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PML-N demands resignations of PTI ministers, advisors holding dual nationality

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Marriyum Aurangzeb on Sunday has demanded resignations of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government's ministers and advisors holding dual nationality.

According to media reports the PML-N spokesperson said in a statement that Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan had said that those having dual nationality cannot take decisions for the country.

She further asked why those possessing foreign passports have been allowed to sit in the cabinet. The reaction came after federal government had released asset details of Prime Minister's Advisors and Special Assistants. Notably, five Special Assistants hold dual citizenship. Tania Aidrus, Special Assistant to PM for Digital Pakistan, holds Canadian and Singaporean citizenship. Special Assistant for Petroleum Nadeem Babar is a US citizen with assets worth Rs 2.75 billion. Special Assistant Parliamentary Coordination Nadeem Afzal Chan also holds Canadian citizenship while Shahbaz Gill is an American green card holder. Special Assistant for overseas Pakistanis Zulfi Bukhari has permanent British citizenship and owns over 1,300 kanals of land in Pakistan.

Khushdil Shah rules out of action for three weeks

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan cricket squads left-handed batsman Khushdil Shah has been ruled out of action for three weeks after suffering a fracture in his left thumb while batting during Saturday's training session in Derby, England.

Khushdil is not featuring in the ongoing four-day intra-squad match and will not be available for selection for the second four-dayer, which will be played from 24-27 July in Derby, said a spokesman for the Pakistan Cricket Board here on Sunday. "As the nail is intact and there is no injury to nail bed, the orthopedic surgeon, team physician and team physiotherapist expect Khushdil to resume physical training by the end of the next week," he said.

Action against kiln owners demanded

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE : A boundary wall of a centre for the blind in Jhang has been razed to the ground and a cricket pitch in its lawn has also been destroyed allegedly by two brick kiln owners so that their trawlers could take a shorter route. A proper road was already very much there. Pakistan Association of the Blind, Jhang had spent hundreds of thousands of rupees on construction of the boundary wall, rooms and a cricket pitch for the blind to play cricket in Farooqabad on Toba Road near Rao Colony, Jhang.

Public cooperation highly significant to contain spread of corona pandemic: CM

- Says violation of SOPs on Eid-ul-Azha not to be tolerated at any cost

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that public cooperation is highly significant to contain the spread of corona pandemic. He called upon the masses to continuously implement SOPs in the backdrop of corona pandemic.

Usman Buzdar stressed that maintenance of social distance policy will ensure public safety.

CM asserted that violation of SOPs on the eve of Eid-ul-Azha will not be tolerated at any cost.

He urged upon the masses to learn to live with coronavirus by adopting precautions and added that it cannot be predicted about how long it will prolong. He underscored that directions have been issued to ensure strict enforcement of SOPs on Eid-ul-Azha and their implementation will be carried out through administrative measures. He called upon the masses and all others to prove themselves to be responsible citizens.

CM directed that concerned departments

must ensure implementation on the steps taken and guidelines issued by the government to curb corona pandemic. He warned that there is no scope of showing any negligence regarding implementation on the steps undertaken by the government to curtail coronavirus.

CM emphasized that implementing government directions is likely to protect oneself and others from Covid pandemic and exhorted the citizens to abide by maximum precautions for their safety.

Takes notice of 8-year-old child murder in Mandi Bahauddin

Buzdar has taken a notice of a 8-year-old child murder before subjecting him to molestation in the area of Sohawa of Mandi Bahauddin.

Buzdar has also sought a report from RPO Gujranwala and ordered to arrest the accused at the earliest.

He remarked that the murderers of an innocent child will not be saved from the stern grip of law.

Usman Buzdar directed that the accused

must be brought before the court of law by fulfilling all the requirements of justice.

He assured that the affected family will be provided with justice at any cost. CM also expressed his heartfelt sympathy and condolence with the bereaved family of the murdered child.

Condolences martyrdom of VC Dr Mustafa Kamal with family members: Buzdar made a telephone call to the family members of the martyred Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha Vice-Chancellor Nishtar Medical University Multan and expressed his deep sense of sorrow and grief over his martyrdom with his family. Usman Buzdar paid rich tributes to the invaluable services rendered by the martyred Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha in the medical and education field.

He commended that the martyred Dr Mustafa Kamal rendered exemplary services for the treatment of affected corona patients on the front line.

He remarked that the martyred Dr Mustafa Kamal will be nominated for the high National Civil Award on account of



performing appreciable services. CM disclosed that the heirs of martyred Dr Mustafa Kamal Pasha will be granted martyred package and added that keeping official residence facility for his family will remain intact.



LAHORE: People enjoy the boat ride in the River Ravi.

Increased foreign investment to boost Pak economy: Aleem

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Senior Provincial Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said on Sunday that 88 per cent increase in foreign investment in the financial year 2020 is a good omen.

Talking to various delegations here, he added that foreign investment of \$ 2.5 billion in the country this year is an encouraging.

Abdul Aleem Khan said that investment in new projects in Pakistan by countries like China and Norway would create new employment opportunities and Pakistan's economy will grow rapidly. Abdul Aleem Khan said that Prime Minister Imran Khan's vision is leading the country to

development and prosperity and overcoming all difficulties and challenges. He mentioned that in the last month of the financial year, an investment of US \$ 170 million was made which included telecom, microfinance banking projects, hydel power projects and mega oil and gas projects which is undoubtedly in the credit of present government.

Under a well-conceived plan, he said, some elements were promoting negative sentiments rather than development and positive aspects so as to divert attention from the corruption and bad governance of the previous rulers.

Senior Minister said that huge investments in various sectors of Pakistan from abroad are an

expression of full confidence in the Prime Minister Imran Khan as the world knows that Pakistan's current leadership is based on real development and people's core rather than showmanship and believes in solving problems of the masses.

He said that corruption and commission mafia has been clearly discouraged in the last two years and the country's development institutions are performing better than ever before. He said that In Sha Allah by the year 2023, PTI government will be more on its manifesto and Prime Minister Imran Khan and his team will not shy away from any step to make the country one of the developed nations. On this occasion,



the delegations apprised the Senior Minister about the problems of their respective areas and the minister issued directions to the authorities concerned for their rectification accordingly.

Man shot dead over monetary dispute

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A man was shot dead in the limits of Sherakot. The victim has been identified as Ashfaq Ahmad. A person shot at and injured him following a dispute on payment. He was removed to hospital where he died. Police reached the crime scene and collected forensic evidence. Police had not received the complaint till the filing of this report. After receiving a complaint, investigation will be started, the SHO concerned said, adding that the killer would be arrested.

WOMAN DIES: A 50-year-old woman died in a road accident in the Gujjarwala area on Saturday. The woman, Naseem, was hit by a vehicle when she was crossing a road. The vehicle driver fled. Police took the vehicle into their custody. The body was removed to morgue.

VALUABLES TAKEN AWAY: Robbers continued their spree in the City on Saturday, depriving many of their valuables and vehicles worth millions of rupees. Three robbers broke into the house of one Javed in Batapur and robbed him of Rs 617,000. Robbers deprived a man, Hamayun, of Rs4,80,000 from at Johar Town. Robbers took away Rs 350,000 from Waqas at Ichhra, Rs 290,000 from Asghar at Samanabad, Rs 200,000 from Rasheed at Saman Abad, Rs 40,000 from Shaukat at Sabzazar and Rs 33,000 from Ahsan at Township. Bikes were lifted from the areas of Islampura, Shahdra, Quaid-e-Azam Industrial Estate. Vehicles were stolen from Gulshan Ravi and Green Town.

YOUTH DIES: A 22-year-old youth, unidentified so far, died in road accident at Peco Katcha Bridge on Saturday. He was crossing a road when a hit and killed him. The car driver fled from the scene. The body was removed to morgue.

SEALED: Punjab police have checked around 223,137 markets and bazaars since June 6th across the province and sealed 22,988 shops. Around 331,704 motorcycles, 100,655 vehicles and 63,747 public transport vehicles were checked. Fines were imposed on 227,554 vehicles, motorcycles and public transport vehicles by civil administration on violation of government instructions.

Amin urges youth, academia to join PM's massive plantation of 200m trees

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Adviser to the Prime Minister on Climate Change, Malik Amin Aslam Sunday urged the youth and academia particularly teachers to join the Prime Minister Imran Khan's massive plantation initiative to achieve whopping target of planting around 200 million saplings, country's largest ongoing monsoon tree plantation.

"All-out efforts will be made not only to achieve the target, but also exceed it by a huge margin during the monsoon tree plantation season that will continue till September 30," the Adviser said while talking to media here.

He informed that the target of 200 million saplings was approved after due consultations with the provincial forest departments, which shared their approved targets of tree plantation during the ongoing three-month monsoon tree plantation season, which continues from July to September every year.

Prime Minister Imran Khan inaugurated the country's largest ever country-wide 'Monsoon Tree Plan-

tation and Protection Campaign 2020' by planting a sapling in Kahuta on July 17, pledging to utilise all possible resources and capacities to enhance the country's forest cover and fight environmental degradation.

While addressing the ceremony, PM Imran Khan had lauded the raging passion of the youth for their participation in the tree plantation campaign across the country, saying "youth and students are the future of Pakistan".

Sharing the details of the monsoon tree plantation targets, Malik Amin Aslam said that as many as 80 million trees would be planted in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province during the ongoing monsoon season followed by 60 million plants in Sindh, 37 million plants in Punjab, 14 million in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, 2,050 million plants in Gilgit-Baltistan, 0.602 million plants in Balochistan province and remaining plants will be planted by different civil society organisations including International Union of Conservation for Nature - Pakistan and World Wide Fund for Nature - Pakistan.

He said that tree plantation targets are set twice a

year for spring season (February-March) and monsoon season (June-September), because good rains are received during these months, which adequately soak the soils vital to healthy growth of tree saplings. "The monsoon season [June-September] is a great opportunity for forests' growth in the country. Because as the year's longest four-month wet season is a source of trillions of liters rainwater needed for the seedlings to grow fast and hold their grip in soil strongly," Malik Amin said. He said that tree plantation was vital for conserving nutrient-rich soil through regeneration of forests across the country. "Being a proven method to maintain the fertility of the soil by protecting the soil from erosion and nutrient loss, the soil conservation is important because soil is crucial for many aspects of the human life and non-living beings. For, it does provide food, filters air and water and helps to decompose biological waste into nutrients for new plant life," the prime minister's aide argued.

Malik Amin Aslam said that the COVID - 19 pandemic has brought new challenges for the country in terms of job losses and slow-down in economic activ-

ities. But through tree plantation activities new green jobs are being created and youth are being engaged in such healthy activities to boost their contribution in the country's fight against climate change and environmental degradation.

He further said that the tree plantation activities during the ongoing three-month monsoon season will lead to generation of estimated 34,470 green jobs for daily wagers, who have been rendered unemployed because of the COVID - 19 pandemic.

The adviser also said, "Over the past two years of the present government, 300 million trees have been planted across the country, while new nurseries are working in the higher pace to hike this number to one billion by June next year".

Malik Amin Aslam said that present government is committed to boosting country's forest cover. For this purpose, all provincial and federal government organisations, educational institutions, corporate sector, NGOs and media were being approached and engaged to join the government's efforts for re-invigorating the country's ailing forest sector.