

Minimum 27:°C  
Maximum 39:°C  
Sunset 07:11pm  
Sunrise 05:04am  
(Tomorrow)



FAJAR.....03:25 AM  
JUMA.....1:30 PM  
ASR.....5:03 PM  
MAGRIB.....07:11 PM  
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### Quick Read

## Yasir Shah hopes googlies will be his most important weapon in England

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Wrist-spinner Yasir Shah is working on his googly and batting ahead of the Test series against England, which begins early next month.

Yasir is hoping that the dry wickets in England will aid his googlies. He has been working on the variation with Mushtaq Ahmed, who is in the Pakistan setup as their spin bowling coach. "My googly is coming out well," Yasir was quoted as saying by International Cricket Council (ICC) on its website on Thursday. "In the two-day match, all the googlies I bowled landed well and spun well. I think it will be my most important weapon."

While the day international cricket returned saw just 17.4 overs being played, August is generally drier in England with spinners expected to get better purchase off the wicket. "Counties usually sign spinners for July to September because in these three months, spinners get help on dry wickets," Yasir said while adding that he is "hopeful that the wickets will assist the spinners."

Yasir is also aiming to add valuable runs down the order with his batting like he did in Australia last year when he scored his maiden Test century. "I am working on my batting in the nets. When the team needs you, you need to step up. So I do have a target, of scoring a century in England. If I can hit a hundred at Adelaide, I can do it here as well." The first of the three-match Test series is scheduled to start on August 5 in Manchester while Southampton will host the next two matches.

## Notification of magisterial powers of field officers suspended

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Thursday suspended a notification of Punjab government about conferring magisterial powers of special

Magistrates (First Class) to executive field officers - Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and others across the Punjab. LHC Chief Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan passed the orders on a petition filed by Tanveer Abdullah and sought reply from the Punjab government.

A counsel on behalf of petitioner argued before the court that the Punjab government had conferred powers of special magistrates to executive field officers through a notification on June 17. He said Articles 2-A and 175 of the Constitution had guaranteed independence of the judiciary and its separation from the executive, which was further elaborated in different apex court judgments.

He said, despite clear provisions of the Constitution, the government assigned powers to executive officers under CrPC Section 14-A. He pleaded with the court to set aside the notification being unconstitutional. The court, after hearing arguments, suspended the notification and sought reply from the Punjab government.

# New Pakistan will continue to move forward under PM's leadership: CM

## Buzdar, Perviaz chair meeting about new assembly building

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar met with Speaker Punjab Assembly Ch Pervaiz Elahi at Punjab Assembly here on Thursday and discussed matters of mutual interest.

Both agreed to jointly counter the propagandists adding that the journey of public service will be moved forward with accelerated speed. Usman Buzdar said that critics will be left behind and the new Pakistan will continue to move forward under the leadership of PM Imran Khan.

He regretted that the critics have engaged in propaganda with a specific agenda while the best relationship exists with PML-Q in Punjab. The CM maintained that the PTI-led government has correctly identified the public priorities and Punjab is moving towards the real change in accordance with the vision of PM Imran Khan. The government is engaged in a public welfare agenda which the past rulers failed to fulfill even in years and public interest was tremendously jeopardised due to wrong policies, he added.

Speaker Ch. Pervaiz Elahi stated that designs of those fascinating about differences will not be fulfilled.

The province was despoiled and it was bankrupted due to the wrong policies of the past government. The common man has faced the consequences of delay in public welfare projects, he regretted. He continued that present tenure belongs to the people.

We are an ally of the PTI and will jointly continue to work for public welfare as serving the public is our mission.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Usman Buzdar and Speaker Ch. Pervaiz Elahi chaired a meeting at assembly to review progress made on the project of MPAs' hostel and new Punjab Assembly building.

The CM directed to early complete the new Punjab Assembly building and gave the deadline of the end of September for completing the work of the new assembly building. He said that there is no justification of delay despite the availability of funds. He expressed indignation over failure in com-

pleting the work within the stipulated period and directed that the backlog should be filled with continuous hard work. He assured the Punjab government will continue its full support with regard to the remaining work of the new building.

He said that the new building will be a state-of-the-art design and funds will be provided on a priority basis for early completion of this project because the government wants to use this building for assembly members at the earliest.

He said that this project relates to Speaker Pervaiz Elahi which became victim to contumacy in the previous tenure. Had the past government not stopped this important project for ten long years, we would have not held the budget session in the hotel due to corona, he regretted and added that past rulers gave preference to their personal likes and dislikes even in public welfare projects.

**Disaster management minister briefs CM about flood control measures:** Provincial Minister for Disaster Management Mian Khalid Mehmood called on Chief Minister

Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar and briefed him about the arrangements made for combating possible flood.

The CM directed that districts' emergency plans should be devised and PDMA should ensure effective arrangements.

I am visiting various districts to review the flood-related arrangements, he added. PDMA's arrangements will also be monitored. He directed district committees should be reactivated and regular meetings be held to review the field situation. He further directed that the weather situation should be shared by PDMA with the line departments and an early flood warning system should be kept fully activated.

**CM takes notice of girl's molestation:** Buzdar has sought a report from CCPO Lahore about an incident of girl's molestation in the Staff Colony area of Satukatta and directed to provide best treatment facilities to the girl child. She will be provided justice at every cost, he added. Meanwhile, a case has been registered and police have arrested the criminal.



## Amrana asks women to follow footsteps of Fatima Jinnah

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** On the 53rd death anniversary of Mad-e-Millat Mautarma Fatima Jinnah, which was observed with

reverence and respect across the country on Thursday, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Amrana Kaneez Welfare Foundation, Mautarma Amrana Kaneez has stressed upon the women of Pakistan to follow the footsteps of Fatima Jinnah sahiba, who worked day and night to help her brother, the great leader Quaid-e-Azam to achieve freedom and established Pakistan. She is candle of hope, struggle, light and faith to build Pakistan. Mautarma Amrana requested the womenfolk to help understand the new generation to work hard and honestly in building a corruption-free society in the country.

## PTI govt committed to protect children's rights: Augustine

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Provincial Minister for Human Rights & Minorities Affairs (HRMA) Ijaz Alam Augustine Thursday took notice of a complaint about torture of an eight-year-old housemaid by her employer in Wapda Colony area of the city.

The minister directed the police station concerned to register a case against the accused and provide protection to the victim girl, said a handout issued here.

The minister said that strict legal action should be taken against the accused after a transparent investigation.

The girl has been given in custody of Child Protection & Welfare Bureau and she would be produced in the Child Protection Court soon.

The minister said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government was committed to protection of children rights.

# Supply of 'sasta atta' starts, 20 kg bag of flour available at Rs 860: Aleem

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** With the release of official wheat to flour mills across Punjab, the supply of 'sasta atta' has been started and a 20 kg bag of flour is available at Rs 860 whose supply has been started at the controlled rate, as well.

In this regard fair price shops and sale points have also been set up in different districts and reports have been sent to Senior & Food Minister Punjab Abdul Aleem Khan on the latest situation.

According to the details besides Multan, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Vehari, Lodhran, Chinot, in Muzaffargarh, Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan districts, the supply of this low price flour has started where ex mill rate has been fixed at Rs 837 and retail price at Rs 860 which is being ensured. Talking in this regard, Senior Minister for Food Abdul Aleem Khan said that the Punjab Government has taken timely action to provide low price flour to the citizens and the release of Government wheat to the flour mills of the province ahead of schedule time has been started due to which the prices of flour



have come down significantly. Aleem Khan said that the Food Department was on full alert across the province and the district administration was also playing a proactive role in providing cheap flour. Abdul Aleem Khan further said that we are also in touch with the flour mills, In Sha Allah continuous supply of flour will be ensured and strict action will be

taken if any complaint is raised anywhere in Punjab.

**Two female Professors appointed in PGMI:** Punjab government promoted two lady doctors and posted as Professors in Grade 20 at Post Graduate Medical Institute, Ameerud-Din Medical College and Lahore General Hospital and notification has been issued in this regard. Dr. Aneela Asghar has taken a charge as Prof. of Dermatology and Dr. Muneza Natiq has taken a charge as Prof. of Pathology. Principal PGMI Prof. Al-Freed Zafar congratulated them on their new appointments and hoped that students will have better medical opportunities from the arrival of these teachers.

Medical Students will not only benefited from their educational capabilities and professional skills but newly appointed professors will left no stone turned in their performance. Prof. Al-Freed Zafar said that departments of Dermatology and Pathology will increase its performance under the leadership of these newly appointed professors and better medical facilities will be provided to the patients.



LAHORE: Employees of marriage halls hold placards during protest in favour of their demands.

# DG Khan development package reviewed

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Secretary Industries & Trade Captain (R) Muhammad Zafar Iqbal presided over a meeting on Thursday and reviewed DG Khan development Package. Secretary Industries while addressing the meeting held at Civil Secretariat said that a comprehensive plan for the economic development of Dera Ghazi Khan has been chalked out for a population of 451,000 in DGK. He expressed that under the vision of Chief Minister Punjab, Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skills Development Department is determined to uplift backward and neglected areas of the province in order to boost economic activities and generate employment opportunities in accordance with Punjab Industrial Policy 2018.

Secretary Industries, Commerce, Investment & Skills Development

Department chaired a progress review meeting of schemes under DG Khan Development Package. He stated that this package is an insignia of a firm determination of the Government to uplift the economy of poor and backward areas of DG Khan.

Secretary Industries also deliberated upon various aspects of the schemes: Artisan Village Taunsa Sharif, Up-gradation of Handicrafts Development Center Taunsa Sharif, Construction of Government Technical Training Institute Taunsa Sharif, Small Industrial Estate DG Khan, Loaning Schemes of Punjab Small Industries Corporation and Mir Chakar Khan Rind University Technology DG Khan were thoroughly deliberated upon. He furthermore said that with the personal interest and efforts of Chief Minister Punjab, state-of-the-art Mir Chakkar Khan Rind University of

Technology Dera Ghazi Khan is a precious gift of Punjab Government for the people of South Punjab and it will prove a milestone for imparting latest technology to the youth of DGK.

Secretary Industries further stated that technical skills would be imparted to the youth of DG Khan and allied areas to arm them with the latest technology for getting jobs and curbing unemployment and poverty in DGK. He emphasized that PSIC and TEVTA should make all-out efforts by playing a strategic role for timely completion of the schemes on a fast track as per scheduled timelines. In addition to this, Secretary Industries directed that the authorities concerned should monitor the physical progress by visiting the projects on-site and take necessary steps to eradicate impediments/bottlenecks in order to ensure the timely implementation of the Chief Minis-