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FAJAR	03:39 AM
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ISHA	08:20 PM

## Quick Read

PTI implementing policy of making Pakistan developed, progressive: Seemi

-Says politics of PPP and PMLN ends



By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: PTI MNA Dr Seemi Bukhari has said that politics of PPP and PMLN has ended. Prime Minister Imran Khan will fulfill all promises including receiving single penny of looted money from these corrupt parties. PTI is implementing policy of making Pakistan developed and progressive. On Sunday, while addressing delegations of party workers, she said, it is fortunate for people of Pakistan that Pakistan is being led by Prime Minister Imran Khan. He is focusing on taking care of vulnerable and needy population of country. It is for the first time in history that Prime Minister is providing relief to common labourers instead of aristocracy. PPP and PMLN only know "art of corruption" instead of "art of serving humanity". They are artisans of corruption. They are only criticising NAB because they don't want NAB to question their corruption. They want to legitimise corruption in country. She categorically denied that any bargaining on NAB law is being done by government. They should present them for accountability.

### PJL demands UNSC to declare India a terrorist state

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Jamhoori League (PJL) has demanded United Nations Security Council to declare India terrorist state. India conspires against Pakistan in all matters including CPEC. Revelations of former senior Indian intelligence officer about Indian role in destabilising Balochistan has unveiled state terrorism of India. United Nations Charter is prestigious and bounding treaty on India. India has failed to act as responsible member of United Nations. On Sunday, Chairman Rana Zaman Saeed was addressing press along with Secretary Information Sohail Ahmed. India is maltreating Muslims of Kashmir and committing genocide. It is unacceptable for world peace. International community must take notice of situation and act against India. Kalbhushan Yaduv was arrested from soil of Balochistan when he was waging secret war against state of Pakistan. Indian Consulates in Afghanistan are being used to destabilise Fata and Balochistan.



LAHORE: Old woman sit in front of her house in a street as World celebrates International Mother's Day.

## CM grants permission for home isolation

-Directs P&SH department to ensure implementation on SOPs

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has granted permission for home isolation.

Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department has formally issued a notification on the recommendations of Corona Expert Advisory Group and Technical Working Group.

Usman Buzdar while granting permission for home isolation apprised that SOPs outlined by WHO have been taken into consideration for home isolation and patients carrying only minor symptoms can be kept at home isolation.

The patient will be kept in equipped building under the supervision of concerned district health authority with essential facilities, he added. CM further informed that the patient can be kept in equipped buildings with necessary facilities of hotels, school buildings, mosques, hostels and community centres.

He directed that the building in which the patient will be kept in home isolation will be disinfected on daily basis and solid wastes will be disposed off according to the given guidelines.

Usman Buzdar maintained that home isolation will not be taken into effect where there is danger of

spreading virus due to cooling and heating system and isolation patients will be provided food in only disposable utensils.

CM highlighted that home isolation committee nominated by Deputy Commissioner will decide about home isolation and Assistant Commissioner or his representative, DDO Health, Chief Officer will also be included in home isolation committee.

He directed that staff members of Population Welfare, Livestock, Excise & Taxation Departments will conduct monitoring and reporting of home isolation. He intimated that three committees will be constituted in every urban union council and a doctor will be included in every committee.

CM underscored that a committee will be constituted in every rural union council and presence of a doctor will be mandatory in the committee. The committee will also review scope of keeping more than one patient according to the total number of family members, he stated.

He underscored that concerned family will be informed about SOPs and procedure before granting permission for home isolation.

He stressed that patient kept in home isolation will be bound to in-

form about his condition on daily basis.

Usman Buzdar emphasized that it will be mandatory for every home isolation patient to ensure implementation on the directions of Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department and restriction of testing protocol will also be compulsory for the patient being kept in home isolation.

CM further emphasized that the duration of home isolation will consist of 10 days and two negative corona tests of the patient will be necessary in order to end home isolation.

In case of surfacing second corona test positive, new test will be conducted after five days on ending home isolation. In case of non-availability of corona test, the patient will have to remain in isolation for two more weeks despite carrying no symptom of coronavirus. CM also issued directions to Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department to undertake necessary steps for ensuring implementation on SOPs with regard to home isolation.

**-Directs to ensure strict implementation on sops with regard to ease in lockdown:** Buzdar has directed to ensure strict implementation on SOPs relating to easing lockdown. CM directed administrative departments to strictly monitor lockdown

SOPs and warned that taking undue advantage with regard to ease in lockdown will not be permitted.

Usman Buzdar underscored that PTI government allowed ease in lockdown by taking into account economic difficulties of common man. He emphasized that dangers of corona still persist and everyone will have to show responsibility and care. Usman Buzdar apprised that Punjab government has taken new steps after holding detailed consultations.

CM expressed his hope that trader community and masses will strictly implement on the SOPs in order to save themselves from coronavirus.

He warned that strict action will be taken against those business organizations and industrial units for not ensuring full implementation on SOPs and permission of those institutions violating the SOPs will be cancelled. He disclosed that government is fully committed to take up essential measures for providing relief to the masses along with their treatment. CM emphasized that solid measures have been taken for the eradication of corona virus across the province. Decisions are being taken under the guidance of federal government along with conducting due consultation with all stake holders, concluded Usman Buzdar.

## PM's focus is survival of lower middle class: Aleem

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Senior Minister Punjab Abdul Aleem Khan has said that the country is facing the most difficult situation and there are challenges that we had to take tough decisions individually and collectively. He added that the main focus of Prime Minister Imran Khan was to take steps for the survival of the lower middle class and therefore his position from day one was to minimize the difficulties for the common man.

Talking to a delegation of party workers on Sunday, Abdul Aleem Khan said that there was no doubt that the current situation was very unusual and it was time to face it.

He said that along with the Government, every citizen has to play his role for the betterment.

Senior Minister Punjab Abdul Aleem Khan said that developed countries have also bowed down in the face of this natural calamity and could not afford continuous lockdown. There are important economic issues, including unemployment, which are difficult to solve and easy to criticize, Abdul Aleem Khan pointed out.

He assured that the Government is using all its resources at the Federal and Provincial levels to protect the citizens and as far as possible steps are being taken to redress the situation. He said that at all cost

Prime Minister Imran Khan himself will be in the field to provide relief to the common man.

Senior Punjab Minister Abdul Aleem Khan urged the party workers to volunteer their services for the betterment of the people and to raise awareness about their safety among the citizens. He said that there was no doubt about it that the responsible attitude of the common man can play a key role in dealing with the epidemic of Corona. On this occasion, the party workers also pointed out some issues for the solution of which Senior Minister Abdul Aleem Khan issued on the spot orders.

## PIAF condoles death of its leader's mother

LAHORE: The whole leadership of Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) has expressed deep grief and sorrow over demise of the mother of PIAF senior vice chairman Nasir Hameed Khan, besides the death of FPCCI Vice President Ruhi Rizwan.

In separate condolence messages, the PIAF leadership including FPCCI President Mian Anjum Nisar, PIAF chairman Mian Nauman Kabir, LCCI President Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, PIAF vice chairman Javed Siddiqi, Mian Shafiqat Ali, Sohail Lashari, Mian Abuzar Shad, Irfan Qesar Sheikh and Zafar Iqbal etc said that demises of both personalities is a big blow and irreparable loss.

The PIAF leadership prayed to the Almighty Allah to keep the departed souls in peace and let the family bear this irreparable loss with fortitude.

PIAF leadership said that whole business community is with Nasir Hameed Khan in this time of grief. Different other trade bodies leaders and heads have also expressed deep sense of sorrow and grief over the death of the mother of former LCCI vice president. —PR

## CS orders reduction in edible prices in wake of POL prices cut

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Secretary Jawad Rafique Malik has directed the officers concerned to ensure reduction in rates of edibles and daily-use items for passing the benefit of cut in prices of petrol, oil, lubricants (POL) to masses.

He issued these directions during a meeting, presided over by Provincial Law Minister Muhammad Basharat Raja to review impact of decrease in oil prices on rates of eatables, action against profiteering and hoarding, coronavirus situation, wheat

procurement campaign and steps to combat locust in the province. The CS said that stern action should be taken against profiteers and hoarders. The meeting was briefed that during the last two week, 1,322 persons were arrested, 1,226 cases were registered and Rs 60.627 million fine was imposed over overcharging. Similarly, 412 persons were booked for hoarding. The chief secretary said that emergent measures would have to be taken to control locust attacks, like coronavirus.

Recommendation of the IG Punjab regarding arrangements for Youm-e-Ali (RA) would be pre-

sented before the cabinet committee for approval, he added. The meeting was briefed that process of coronavirus testing of government officials, HIV patients, pregnant women and jail inmates had been started.

IGP Punjab Shoaib Dastgir said that smart testing of police force for coronavirus was under way.

Additional chief secretary home, secretaries of different departments, additional IG Special Branch, CCPO Lahore and officers concerned attended the meeting, whereas senior member Board of Revenue, IG Punjab, divisional commissioners and regional police officers joined through video link.

## Importers call for action against govt directives' breach

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The commercial and industrial importers have asked the Prime Minister to take action against those companies, which have continuously been violating the government advice and refusing the clear directions of various state agencies like FBR and EDB to relax detention and demurrage charges at least in lockdown period.

Friends of Business & Economic Reforms (FBER) President Kashif Anwar, while talking to a delegation of importers, observed that more than two weeks have passed but no relief has been announced by any shipping line or port terminal.

"We request you to ask Ministry of Maritime Affairs to instruct all the shipping terminals

and shipping lines not to charge demurrage and detention till the pandemic is over.

Also, we request you to refund the demurrage, detention and other charges to those importers who have paid them to clear their consignments during this period of lockdown."

Kashif Anwar also blasted the terminal authorities for rejecting the recommendations of the FBR to extend the free period at terminals for charging demurrage, in line with the lockdown extension in the country.

He stated that at a time when federal as well as the provincial governments are endeavoring to facilitate the business community on account of the lockdown the terminal authorities and shipping companies have flatly refused the proposals of Engineering Development

Board and FBR which is sheer violation of the PM's directives to facilitate the businesses.

"The authorities' target is just profit and revenue generation even in the time of worldwide pandemic and grave financial crisis. "The each and every de-

partment all around the country are struggling to provide maximum facilities to the industry but the terminal authorities is not ready to cooperate in this regard and this matter should be brought to the notice of Prime Minister of Pakistan." Kashif

Anwar stated that in order to cope with the challenges of pre-vailing worldwide pandemic COVID-19 it is very encouraging that different Ministries are continuously announcing various relief packages for export sectors and other local industries

in the form of reduction in interest rate, concession, rebates, subsidies, suspension of taxes and extensions in the date of filing of Tax Returns etc.

"We want to bring in your kind notice that in the absence of feasible economic conditions, the liquidity situation of businesses have badly disturbed. It is impossible for commercial and industrial importers to bear further financial losses and pay exorbitant detention and demurrage charges.

Keeping in view of the further lockdown government can be the only facilitator for the business community to help them in curtailing their losses in these hard times. We request you, on behalf of the all industrial and commercial importers, to take penal action against those companies which are not implementing the

directives of the government. Kashif Anwar stated that local industry is backbone of our economy besides agriculture, majority of the raw materials consumed by the local industry are not produced locally and local manufacturers in order to run their industries smoothly have to depend upon imported materials. He said that many local industries have to close down their business activities during the fight against terrorism, non availability of raw materials, devaluation, high input cost of utilities, flight of capital from country and many other impediments faced by local industry.

"We should not forget that commercial importers dealt in the trade of raw materials, tools and accessories played a vital role in fulfilling the needs of the local industries and their survival."

