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## Quick Read

### Govt regularises 126 heads, deputy heads of schools

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The School Education Department (SED), Punjab has regularised the services of 126 headmasters and deputy headmasters of public schools of the province.

In this regard, a notification was issued by the School Education Department of Punjab here late Wednesday. According to the notification, all these heads and deputy heads of schools were appointed on contract basis in BS-17 for five years through the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) in 2016.

All 126 officers have regularised on merit basis who had served continuously for three years on contract basis having satisfactory performance and no inquiry during their service period were initiated against them.

In his message, the provincial minister for school education Dr Murad Raas congratulated all the headmasters and deputy headmasters across Punjab. He maintained that the basic reason for regularisation of 126 headmasters were their responsible and satisfactory attitudes towards their duties.

The minister said that regularisation of headmasters was overdue from a long time which has now been resolved. It is top priority of the government to solve all teachers' problems, he concluded.

### 12b power units can be added to national grid with KBD: Tahir

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Chairman of Mustafai Business Forum of Pakistan, Sheikh Muhammad Tahir Anjum said that around 12 billion units of electricity could be added to the national grid annually with the construction of Kalabagh Dam as access to cheap electricity isn't possible without the construction of dams.

While presiding over a high-level meeting of Mustafai Business Forum here late Wednesday, Sheikh Muhammad Tahir Anjum said that the government should immediately start work on Kalabagh Dam, Bhasha Dam and Manda Dam as the entire nation stands by them. Anjum said that Pakistanis were spending over Rs 250 billion on expensive electricity being produced by the Independent Power Producers (IPPs), which was going into the pockets of only a few power producers. The previous governments had mortgaged the nation by making agreements with these IPPs on irrational and inappropriate terms.

He maintained that today the biggest burden on the masses is the utility bills due to which the life of the common man has become unbearable.

The unit price of electricity should be fixed at Rs 10 and construction of dams should be started immediately to generate cheap electricity, the chairman concluded.



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar lays foundation stone of Sardar Fateh Mohammad Khan Buzdar Institute of Cardiology in Dera Ghazi Khan.

## CM lays foundation stone of development projects in DG Khan

-Says 200-bed project will be completed with cost of Rs 4.28 billion

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar laid the foundation stone of

Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan Buzdar Institute of Cardiology in DG Khan on Thursday.

Talking on the occasion, the CM told that this 200-bed project will be completed with a total cost of Rs4.28 billion adding that Rs3 billion will be spent in the first phase for the construction of eight medical departments and other paraphernalia over an area of 44 Kanal in two years.

However, the 100-bed hospital will be made functional in the first phase, he added.

This modern medical facility, which will benefit patients of all the four provinces, would have been made years before as it will also help to lessen the burden of Lahore and Multan hospitals. It is the gift of the PTI for the southern Punjab and public welfare projects will be completed on a priority basis along with the provision of other necessary facilities, he assured. Establishment of cardiology institute in DG Khan was a dream of my father Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan which is being materialized today, the CM stated.

I am the voice of all the people living in backward areas, including DG Khan, and their development projects are being completed in my supervision, he

further said. Talking on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of modern intercity bus terminal project, the CM added that it will benefit the passengers of different cities besides resolving the 15 years old traffic gridlock issue.

The latest building will be constructed, having all the necessary facilities including security and fire alarm system, bus sheds, signboards and sound system, he said. While talking in the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of beautification and expansion of 1.5-KM long Sangam/Old Daat Bridge, the CM told that expansion of this area will facilitate lakhs of citizens besides resolving the 10 years old traffic congestion problem in DG Khan.

This project will be completed in one year to ease the traffic movement of Balochistan and Sindh provinces.

Later, the CM unveiled the plaques of different projects for DG Khan at Commissioner's Office. He inaugurated the project of three spur structure.

This project will save the different localities including Chak Raman, Gajjani, Kotwala and Mauza Bait Alam from the devastations of flood besides saving animals and crops. After the 2010 flood, the adjacent localities at the right side of the Sindh River were facing looming floodwater threat. The spur structure will also de-

crease the breach of adjoining canals.

An inverted hockey-type embankment will be constructed along with Gajjani Escape and J-Head type spur will be constructed along with Bait Alam and Kotwala roads. The CM also inaugurated the 100-bed social security hospital project along with BSL-III lab project in DG Khan Teaching Hospital which will be equipped with most modern medical apparatus to conduct coronavirus tests.

He presented a cheque worth 26.70 crores to CEO MEPCO for the provision of electricity in Tuman Buzdar, Tuman Qaiserani, Tuman Khosa, Tuman Leghari and other localities.

He said that this will usher in an era of development as the houses of tribesmen will be electrified for the first time to change their lifestyle. He also laid the foundation stone of rehabilitation projects of Jinnah Family Park and Kashmir Park besides inaugurating almonry project for DG Khan.

Minister of State Zartaj Gul, Information Minister Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan, Advisor Hanif Pitafi, assembly members, former assembly member Meena Leghari, ACS (U) Tahir Khurshed, secretary specialized healthcare, commissioner and RPO DG Khan, CEO IDAP and others were present on this occasion.

## Violation of SOPs not to be tolerated now, says

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Law Minister Muhammad Basharat Raja has warned that strict legal action will be taken in case of violation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs) on opening of markets on coming Monday.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, he said that the government had decided to strictly implement the SOPs of lockdown and it would also be ensured that the orders for shutdown of shops for three days a week were also complied with by the public and the business community.

The minister expressed his apprehensions that the SOPs were not being followed properly in several markets during relaxation in lockdown during the last three days. Open viola-



tion of the SOPs and heavy rush of people had been witnessed in the markets during the lockdown relaxation hours, he added. He said that it was a responsibility of shopkeepers to ensure strict implementation of the SOPs for lockdown in the markets. He said that shops would remain closed on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (three days) and shopkeepers would have to follow the rules, adding that no one would be facilitated during these three days.

## HVDC transmission system connected with HVAC first

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) has connected High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) system with High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) system first time in Pakistan.

The NTDC spokesman said that for the purpose, about three kilometer long 500 kV AC Transmission Line i.e 500 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line on quad-bundled Drake conductor, for looping In/Out of second circuit of 500 kV Lahore New (South) grid station to Sheikhpura transmission line at Balloki Lahore HVDC Converter Station has been completed and energized.

The spokesman said that the Government of Pakistan has planned installation of about 4000MW Power Plants including Imported Coal based Power Plants at Bin Qasim & Hub and

Thar Coal based Power Plants in Thar area in Southern part of the country.

These power plants will be connected with 500 kV Matiari switching station through 500 kV HVAC transmission lines. Moreover, 890 km long +660kV HVDC bipole transmission line from Matiari to Lahore along with converter stations at both ends will be constructed by an Independent Transmission Company on BOOT basis for transfer of bulk power from Matiari to upcountry load centers.

The spokesman said that the purpose of HVDC transmission lines is for reliable dispersal of power coming from South to mid-country (load centers) via HVDC bipoles. Managing Director NTDC Engr Dr. Khawaja Riffat Hassan appreciated the efforts of NTDC team for timely completion of the project despite prevailing Pandemic COVID-19 and lock-down situation.

## Lahore Police highly alert to protect lives of citizens: DIG OPs

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** DIG Operations Lahore Rai Babar Saeed has said that Lahore Police is highly alert and ready to protect lives of the citizen and maintain law and order in the city.

Rai Babar Saeed said Government has imposed ban on processions in last Ashra of this Ramadan as well as Youm-e-Ali (R.A) throughout the province of Punjab.

Holding of Majalis at Imam Bargahs or at residences are however allowed subject to fulfillment of the SOPs and directions issued by the Home Department, Government of the Punjab including observing maximum one hour time line, limited number of participants with six feet distance among each, cleanliness of floors of Imam Bargahs with chlorine, restriction of participation of children and people



above the age of 50 years and those suffering from cough, flu and fever etc. DIG Operations said management and administration of Majalis are directed to use Loudspeakers as per provisions of Public Sound System Act 2015. He requested administration of

Imam bargahs to keep constant and close liaison with the local Police to avoid any untoward situation. The DIG Operations said that everyone is on one page at this critical time for not holding any religious programs or processions in the city in wake of impending dangers of Coronavirus.

Rai Babar Saeed said that extraordinary situation of Coronavirus in the city demands seriousness, mutual understanding, cooperation and national unity to defeat this pandemic with joint efforts.

He said that according to the Health advisory and Government of the Punjab, it has been unanimously agreed not to hold any congregation or procession to protect people from any possible risks of Coronavirus.

DIG Operations Rai Babar Saeed appealed to Shia Community to convey this message and advisory of the

Health Department to all their followers so that they could be protected from any possible contraction of COVID-19.

DIG Operations said that Lahore Police is in continuous coordination with representatives of Shia Community on this issue. We will ensure complete implementation on Government directions during smart lockdown in the city more strictly during next three days.

Rai Babar Saeed said that all sections of society including different sects and citizens from various schools of thought should join hands together for initiating collective efforts against impending dangers of Coronavirus. DIG Operations said that there is dire need to create mutual cooperation, harmony, brotherhood and tolerance in this critical situation of COVID-19 spread.

## Special Eid package for families of Pak Railway Police Shuhada

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Railways Police Inspector General Nawaz Khan has announced special Eid package from the Pak Railways Police Welfare Fund to the families of Railways Police martyrs (Shuhada) and employees, who died during service. According to the departmental sources on Thursday, 32 Railway Police jawans sacrificed their lives for the nation while 93 police employees had died during service so far. As per the announced, Rs 10,000 will be given to each family of Shuhada, while Rs 5,000 will be given to each family who lost their bread-earners in the line of duty. The IG also announced that salary of all Railways Police employees would be given before May 23 so that they could celebrate Eid with joy. —By Our Staff Reporter