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### Quick Read

## Food Dept issues notification for releasing wheat to flour mills

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Food Department has issued notification of releasing wheat to flour mills in Punjab.

According to spokesman of the Food Department all districts shall have population based wheat quota. Spokesman said that release of wheat has been started to functional flour mills across the province.

To make the flour prices stable, the government offered the millers its wheat stock at official cheap rate. Spokesman said that wheat would be supplied to flour mills at the rate of Rs1475 per 40kgs.

Ex-mill price of 20kg flour bag is Rs837 and retail price is Rs860. While ex-mill price of 10kg flour bag would be Rs419 and retail price will be Rs430, the spokesman added.

## PHP issues performance report

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** As per the vision of Inspector General Police (IGP), Punjab Shoaib Dastgir and directions of Addl IG PHP captain (retired), Zafar Iqbal Awan (Sitara-e-Imtiaz) swift actions are being taken for the protection of lives and wealth of people on roads and against anti social elements.

In this regard, PHP headquarters issued previous fortnightly performance report. According to the details, Punjab Highway Patrol upholding its tradition, served the public on roads with determination and helped the public in many ways. In order to increase efficiency of the department, different branches of Punjab highway patrol did projects under different heads.

The details of these activities are given below.

Punjab highway patrol lodged 617 cases upon violation of traffic laws, 351 cases upon illegal weapons and its exhibition and 162 cases against drugs and 1749 liter alcohol, 36 kilo 721 gram charrs and 900 Grams Hashish have been recovered from the accused whereas in case of illegal weapons, 13 Kalashnikovs, 21 rifles, 13 guns, 101 pistols, 22 cartridges, 30 magazine and 1348 bullets have been recovered from the accused.

Moreover, Punjab highway patrol arrested 69 proclaimed offenders and 10 court absconders. Furthermore, patrolling police provided service to 519 commuters on roads during traveling, 14 missing children were also met with their parents whereas taking action against encroachment, 374 temporary encroachments were eliminated.

Addl IG PHP captain retired Zafar Iqbal Awan said that officials of PHP are continuing their duties with diligence in the wake of Corona pandemic even without caring about their own lives and protection of wealth and lives of people with provision of best service to the public is their ultimate goal.

# Promise to set up Southern Punjab secretariat fulfilled: CM

## Says journey of development of Southern Punjab begins and it will not stop

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Provincial Irrigation Minister Mohsin Leghari called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar and discussed different matters including the creation of more job opportunities for South Punjab and carving out new districts and tehsils.

The CM stated the government has fulfilled the promise of setting up the southern Punjab secretariat and now the locals will not have to

visit Lahore for the solution of their issues.

The journey of the development of southern Punjab has begun and it will not stop, he told. The CM declared that decisions about making new districts and tehsils will be made on administrative grounds and distribution of population and financial resources will also be minutely studied. The decision about new districts and tehsils will be made on merit and no locality will be ever ignored. He added that Jampur tehsil of Rajanpur district will be taken along in the journey of development.

The Minister also apprised the CM about the performance of his department.

CM visits Khanki Headworks to monitor flood related arrangements

Buzdar visited Khanki Headworks on Wednesday and inspected the arrangements made for dealing with the possible flood.

The Chief Minister on the occasion stated that line departments have already been alerted while water situation in Jhelum, Chenab and Sindh rivers is constantly monitored. He announced plans to inspect other

Headworks as well.

The Irrigation Secretary told that a 27-km long road has been constructed from Wazirabad to Khanki Barrage besides setting up a vocational training centre, BHU and recreational park. He also briefed about the latest water situation in different rivers.

The Khanki Headworks was constructed in 1892 and a new Khanki Barrage has been constructed on Chenab River with the assistance of ADB. An amount of Rs21 billion and 30 crores has been spent on the upgradation project. Up to 11500 cusec water flow would be guaranteed in Lower Chenab Canal round the year along with the continuous supply to 2925 contiguous water channels of 4680-kilometre long irrigation system.

This would help to irrigate 3.301 million acre land of Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Sheikhpura, Nankana Sahib, Jhang, Chinot, Faisalabad and Toba Tek Singh. This would benefit more than six lac farmer families and the water flow capacity of the barrage, after up-gradation, has increased from eight lac

cusec to 11 lac cusec.

This would usher in an era of agricultural prosperity besides proving an important step for safety from the floods. Provincial Minister Malik Asad Khokhar, ACS (Infrastructure) and others were also present.

### Transfers, postings orders of four police officers

Inspector General of Police Punjab Shoaib Dastgir issued transfer postings orders of four police officers.

According to details, Jahanzeb Nazir Khan, Battalion Commander (7), P.C, Lahore transferred and posted as SSP Special Branch Lahore, Region, against an existing vacancy, Ms Amara Athar, awaiting posting transferred and posted as Battalion Commander (7), P.C, Lahore, Abdul Wahab, awaiting posting transferred and posted as SP Police School of Intelligence, Lahore, against an existing vacancy, whereas, Shahzad Hameed, SP Legal, Multan Region, directed to report Central Police Office, Punjab, Lahore, with immediate effect.



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar inspects barrage during his visit to Khanki Headworks.

## Punjab to conduct physical checking of mills' stocks

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** An important meeting jointly chaired by Provincial Minister for Industries Mian Aslam Iqbal and Chief Secretary Punjab Jawwad Rafique Malik was held at the Camp Office to review the action against hoarders of flour and sugar.

Commissioner Lahore Division Danish Afzal, CCPO Lahore Zulfiqar Hameed and officers concerned attended the meeting while Divisional Commissioners, RPOs, Deputy Commissioners, and DPOs participated through video link.

The meeting decided to carry out physical verification of stocks in flour and sugar mills and take stern action in case of non-cooperation by the millers. The Chief Secretary asked the administrative officers to send verified reports on stocks as soon as possible. He directed that under the anti-hoarding law action be taken against the mills that are not giving supply in the market in accordance with their stocks. These mills' stocks must be confiscated and sold in the market at government rates within the 24 hours, added. The Chief Secretary said that it was the responsibility of the district administration to ensure the sale of flour and sugar at the official rates and the administrative officer, who is not providing relief to the people, would be removed from his post. The meeting also decided to shift cattle markets out of the cities in connection with Eidul Azha.

## PHA to set up artificial forests Mianwaki in City

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA), Director General Tariq Ali Basra said on Wednesday that artificial forest 'Mianwaki' would be set up at PHA zone during the monsoon tree plantation drive.

He disclosed this while addressing a meeting of horticulture directors here at PHA headquarters Jilani Park. He directed the horticulture directors to submit report regarding artificial forest Mianwaki at seven zones of the city by identifying spots, number of trees and their kinds. He said that indigenous fruit and shady trees would be planted in Mianwaki forests.

# 21 food points sealed, 472 others served with notices

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Food Authority's enforcement teams on Wednesday sealed 21 food points over multiple violations of the Punjab Pure Food Regulations.

PFA watchdog teams also served warning notices for improvement to 472 food joints.

The authority sealed milk shops, snacks production units, paan shops, BBQ points, general stores and other eateries while carrying out an operation against counterfeiters and to control the wicked practice of adulteration.

PFA Director General Irfan Memon said that PFA is not only checking the general stores but also vigilantly monitoring the suspicious activities of the adulteration mafia.

He said that the PFA raided various premises and sealed many eateries and production units besides imposing Rs330,000 fine on 65 food business operators.

He said that PFA team raided Cheery Food Industry on Javed Nagar Sheikhpura Road Lahore and sealed it for manufacturing snacks with expired ingredients like rancid oil, spices and artificial flavours.

He said that team also witnessed the presence of lizards, rats, insects and cobwebs in the production area.

Dairy safety team of PFA Lahore closed down five milk shops over found low level of LR and natural fats in milk besides the contamination of polluted water.

The teams have sealed these shops in the area of Chungi Amar Sadhu.

He said Punjab Food Authority will not allow any food business operator to produce or sale substandard food in the market.

PFA Bahawalpur team sealed Line Heart Shawarma Point and Kamran Cold Store for preserving food at foot level, failing to produce temperature control record and not



paying the license fee. A team of PFA shut down Pervaiz Paan Shop in Multan for selling gutka. The sale of gutka is strictly prohibited in Punjab after the PFA imposed a ban on it.

Further, PFA sealed Kham Dasti Hotel in Layyah and Hammad Department Store in DG Khan for selling not submitting the fine amount, selling loose spices and not complying with authority instructions. The authority also sealed three food points in Raheem Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar and Rampur.

In Gujranwala, the provincial

food regulatory body has sealed Adnan Chicken Shop and New Sardar Bakery for not having manufacturing and expiry dates on products, poor cleanliness arrangements, using newspapers to cover edibles and not paying the license and fine amounts.

PFA Sialkot team sealed Shahzad Tika for not taking proper measures to control pests, worst condition of hygiene and not having expiry dates on products. PFA watchdog team shut down Wahid Tea Stall and Ramazan Butt Milk Collection Centre in Mandi Bahaudin whereas officials sealed Lahori Murgh Chanay in Narowal.

Jinnah Town team raided Abdul Ghaffar Bassan Chaki (grinding unit) on account of adulteration in Faisalabad. During the operation, the authority discarded 3,283 litre adulterated milk, 375-litre beverages, 75kg cream, 200 gutka packets, 207kg red chilli and 20kg spices.

# No FIR be lodged under political pressure: Addl IGP South Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Additional Inspector General Police for South Punjab, Inaam Ghani has urged police officials that no FIR would be registered under political pressure.

He arrived in Bahawalpur to review arrangements for establishment of his camp office here and later along with Regional Police Officer Bahawalpur, Muhammad Zubair Dreshak and District Police Officer Bahawalpur, Muhammad Sohaib Ashraf addressing a news conference said that all FIRs would be registered only on merit, adding that however, no political pressure would be accepted and tolerated regarding registration of FIRs. "Action will be taken on registration of false FIRs and false evidence," he said.

He said that earlier, Station House

Officer of the police station used to decide to make delay in registration of FIR, adding that however, now senior authorities above office of the SHO would decide to make some delay in registration of FIR if there was a solid and genuine cause.

He, however, said that if plaintiff has genuine cause and stance, his or her FIR should be lodged by the police officials concerned immediately. He said that his department was also going to introduce some police reforms. He said that there was some problems regarding posting and transfer of police officers. "Some police stations have bulk of FIRs but facing lack of investigation officers while others have lack of cases but have extra strength of investigation and other officers," he said.

He said that as Additional IGP South Punjab, he would pay attention to ensure rule of law. "No target of peace

and order could be achieved in any region without ensuring rule of law," he said. He said that a specific attitude of police personnel had kept people from police at distance. "Police personnel will have to change their attitude," he said.

He said that restructuring of police department was also a special priority of the higher authorities, adding that now, people would not have to visit Lahore for resolution of their issues, adding that but they would get their problems resolved at local level as saying Additional Chief Secretary and Additional IGP would listen to their issues at their offices in South Punjab.

"I, myself will visit all 11 districts of South Punjab to listen to people and review the issues at local level," he said. He said that Multan would be his main office, adding that as well as Bahawalpur would be his camp office.



LAHORE: A view of burning fire outside historical Buddha Tomb on GT Road Baghbanpura as due to negligence of the concerned authorities. —Online