

## I'll utilise all my skills to groom talent, says Saqlain

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Head International Players Development of High Performance Centre of the PCB, Saqlain Mushtaq, has said he will utilise all his expertise to identify, groom and nurture cricketing talent in the country.

In a video message on Thursday, the spin-bowling wizard thanked Pakistan Cricket Board for the honour bestowed on him, adding that he would do his best to come up to the expectations of the Board and the nation in harnessing the talent which could make the country proud in the coming years at the international level.

Saqlain Mushtaq, the most successful Pakistani off-spinner with 208 test and 288 ODI wickets over a career between 1995-2004, is the inventor of 'Doosra' (a leg break delivery bowled with an off-break action), who bamboozled the batsmen around the world with his wizardry. He is the fastest to 200 and 250 ODI wickets while he was fastest to 100 ODI wickets as well till 2016. Saqlain is Grade III coach and had served with many countries as spin bowling coach and consultant prior to the current assignment with the PCB.

"I will transfer my cricketing knowledge to the budding cricketers so that they could become world-class performers," Saqlain said.

He asked his fans and well-wishers to pray for the success of his challenge as the Head International Player Development of the High Performance Centre.

## Shaheed Khalid Sherdil's funeral held

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The funeral prayer of senior bureaucrat Khalid Sherdil, who embraced martyrdom in a plane crash last Friday, was held at the Punjab Civil Officers Mess (PCOM) lawns here Wednesday night.

The funeral was attended by provincial ministers, senior bureaucrats, and judges of the apex court, politicians, businessmen, journalists, friends, family members and members of the civil society.

Provincial Law Minister Raja Basharat, Minister Industries Punjab Mian Aslam Iqbal, Chief Secretary Punjab Jawad Rafique Malik, Inspector General of Police Shoaib Dastgir, Deputy Commissioner Danish Afzaal were conspicuous among those who attended the funeral of the Shaheed Khalid Sherdil.

Earlier, Shaheed Khalid Sherdil's body was flown from Karachi to Islamabad and handed over to the family members.

Later, deceased senior bureaucrat's body was brought to the provincial metropolis where his funeral prayer was held.



**LAHORE:** Passengers wear facemasks while waiting for train at the Railway Station after eased in lockdown amid coronavirus outbreak. —Online

## Screening tests being conducted to protect police staff: DIG OPs

— Health teams conduct COVID-19 tests of police staff

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Health Department teams visited the police offices to conduct coronavirus screening test of the staff on Thursday. According to police sources, the teams took samples of police staff of the Establishment Branch, Reader Branch, Security Branch, RO Branch and Police Khidmat Markaz.

The teams also conducted medical tests of officers and junior staff of the Police Accounts Branch, HRM Branch whereas staff of DIG and SSP Operations were also conducted. DIG Operations Rai Babar Saeed said on the occasion that COVID-19 screening tests were being conducted to protect the police staff from the virus and adopt precautionary measures.

# Sarwar condemns construction of temple at Babri mosque site

— Says India becomes an unlivable place for the Muslims under Narendra Modi's regime

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has condemned the extremist government of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on construction of a Hindu temple at the site of historic Babri mosque.

Talking to a delegation headed by Imam, Glasgow Central Mosque Maulana Idrees Ahmed at the Governor's House on Thursday, he said de-secularization of India, on the birth anniversary of Jawahar Lal Nehru, was a proof that India had become an unlivable place for the Muslims under Narendra Modi's regime.

"Indian Muslims are being stripped of religious freedom while their constitutional rights are usurped by RSS fascists in connivance with a government promoting Hindutva", he added.

Sarwar said that PTI government safeguarded constitutional and political rights of the minorities in Pakistan and treated them equal with the Muslim majority.



He said the world must break silence on oppression against Indian minorities, adding that the United Nations (UN) Security Council should also deal with the case of Islamophobia in Europe.

He said the New York Times had also exposed the failure of Modi government in protecting human rights and the coronavirus pandemic.

Governor Punjab Chaudhry Sarwar said coronavirus lockdown in India also revealed the systematic economic oppression against Muslims of India.

Earlier, Governor Punjab visited the residence of senior bureaucrat Shaheed Khalid Sherdil who embraced martyrdom in plane crash last Friday.

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Sarwar condoles with Shaheed Khalid Sherdil's family

Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar Thursday visited the residence of senior bureaucrat Shaheed Khalid Sherdil, who died in a plane crash last Friday in Karachi, and condoled with the family members.

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# 1,103 new cases of COVID-19 detected, 16 more patients die: CM Sindh

From Our Staff Correspondent

**KARACHI:** Sindh chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, sharing daily situation report of coronavirus, said that 1103 new cases have been detected by testing 4101 samples while 16 more patient died during the last 24 hours lifting the death toll to 396.

"Emergence of 1103 cases against 4101 tests is one of the highest figures and it shows 27 percent result, therefore we all have to ponder over as to why local spread is increasing day by day," he said.

According to the statement issued from the CM House, the chief minister said that as far as the Sindh government has conducted 167,906 tests against which 15 percent or 25,309 cases were diagnosed.

Syed Murad Ali Shah said that 16 more patients died due to coronavirus infection and now the number of patients died so far has reached to 396 which constituted 1.6 percent of the total patients.

He added that 287 patients were in critical condition while 39 have been put on the ventilators. "may Allah help them to recover at the earliest," he prayed.

Giving good news, the CM said that 1924 patients have recovered and the number of the patients who

recovered from the virus attack came to 11190. "This is the highest figure of the cured patients which comes to 44.2 percent," he said and added he was happy to see the recovery rate but simultaneously gloomy to witness the death of 16 more patients.

Sharing district-wise data, the chief minister said that Karachi as usual was at the top in terms of local transmission. Out of 1103 new cases Karachi has produced 905, Syed Murad Ali Shah said and added Malir has 249 cases, South 201, East 175, Central 131, Korangi 100 and West 49.

He said that Hyderabad has produced 32 new cases, Shikarpur 21, Larkana 20, Sukkur 19, Ghotki 18, Jacobabad 11, seven each in Jamshoro and Kambar-Shahdadkot, two each in Dadu and Mirpurkhas while one each in Sanghar, Nawabshah and Thatta.

The chief minister said that the number of cases were on the increasing because our people have stopped following the SOPs.

"The SOPs have been issued in the interest of our people and if their cooperation remained dismal we won't be able to eradicate the virus," he concluded.

**Anti-locust spray carried out over 2,600 hectares**

Anti locust spray has been carried

out over 2615 hectares in district Shaheed Benazirabad during a round the clock campaign by Department of Agriculture.

Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad Abrar Ahmed Jaffar in a statement on Thursday said that on identification by growers a survey was conducted by Agriculture Extension staff and spray was being done in severally affected areas of the district with 8 Solopower and 20 hand spray machines.

As many as 10770 hectares area of Union Councils of Jhoro Shar, Dek Akro 1 to 10, Jamsahib, Manehro, Saeed Khando, Sakrand 1 and 2, Maarri Jalbani, Maarri Belo including ravine areas, Khair Shah, Chanessar and Karam Jamali has been surveyed out of which spray was conducted over 2,615 hectares.

The DC directed concerned officials to remain in field and in contact with growers for eradication of Locust swarm. He also appealed growers to intimate administration at Phone No 02449370334 and Additional Director Agriculture Extension Muhammad Ramzan Channa on Phone 03003217603 regarding arrival of Locust in their area so that spray teams could immediately be sent for spray and eradication of locust and prevent growers from financial loss.



**LAHORE:** TV Actor Iftikhar Takor along with other actors addresses a press conference regarding reopening of cinema theater at the Lahore Press Club. —Online

## Rescue-1122 responds to 18,728 emergencies during Eid holidays

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Director-General Punjab Emergency Service, Dr. Rizwan Naseer said that Rescue 1122 provided emergency care to 19285 emergency victims of 18728 emergencies across the province of Punjab during Eid Holidays. The Rescue Service responded to 7065 emergencies of road traffic crashes in which 71 precious lives were lost in these holidays.

The Emergency Ambulance, Rescue and Fire Services responded to 7065 emergencies of road traffic crashes, 8892 medical emergencies, 712 crime incidents, 509 fire incidents, 71 drowning and 1479 other emergencies such as delivery cases, fall from a height, electric shock and occupational injuries. This was informed in a meeting chaired by DG Rescue Punjab Dr Rizwan Naseer held at Rescue Headquarters here on Thursday.

All head of Wings from Rescue Headquarters and Emergency Services Academy were also present at this occasion. He expressed his serious concern over the loss of precious human lives in both emergencies of road traffic crashes and drowning emergencies during Eid days. He analyzed that at least 7065 people were gravely injured in road traffic crashes in these days due to reckless driving after the relaxation of lockdown, who were shifted to the various hospital across Punjab in which 71 people died.

Out of which 751 victims received head injuries, 384 multiple fractures, 1298 Sin-

gle fractures, 113 spinal injuries were reported during Eid holidays, whereas, 5828 victims with minor injuries were provided first aid at the spot by trained medical teams of the Service.

The meeting was also informed that a higher number of emergencies occurred in Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Bahawalpur and Sahiwal in Eid days. The Emergency Service Lahore responded to 2237 emergencies including 1120 road traffic crashes. Faisalabad responded to 1730 emergencies including 626 RTCs, Multan dealt 1156 emergencies with 529 RTCs, Bahawalpur responded to 913 emergencies with 291 RTCs and Sahiwal dealt 939 emergencies including 305 RTCs during Eid Holidays.

The Head of Provincial Monitoring Cell briefed the Director-General that Emergency Plans for Eid were implemented in close coordination of Deputy Commissioners in all Districts of Punjab. He was further briefed that 11,130 rescuers performed their duties in three shifts at 650 key points established across Punjab including 250 key points of emergency vehicles and 400 of Motorbike Ambulances.

At this occasion, DG Rescue Punjab said that road traffic crashes can be reduced while adopting road safety measures and Road Safety laws as nothing is important than human life. He also requested the public for the timely call at 1122 in case of any emergency as the only timely call can ensure the timely emergency response to any incident. Dr Rizwan Naseer appreciated all rescuers who performed their duty on Eid-

## Pervaiz Elahi condoles with Aitzaz Ahsan

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Speaker Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi has condoled with PPP leader and former federal minister Chaudhry Aitzaz Ahsan on the sad demise of latter's brother Dr Ejaz Ahsan.

In a telephonic conversation on Wednesday, Speaker Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi expressed deep sorrow and grief over the sad demise of Dr Ejaz Ahsan and prayed to the Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant.

## 'Govt, Opp busy in humiliating each other'

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chairman Barabari Party (BPP) Pakistan, Jawad Ahmad has termed the claims of good governance of PTI as anti-people policies and said that as a result of those, the right to live has been taken away from the people. Now people are at the mercy of stockpiller mafias and inflation while the government and the opposition are only busy in humiliating each other.



**LAHORE:** Labourers wash plastic bags in canal near Mughalpur.