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Quick Read

Rain expected in various Punjab areas during next 24 hours

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Rain with wind-thunderstorm is expected in most parts of the province including provincial capital during the next 24 hours, according to the Meteorological Department forecast.

According to synoptic situation, continental air is prevailing over most parts of the country. Westerly wave is likely to enter upper and central parts of the country on Thursday and may persist till Sunday.

According to the weather forecast report, hot and dry weather is expected in various parts of the province, while very hot in central and southern districts. However, rain with wind-thunderstorm is expected in Potohar region Sargodha, Mianwali, Bhakkar, Khushab, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Layyah, Multan, Bahawalpur, Khanewal, Sahiwal and Okara during evening/night time on Thursday.

On Friday, rain with wind-thunderstorm and hailstorm at isolated places are expected in Potohar region Sargodha, Mianwali, Bhakkar, Khushab, Hafizabad, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Layyah, Multan, Bahawalpur, Khanewal, Sahiwal and Okara. Maximum and minimum temperature was recorded as 38 and 28 centigrade, respectively on Thursday.

Kissan leaders hail PM over sugar crisis action

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Kissan Ittehad (PKI) President Khalid Mehmood Khokhar and All Pakistan Kissan Foundation (APKF) Chairman Syed Mehmood-ul-Haq Bukhari Thursday appreciated Prime Minister Imran Khan for taking action over sugar crisis and welcomed the commission report in this regard.

Addressing a press conference at Lahore Press Club (LPC), they demanded the government take strict action against the culprits responsible for the crisis, adding that farmers and consumers had always been exploited in the past.

The Kissan leaders urged the government to relocate the sugar mills, set up illegally in the cotton belt and restore the region as per crop zones. They demanded withdrawal of illegally enhanced capacity of sugar mills, adding that the amount paid less to sugarcane growers in 2017-18, approved by the commission report, should be recovered from the said mills and returned to the growers. They said that the support price of sugarcane, cotton, rice, potato, pulses and oil-seeds should be announced for making the country self-sufficient in these crops.

The APKF chairman demanded the government announce a package for the farmers whose crops had been affected by the locust. The Kissan leaders urged the government to implement the commission reports and recommendations without any delay.



LAHORE: A large number of traders present at the Badami Bagh Fruit Market as they are busy in unloading of their trucks of water-melon after the government relaxed a weeks-long lockdown that was enforced to help curb the spread of the coronavirus. —Online

Govt machinery fully active to deal with corona: CM

— Says multilayered strategy evolved to deal with locust attack and coronavirus pandemic

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Amir Dogar MNA and a group of elected representatives called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar in Multan and extended Eid greeting to him. They also discussed progress on the Multan development package and the anti-coronavirus drive being run in the province. The CM stated that government machinery is fully active to deal with the coronavirus pandemic and added that a multilayered strategy has been evolved to deal with locust attack and coronavirus pandemic in Punjab.

The people should wholly follow necessary precautions to remain safe from coronavirus, he added.

Buzdar maintained the opposition leaders have, even, tried to divide the nation over coronavirus pandemic. In the prevailing circumstances, the opposition is playing the role of a political 'locust' and the nation is disappointed with its negative attitude. It is regrettable that opposition even tried to politicize the coronavirus issue because it has no anti-coronavirus plan, he asserted and further said that it is engrossed in making tall claims.

On the other side, the citizens have appreciated the timely steps taken by the government. The government is aptly dealing with different challenges and every challenge will be overcome with the cooperation of the people, the CM concluded.

Condoles murder of former MPA Sardar Atif Mazari

Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the murder of former MPA Sardar Atif Mazari.

He has extended sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the heirs to bear the loss with equanimity.

Aleem links PPSC's interviews with observance of anti-coronavirus SOPs

The cabinet committee for the eradication of corona, which met here under the chair of Senior Minister Abdul

Aleem Khan, has decided to link the Punjab Public Service Commission's interviews with the observance of anti-coronavirus SOPs. The decision of opening restaurants and Murree and other tourist-spots in Punjab was linked with the permission of National Command & Operation Centre. Senior Minister directed to bring ease in different sectors in the wake of prevailing situation adding that gradual easing of restrictions will be reviewed if responsible behaviour is shown.

He further directed to ensure implementation of the decision of decreasing public transport fares and asked the Health Department to daily brief the media about the actual situation of coronavirus.

The meeting was briefed that both the health departments were given a collective corona budget of around Rs11.5 billion. The Specialized Healthcare Department released Rs96 crore to hospitals; spent Rs26 crore on PPEs procurement along with an expenditure of Rs57 crore for medicines' purchase. Rs 50 lakh to Rs10 crore were released to 24 hospitals according to their needs and both the departments spent around

Rs5 billion collectively. A field hospital in Expo Centre, Lahore was erected with an amount of Rs2.5 crore.

The meeting was further told that 6699 coronavirus patients have gone to their homes after recovery in Punjab. 1073 are admitted in Specialized Healthcare Department's hospitals while 897 coronavirus patients are under treatment in Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department's hospitals. Along with it, 275 coronavirus patients are under treatment in various private hospitals. Meanwhile, 1266 are in home isolation and 65 critical patients are put on ventilators. Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department traced 17600 social contacts and around one lac and 25 thousand tests have been conducted.

Journalist's death deeply saddens KP gov't: Ajmal

Advisor on Information and Public Relations Ajmal Wazir has stated that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) government was deeply saddened by the death of senior journalist Fakhruddin Syed.

The journalist community has lost a talented and hardworking fellow and his services will always be remembered. In a statement issued here on Thursday, Ajmal Wazir said senior journalist Fakhruddin Syed lost his life while fulfilling his professional obligations on the front line just like others against Covid-19. KP Chief Minister Mehmood Khan has announced Rs 1 million financial assistance for his family and the information department has been directed to pay the amount to the deceased journalist's family as soon as possible adding that late Fakhruddin

Chauhan flays Sharif family for taking credit of N-blasts

— Says credit for making Pakistan a nuclear power goes to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Gen Zia-ul-Haq, Ishaq Khan and Dr Abdul Qadir

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chauhan termed the Sharif family's taking credit for the May 28, 1998 nuclear blasts as tantamount to following figments of their own imagination and said that had Pakistan's atomic bomb been made at Ittefaq Foundry, the nation would have given the credit to Sharif Family.

Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chauhan said that in the eighties, when the whole nation was cultivating the entire Atomic programme by paying heavy price on socio-economic front, Sharif family used to pay Rs 200 to Rs 500 in taxes.

Nawaz Sharif as Prime Minister of Pakistan was busy persuading the civil and military establishment against the nuclear blast and for financial transactions with the world powers, he added.

This has been acknowledged by Nawaz Sharif's then Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub, and creator of atomic program Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan in their writings and interviews.

The Information Minister Punjab said that the PML-N leadership should be ashamed of taking credit for the nuclear blasts. The credit for making Pakistan a nuclear power goes to



Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, General Zia-ul-Haq, Ishaq Khan and Dr Abdul Qadir and the entire Pakistani nation salutes these personalities for their efforts to make the country a nuclear power.

UET entry test a must for admission to B.Sc. Engineering in PU

Punjab University has made it mandatory to qualify Entrance Examination (Entry Test) by the University of Engineering and Technology (UET) for all candidates seeking admission to the Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Engineering in PU for the Session 2020-21.

PU spokesperson Khurram Shahzad told on Thursday that PU offered Pakistan Engineering Council accredited regular and self-supporting engineering programs including B.Sc. Chemical Engineering, B.Sc. Chemical Engineering (with Specialization in Petroleum & Gas Technology) and B.Sc. Metallurgy & Materials Engineering while regular engineering programs include B.Sc. Electrical Engineering and B.Sc. Industrial Engineering and Management.

The spokesperson said the candidates who do not appear in the Entry Test by UET Lahore are not eligible for admission, adding that the last date to register for the UET's Entry test is June 1, 2020.

Virus: Police ensure safety measures including strict implementation on SOPs

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Police continued to ensure safety measures including strict implementation on SOPs according to the government directions to contain the unnecessary movement of the public in the city during the partial lockdown imposed by Punjab Government in wake of impending coronavirus.

Accordingly, as many as 8,219 vehicles have been impounded in different Police stations involved in violations. More than 02 lac 40 thousand citizens have been checked at these pickets so far and inquired the reasons of their movement in the

city whereas more than 02 lac 28 thousands 661 persons have been issued warning, requesting them to contain their unnecessary movement and go back to their homes and stay safe. More than 4456 citizens involved in unnecessary movement were released afterwards taking warranty bonds from them as not to move again in city other than in acute emergency situation.

More than 02 lac 17 thousands vehicles including 121966 motorcycles, 30496 rickshaws, 6629 taxis, 46206 cars and 11769 bigger vehicles were stopped on pickets and vehicles owners were issued warnings for their unnecessary movement.

As many as 2212 FIRs have been registered against persons involved in different violations during partial lock down.

Opposition scared of govt's performance: Ansar Majeed

Punjab Minister for Labour and Human Resources Ansar Majeed Khan has said that the opposition was scared of the government's performance.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, he said the opposition had also turned the coronavirus into a political issue. He said that the government's best strategy to control the coronavirus had been appreciated all over the world.



LAHORE: People busy in their exercise for physical fitness on the green belt of Shalimar Bagh outside, due to closing of parks and public places amid corona virus outbreak. —Online