

Minimum 23:°C  
Maximum 31:°C  
Sunset 07:02pm  
Sunrise 04:59am  
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR.....	03:23 AM
ZOHR.....	12:00 PM
ASR.....	04:55 PM
MAGRIB.....	07:02 PM
ISHA.....	08:39 PM

### Quick Read

## 4.3m metric tonnes of wheat procured: Aleem

**LAHORE:** Punjab Senior Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said on Friday that the government wheat stock had reached almost 4.3 million metric tonnes.

Presiding over a meeting of the Food Department here, he said that now wheat purchase at the government level would be stopped and private flour mills would be given a chance. He expressed his satisfaction over the performance of the Food Department and said that this year historic success had been achieved in wheat procurement process.

The senior minister directed the relevant authority to send a summary to Punjab chief minister for not purchasing wheat further at the government level. He said that all borders of Punjab would remain sealed for wheat transportation, adding that there was possibility that wheat price would come down.

He said that the Food Department would help flour mills and private seed companies in wheat purchase process.

Aleem Khan said that the Punjab Seed Corporation had completed 90 per cent wheat procurement target. He directed the food secretary to hold dialogue with the flour mills association. He said that the district administration would determine new price of flour after having consultation with the Food Department and flour mills. —APP

## Punjab Assembly session on June 5

**LAHORE:** Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar has convened 22nd session of the 17th Punjab Assembly (PA) on June 5 (Friday) at 3 p.m.

According to the notification issued here on Thursday, the 22nd session of the Punjab Assembly will discuss the budget for the fiscal year 2020-21 during the session. Speaker Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi will chair the session. —APP

## Police continue security steps

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Lahore Police continued to ensure safety measures including strict implementation of 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, more than 2,40,490 citizens have been checked at these pickets so far and inquired the reasons of their movement in the city whereas more than 2,29,126 persons have been issued warning, requesting them to contain their unnecessary movement and go back to their homes and stay safe. More than 4,599 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 2,17,530 vehicles including 122,187 motorcycles, 30,542 rickshaws, 6,660 taxis, 46,331 cars and 11,811 bigger vehicles were stopped on pickets and vehicles



LAHORE: A deserted look of Hall Road as complete lockdown imposed from Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## CM chairs meeting about anti-locust drive Buzdar surrenders his copter for locust surveillance

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a meeting at his office here on Friday to review anti-locust steps being taken in the province.

Addressing the meeting, he announced to reserve his helicopter for locust surveillance in affected districts and issued necessary directions to the agriculture department and PDMA in this regard. He also directed the line departments to remain vigilant round-the-clock and every possible step be taken to stop the usual spread of locusts. The Punjab government has provided one billion rupees and aerial spray is being carried out, in collaboration with the federal government, to save crops from locust swarms, he added.

The CM ordered that steps be continued to deal with any possible locust attack in the months of June and July. I have reviewed the field situation during my visits to Rajanpur and Bhakkar districts. More than three lakh acres have been sprayed and locusts' monitoring is in process in 17 affected districts. He directed that damages of locust attack be assessed and citizens, especially the farmers, be kept informed about the governmental steps. He further directed that daily locust surveillance report be submitted to his office and experiences be shared with other provinces. Chief Secretary, SMBR, secretaries of information and agriculture departments, DG PDMA and others attended the meeting.

**Ministers brief CM about anti-virus drive**  
Provincial Ministers Dr Yasmeen Rashid and Mian Mahmood-ur-



Rasheed met with Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office here on Friday to discuss anti-coronavirus drive and future strategy.

The CM stated that around 2.24 lakh have been tested in Punjab. Nearly 6,338 coronavirus patients have been recovered and 927 new cases have been reported during the last 24 hours. Now, the number of patients is 22964 in Punjab and around 5400 have been tested during the last 24 hours.

He directed to effectively implement the SOPs adding that public cooperation is imperative in this regard.

He told that funds have been provided to the health department on a priority basis as public health is most important. Patients have been allowed home isolation and government is taking every step to reduce the spread of this disease, he added.

The CM said the Punjab government has taken effective measures and the decision of closing educational institutions, marriage halls and cinemas was taken in the larger public interest. He appealed to the people to cooperate with the government to deal with the coronavirus

pandemic as this would yield positive results. Every stratum will have to play its role and more steps will also be taken to protect public lives, he stated. While issuing directions to ensure strict compliance of anti-coronavirus arrangements, the CM also directed the line departments to get implement guidelines. Health Minister briefed the CM about anti-coronavirus arrangements.

### Buzdar pays tributes to Dr Sana

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that Dr Sana Fatima, who lost her life due to coronavirus, has set an example of bravery and sacrifice. She is the pride of the medical profession and nation salutes her. He also extended sympathies to the bereaved family adding that doctors and paramedics are working on the frontline to overcome the coronavirus.

### CM condoles death of Chairman Punjab Quran Board

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the death of Chairman Punjab Quran Board Maulana Ghulam Muhammad Sialvi. In a condolence message, the CM has extended sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed to Almighty Allah to rest the departed soul in eternal peace.

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the loss of lives in a road accident near Khairpur Tamiwali in Bahawalpur. He has sought a report from the administration and directed to provide best medical facilities to the injured. He has also extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs.

## Overseas Pakistanis are nation's pride

Rehmatullah Javed

Pakistanis working aboard or doing business are the pride of Pakistan.

These Pakistanis are working overseas for decades to earn the bread and butter for their dear and near ones. They do not have the chance of meeting their parents, sons daughters or families for years around for the reason that they wish to see their families living good life in the society with great honour and their children may get good education so that not only that they become good and responsible citizens of Pakistan but also they may be able to look after their parents who sacrificed their lives for their future, beside this, these overseas Pakistanis are remitting a big amount of foreign currency to Pakistan so that our country may become stronger to meet every challenge specially in the economic front. It is normally agreed that about \$20 billion are remitted to Pakistan every year by these minting machines but this amount is received through banking channels but it is also known by everyone and also by the government that a similar large amount is sent to Pakistan through other channels of hundi and money exchangers and these transactions are not documented because not being sent through banking channels or the State Bank of Pakistan.

The foreign exchange remitted to Pakistan through these irregular channels are delivered faster and much quicker to the senders whereas money sent through banking channels take much longer period and some time it is not delivered as and when required losing trust of overseas remitters this must be changed for better and bigger remittances for Pakistan.

Pakistani returning home must be treated VIPs whereas they are humiliated at ports as being smugglers also their investments are not safe due to their long absence from the country and their

life time earned proprieties are looted by people must also be protected.

COVID-19 has shaken the whole world and strongest economies of the world are down to their knees, economic problems and employment are the giant issues for them. The stronger economies have been addressing the corona virus and now most of the countries are entering in the process to bail out their normal lives and industries where as Pakistan is a late recipient of corona and this issue is very carefully handled by the government of Pakistan by providing maximum health facilities and provision of cash to daily workers and SMEs are these great initiatives.

Pakistanis' returning home in a large numbers is now going to be a great challenge for Pakistan to lodge them respectfully for which some most suitable measures are suggested:

Returning home Pakistanis have earned great deal of experience and they are ready to invest if Pakistan could provide them attractive and friendly investment policies. A long term zero tax rebate low rate mark up for establishment of Industrial units or Service oriented industries and many other businesses can become an attraction for them because they have lived away from their families for long periods and now they like to settle here in their own country for which it is required to link them with SMEDA – Bol - SEZ OF CPEC – SBP & other departments this may a golden chance to take full benefit of CPEC & COVID-19, if we can provide best facilities in industrial zones with gas- electricity – roads projects to address environmental issues & technology parks then we can see most of the industry moving fast to these SEZs and once again we can make Pakistan a strong fort of industries and boost export exports for self-reliance.

The writer is an SME expert

## Realme reveals newest X3 with periscope zoom and 120Hz screen

**LAHORE:** Realme has a new high-end phone, and for the first time ever the brand has brought it to Europe and Thailand market. The Realme X3 SuperZoom is an upcoming flagship phone with a price tag of €499.

The design of the phone has a double punch-hole in the top left corner of the screen with a 32MP Sony IMX616 sensor and it is paired with an 8MP ultrawide angle camera for ultrawide angle selfies. The back is home to quad rear camera setup of Samsung GW1 64MP f/1.8 primary camera, an 8MP periscope lens with 5X optical zoom and optical image stabilization, an 8MP f/2.3 ultrawide angle camera with a 119° field of view; and a 2MP 4CM macro camera. The back is covered in 3D quad-curved glass with an anti-glare and anti-fingerprint finish.

The realme X3 SuperZoom has a

6.6-inch 2400 x 1080 screen with a 120Hz refresh rate for an ultra-smooth experience. The display is an LCD panel with a 90.5% screen-to-body ratio and it is covered with Gorilla Glass 5. The device is powered by Snapdragon 855+. Two international variants of x3 are 12GB of LPDDR4x RAM and 256GB of UFS 3.0 storage & 8GB RAM + 128GB version.

The phone has a 60x SuperZoom mode that helps you get closer to objects. There is a starry mode too for taking long-exposure shots of the stars as well as UIS video stabilization, UIS Max Video Stabilization, Super Nightscape 4.0, and many more.

The new realme X3 has received best reviews by top European media. Digital Trends quoted it to be "an incredible value for money" well that's precisely one can say about

realme's latest offerings.

Notebook check says "x3 superzoom is setting the news standards for premium handhelds" thus conforming to realme's tech trendsetting philosophy.

Android Authority ranks the x3 SuperZoom starry mode to be better than astrophotography mode of Google pixel 4. There you go realme fans it's a camera delight.

Mashable says X3 superzoom is a flagship model to threaten competitors like Samsung & Huawei in European market. Dare to Leap.

realme X3 has received limelight all over the world. Surely this device and technology would one of its kind for other rest of the realme markets.

realme fans is expecting that realme Pakistan launch X3 in Pakistani market? Are you waiting to grab X3 superzoom?



LAHORE: A worker assembles the air coolers at his workplace.