids to arrest the accused.

