

353 search operations conducted

From Our staff Correspondent

LAHORE: Lahore Police Operations Wing Saturday issued a report of its performance of the last 25 days of the current month on search operations conducted under the National Action Plan to maintain peace in the City. Police conducted 353 search operations in the current month at different places to maintain law and order in the City. As many as 32,835 persons, 8,972 houses, 3,635 tenants, 144 hotels, 36 guesthouses, 45 hostels, 33 factories, one educational institute, 29 bus stands, 299 shops, 13 madaris and 23 churches were checked. Police took action against 411 accused persons, registering three FIRs regarding narcotics, four regarding illegal weapons and 170 under the law on renting premises. As many as 218 accused were arrested in other crime cases. Five proclaimed offenders were also arrested. Meanwhile, DIG Operations Lahore Ashfaq Khan said that search and sweep operations play a key role in maintaining law and order in the City and to foil nefarious designs of the enemy of the country.

Rainfall increases threat of dengue

From Our staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: The present spell of rains has increased the threat of dengue larvae breeding, which needs to be tackled on priority basis as Met office forecast more rains in the next days.

Chief Executive Officer District Health Authority Dr Sohail Chaudhry told APP that directions had been issued to officials concerned to create awareness among the people to keep their houses clean and leave no place wet or with stagnant water. He said due to threat of COVID-19 virus and dengue fever, the residents were advised to take precautionary measures from mosquito bite as present weather was suitable for the growth of dengue larvae. The CEO said that officials were directed to ensure full implementation of anti-dengue regulations and warned that stern action would be taken against those failing to comply with the directive.

Sohail called upon the residents to keep an eye on junkyards, schools and under construction buildings which lead to spread of dengue larvae where stagnant water was present.

WASA on high alert to cope with anticipated flood

From Our staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: Managing Director Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) Raja Shaikat Mehmood on Sunday visited low lying areas around Nullah Leh to see the ground situation after heavy rain in the morning.

Talking to APP, the MD said that Metrological Department (MD) has issued forecast of heavy rainfall during the current week. To cope with the anticipated flood like situation, the directions had been issued to WASA officials to remain alert to meet any circumstances, he added. He said that WASA had completed the desilting of Nullah Leh under the bridges, upstream and downstream of bridges from Katarian to Gawalmandi. The MD said the water entered in some houses in low-lying areas after Saturday and Sunday rain where the district administration carried out dewatering. He said he had visited different sections of Nullah Leh and was monitoring the situation. Raja said a control room had been set up at Laiqat bagh to monitor the situation adding that leaves of the staff had been cancelled while sirens would be blown if water reaches the danger level.

Four outlaws arrested, narcotics seized

From Our staff Correspondent

SARGODHA: Police have arrested four alleged criminals and recovered narcotics and weapons from them. Police sources said on Sunday that during the ongoing drive against criminals and drug-pushers, teams of different police stations have conducted raids within their jurisdiction and arrested four accused and recovered 1.560-kg hashish, three pistols 30-bore and one gun 12-bore from them. They were identified as Muhammad Rafique, Gul Khan, Muhammad Yaseen and Akhtar. Police have registered separate cases against them.



LAHORE: Activists of Pakistan Sunni Tehreek hold a protest rally in favour of their demands.

Govt pursuing policy of transparent accountability in Pakistan: Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that political opponents could not digest Pakistan's progress and they should be patient. He was talking to central members of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) at Reza Shakur, Omar Dar and Pir Syed Nazim Hussain Shah among others at Governor House Lahore. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Tehreek-e-Insaf do not believe in political revenge. The Constitution of Pakistan believes in the rule of law and we are pursuing a policy of transparent and non-discriminatory accountability in Pakistan.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, we have saved Pakistan from economic bankruptcy and complete economic disaster. Political opponents should stop criticizing the government and wait for the general elections. In the general elections, the people's vote will decide whom the people are with. It is also transparent and inclusive to deal with economic challenges. Accountability has become necessary for country progress. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the people of Pakistan are in favor of continuity of democracy and



transparency in the country. The people will not be part of any anti-government campaign of the opposition. The people have given a five-year mandate to the government. It is strengthening the institutions by freeing them from political interference. He said that the government was pursuing a strategy of economic stabilization in the country and Pakistan's position in the Global Business Ease Index had improved by 28 points.

Praise be to Allah. Today, with each passing day, the image of Pakistan in the world is improving and the world is showing confidence in Pakistan. Projects like New Pakistan Housing Scheme and Ehsas Program are historic government initia-

tives. Governor Punjab said that Pakistan will continue to expose Indian atrocities in Kashmir at every international forum.

There is no doubt that the goons of RSS are targeting innocent Muslims in India and the inhumanity of Narendra Modi and RSS has been exposed before the world. The agenda of hostility is being exposed all over the world. He said that the next two weeks have been very important for Corona.

The flouting of Corona SOPs in Eid and cattle markets would be disastrous. Implementation of SOPs to protect against will be in the interest of the country and the nation. Pakistan cannot afford any situation like Eid-ul-Fitr about Corona.

Harassment of female faculty member by colleagues

University of Okara puts three male professors under observation for period of one year

Jahangir Hayat

LAHORE: The University of Okara has put three of its male faculty members of the Education Department under observation for a period of one year for allegedly harassing one of their female colleagues, daily The Business has learnt.

A source Sunday said that the decision was made on the recommendations of a Fact Finding Committee (FFC) reconstituted by the university to probe the allegations leveled by the senior female faculty members against her male colleagues.

According to a notification issued by the Deputy Registrar (Academics), three faculty members who were put under observation for the period of one year included Associate Professor Dr Khalid Saleem, Associate Professor Dr Tahir Khan Farooqi and Assistant Professor Dr Shehzad Ahmed. The notification revealed the mechanism for the monitoring of the conduct of all three nominated faculty members with regard to the complainant would be notified subsequently.

The complainant alleged that she had

to face insulting comments, harsh language and above all bad attitude almost in every meeting. She also had to face her colleagues who used derogatory language, whenever the complainant passed through them. The complainant had also been threatened in various forms and ways, she explained in complaint. According to a written complaint, the complainant had been facing a lot of mental stress due to the abusive language, insulting comments and inappropriate attitude for the last two months besides the use of derogatory languages and the gesture from the male professors. She stated that she was harassed on many occasions where the male professors used abusive language and shouted over her in a number of meetings.

Vice Chancellor of University of Okara Dr Zakria Zaker had constituted a 13-member committee, headed by Associate Prof of CS & IT Dr Riaz Ul Amin to probe into the matter against the complainant filed to VC Office on dated 20 June 2020 by a senior female faculty member, wherein the faculty members were accused of using abusive language and ha-

arrassed her. The committee comprised over four associate professors including convenor, seven assistant professors and two lecturers. However, sources said that the committee was reconstituted on June 28, 2020 as the earlier made committee head declined to be the head of the committee further more to avoid conflict of interest as he and the complainant had earned their Phd from the same university. After that the university had replaced him with new head of committee Dr Ghulam Mustafa Associate Prof of Department of Chemistry. The reconstituted Fact Finding Committee recommended that the department in general and accused in particular will remain under observation for the period of one year.

The committee recommended that competent authority will take a periodic review of the conduct of the accused professors while review may be presented to the same committee or the authority may constitute a new committee to review the conduct of the faculty in the department of the education. The committee further recommended a complete ban of six months of any communication using any

media for both parties. The committee recommended that both the parties would participate in all the departmental and faculty level meetings with the prior approval of the competent authority while a third person would submit report the conduct of both the sides during the meetings. Furthermore, the committee also recommended a ban restricting both sides from having any communication with the media for the six months.

The committee also recommended protection of the complainant besides seeking arrangements of holding professional counseling regarding workplace Harassment Act 2010. Moreover, the committee also recommended the immediate transfer of supporting staff from the department of education as there were some allegations of supporting grouping in the department. "The committee didn't recommend further formal inquiry under workplace harassment Act 2010, however in future if any further such incident with evidence of substance occurs and the application or complaint is submitted, the recommendations will be made part of the process," the committee suggested.

Kashmir issue successfully highlighted at Int'l fora

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Harry S. Truman, United States former president, once said: "Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still, progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

When we look at the well-thought-out diplomatic initiatives and the foreign policy, adopted by Prime Minister Imran Khan in a short span of time, it seems Truman's definition of a genuine leader stands true for the insightful leader of Pakistan. It is a welcoming sign that the country is regaining its lost glory and prestige around the world.

To build a more just, peaceful and secure world, Prime Minister Imran Khan has succeeded diplomatically in projecting a soft image of the motherland at international level. Due to corrective measures of the incumbent Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government and its cabinet, the international investors, companies and tourists are thinking of Pakistan as their next destination. Moreover, Under the vibrant

leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the country has successfully highlighted the Kashmir issue at the international diplomatic fronts. Prime Minister's Office (PMO) recently released a short documentary, highlighting premier's efforts to foil India's attempts to isolate Pakistan internationally. Sources at the PMO told APP that the documentary had been prepared by the PTI Media Wing.

The first segment of the documentary reveals the nefarious designs of Indian Prime Minister Modi, his fiery statements and his attempts to corner Pakistan internationally. The second part of the documentary highlights Prime Minister Imran Khan's efforts and prestigious character to foil Indian designs by realigning the country's foreign policy and fortifying fraternal ties with developed as well as friendly nations including the United States, China, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Turkey and Japan, besides the European Union and United Nations.

The same segment shows PM's meetings with US President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, former-Indonesian Prime Min-

ister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and other noted world leaders.

The documentary also includes composition of various news items covered by an Indian TV channel, showing Pakistan's role, importance and mediation offer between Afghan Taliban and the United States. Similarly, on the economic front, some success stories of Pakistan have also been highlighted. In the final part of the documentary, the sports side recalls how international cricket had been restored in the country, as for the first time, after a long gap, the country successfully held the Pakistan Super League cricket and Kabaddi World Cup-2020, matches with international stars. India has been exposed fully by the international media for committing the worst kind of human rights violations in the occupied Kashmir.

It is a diplomatic victory of Pakistan that the world has now started taking notice of Indian Occupied Kashmir's worsening situation. Indian extremist government has failed to control the situation in

India itself as well as in the occupied territory. PTI leader Nazir Muhammad Gondal said that Prime Minister Imran Khan's address and stance on Kashmir at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and during the USA address was a pure public representation, adding that Pakistani community in the US expressed great pleasure by according a historic welcome to Prime Minister Imran Khan.

He said that it was for the first time in the history of Pakistan that a Pakistani leader had taken a firm stance on the long-standing Kashmir issue and the US president had promised mediation to resolve it.

Gondal, while lauding the firm determination of Prime Minister Imran Khan on Kashmir, said Kashmiris plight had once again got the attention of the world community. "The US, for the first time in its history, appeared to be at an advanced stage to work closely with Pakistan for restoring peace in Afghanistan through developing great relationships," he added.

"Due to the successful diplomatic achievement of Prime Minister Imran Khan, Trump clearly voiced concern over the situation in Kash-

mir going on there for the last many years," he added.

Spokesperson for the Punjab government, Musarrat Jamshed Cheema, while talking to APP, said that Prime Minister Imran Khan had emerged as an ambassador of people of Kashmir at the international front. "Pakistan has always supported the Kashmir cause diplomatically and morally, adding that Islamabad has a clear stance that Kashmir is an international dispute, which should be resolved in accordance with the United Nations resolutions," she added. The people of Kashmir had been rendering matchless sacrifices for the last seven decades, and Pakistan would continue to extend moral, political and diplomatic support to the oppressed Kashmiri brethren in their just struggle for right to self-determination, she said while replying to a query. Noted defence analyst, Dr Maria Sultan, told APP that Kashmir was an unresolved agenda of participation between the two nuclear states. She said that Prime Minister Imran Khan had exposed Hindutva fascist ideology effectively before the world, adding that Modi had turned the entire occupied valley into the

largest prison of the world.

She said that the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) was following in the footsteps of Hitler. Noted British journalist Peter Osborne, in his book "Wounded Tiger, writes about Pakistan's premier Imran Khan is one of those very few people who has a sense of personal greatness and personal destiny. That destiny, first of all, manifested itself in an amazing cricket career when he forged a national team and made it the best in the world. "And then it forged itself in this enormous monument to his mother: the great hospital which is still there. "And then in a political career. (He) is the nearest thing cricket has produced to a world historical figure, he adds. Similarly, veteran cricket writer, Paul Edwards, who recently wrote his article titled: "Greatness and destiny - Imran Khan, a man born to win", states that "Imran Khan should have wanted to become prime minister of Pakistan is viewed as almost a natural ambition from a man whose thirst for achievement appears unshakable. It has become a reality."

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