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FAJAR.....	03:46 AM
ZOHAR.....	12:30 PM
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MAGRIB.....	06:59 PM
ISHA.....	08:38 PM

## Buzdar appeals nation to follow SOPs regarding COVID-19 on Eid

— Asks people to celebrate Eid with simplicity due to COVID-19 pandemic

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has extended greetings to the nation and appealed to celebrate Eid-ul-Azha with simplicity due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In his message, the chief minister expressed the satisfaction that anti-coronavirus steps had proved useful. However, the nation should remain watchful and follow the SOPs as it was the matter of protection of human lives, he maintained. "We pay tributes to those who have sacrificed their lives due to coronavirus," he added.

Usman Buzdar said that Eid-ul-Azha was the festival of sacrifice and sharing happiness as it was our social obligation to help alleviate the indigent strata. "We should remember the brave sons who have sacrificed their lives for the protection of motherland," he added.

He stressed that ensuring participation of the heirs of the martyrs in the joys of Eid was our collective responsibility.

Similarly, we should also remember op-

pressed Kashmiris who were continued victim of Indian state-sponsored tyranny in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK), he asserted. The mistreated Kashmiris were celebrating Eid under military siege, being continued for the last 12 months, in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK).

"I salute my Kashmiri brethren on this Eid and we should promote the passion of brotherhood by avoiding internal differences, adding that we should also give a message of jointly working hard for national development, the CM concluded.

**Takes notice of murder of former PU Addl Controller**  
Buzdar on Friday took notice of murder of former Additional Controller Ahmad Ali Chatha of Punjab University and sought a report from Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore.

He extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs and directed to early arrest the accused.

The heirs would be provided justice at every cost, the chief minister assured.

## Youm-e-Istehsal Kashmir on Aug 5

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** On the directions of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, *Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir* (Kashmir Siege Day) would be observed

on August 5 across the province against Indian brutality and aggression in Indian Occupied Kashmir.

A rally will be staged from Chief Minister Office to Governor's House in which Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, parliamentarians, PTI leaders and important personalities would participate while other rallies and functions

would also be held at divisional level with observance of corona SOPs.

The participants would record their peaceful agitation against Indian brutality and aggression while wearing black rib-

bons. The Chief Minister regretted that oppressed Kashmiris were forced to live under Indian oppression as 12 months had passed to military siege in Indian Occupied Kashmir.

The Indian illegal occupation of Occupied Kashmir had turned into the century's biggest humanitarian crisis and tragedy which also describe the impassiveness of the international community, he added.

Pakistan would continue to firmly stand with Kashmiris with vigour and zeal, he said and added that India would have to be accountable for its every cruelty as the blood of martyred Kashmiris would give way to the

freedom of Kashmiris. The PTI government would fight the case of Indian Occupied Kashmir at every forum, the CM concluded.

### Quick Read

#### Opp should shun politics of deceit, says CM

**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar on Friday said that those engaged in negative politics in the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic have faced defeat.

The opposition should shun their politics of deceit and stop point-scoring over the coronavirus, he added.

In his statement, the CM maintained that anti-corona policy had proved successful and the smart lockdown helped in overcoming the pandemic. It was sanguine that the anti-coronavirus policy of Prime Minister Imran Khan had been acknowledged at the global level, he asserted.

Usman Buzdar said that opposition had no strategy as they have also lost their credibility in the public.

He said that opposition leaders engaged in making tall claims had done nothing practically. The government had undertaken timely decisions while the opposition tried to weaken national unity, the chief minister concluded.

#### PPIC3 to remain operational during Eid holidays

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA), PPIC-3 Centre would continue its operations during Eid holidays.

Police investigation officers would be able to obtain video evidences during the holidays as the center would remain open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m, said a spokesman for PSCA here on Friday.

In case of any emergency, the video can be watched 24 hours from PSCA IC3 Center, he said and added that with the help of cameras, the operation and monitoring process would continue 24 hours throughout the metropolitan City, whereas e-ticketing would remain continue during holidays, he maintained.

#### Murder of former PU officer widely condemned

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmad, Academic Staff Association President Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Officers Welfare Association President Jalil Tariq, Librarians Association President Saif ur Rehman and others have strongly condemned the brutal murder of former Additional Controller of Examinations, Additional Registrar and present secretary of PU Town 1 Management Committee Ahmed Ali Chatha. In a press statement, they called upon police high ups to immediately arrest the killers and major punishment be given to them as soon as possible under the law.

They expressed their deep sense of sorrow with the family of martyred Ahmed Ali Chatha and said that may Allah raise his ranks in Jannat and give courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.



LAHORE: A view of deserted The Mall due to Eid-ul-Azha holiday. —Online

## Implementation on COVID-19 SOPs during Eid holidays to be ensured: IGP

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Shoaib Dastgir said that it was necessary to strictly implement SOPs regarding COVID-19 during Eid holidays to control the pandemic.

Irresponsible behaviour and violation of precautionary measures could again cause spread of pandemic, he said and added that special focus should be given on implementation of SOPs devised especially for cattle markets, and social gatherings during Eid.

Use of sanitizer and face masks should be ensured so that people could be protected, he maintained.

In his statement issued here on Friday, the IGP directed the police officers to perform their duties on front line by keeping themselves on high alert for protection of wealth and lives of people.

Shoaib Dastgir said that Punjab police had performed duties at quarantine centers, Ehsaas Kafalat Centers and during lockdown with full diligence and honesty as around 1,700 policemen were affected by COVID-19 while 1600 policemen out of total had been recovered and joined their duties.

**IGP directs senior police officers to deliver Eid gifts to families of police martyrs**  
According to the instructions

issued by Inspector General of Police Punjab Shoaib Dastgir, Eid gifts have been delivered to the families of all martyrs of Punjab Police across the province.

The IG Punjab himself met the families of the martyrs before Eid at central police office and gave them Eid gifts while he directed the regional and district police officers to deliver special gifts to the families of the martyrs of their regions and districts before Eid.

Implementing this, senior police officers in all the districts are visiting the homes of the martyrs themselves and delivering Eid gifts to their heirs so that they do not feel alone on the

event of Eid ul Azha. IG Punjab has directed senior officers in all districts to spend some time on Eid day with the families of martyrs on the day of Eid.

Instructing the officers, IG Punjab Shoaib Dastgir said that the best welfare of the families of the martyrs of Punjab Police is one of my top priorities, furthermore, he directed all the senior officers to ensure an immediate solution to every problem the families of Martyrs of Punjab Police face. He further said that the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the protection of life and property of the people are our proud capital and the pride of the department of which the entire nation feels proud.

#### Zong 4G launches prepaid roaming bundle for Saudia

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Continuing its streak of unbeatable international roaming (IR) offers for its valued customers in this time of Covid-19 crisis, Pakistan's leading cellular and digital services provider, Zong 4G, has come up with yet another exciting international roaming bundle.

This time around, the IR offer covers Saudi Arabia offering multiple packages to fit most budgets and help Pakistanis stay connected with their loved ones back home while they make the unavoidable travel to the kingdom or stay there for a while during the pandemic.

Through the Saudi Arabia international roaming offer, users can get 1 GB data and 70 minutes for PKR 1,499 +Tax, 1 GB data and 140 minutes for PKR 2,499 +Tax, and 1 GB data and 210 minutes for PKR 3,499 +Tax. The validity for all packages is flat 90 days. Zong's prepaid customers can avail of the package by dialing \*4255#

"We have launched the Saudi Arabia international roaming offer at different price points so that people of all budgets and connectivity needs can equally benefit from them," said the Zong 4G spokesperson. "Knowing that Saudi Arabia is like a second home to Pakistanis and thousands of Pakistanis live and work there, we have designed these specific bundles to serve their varying communication needs amid the coronavirus pandemic."

Of late, Zong 4G has launched some other unrivaled international roaming offers for different countries including China and UAE. Last year, Zong 4G became the first Pakistani telecom operator to offer both prepaid and postpaid roaming bundles for China empowering users with seamless connectivity while on the move.

Riven by its passion for customer empowerment and facilitation, Zong 4G is committed to serving the Pakistani people in newer and more innovative ways.

## Medium flood likely in River Jhelum: FFD

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Flood Forecasting Division (FFD) Lahore, has predicted sharp peaks upto Medium Flood in River Jhelum (upstream Mangla) including mild flows in Hill Torrents of D.G. Khan Division during the succeeding 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said that all main rivers of Indus River System are flowing with normal discharges and there is no riverine flood situation in the country.

According to daily FFC report on Friday at present water level in Tarbela reservoir is 1468.60 feet which is 61.40 feet and 48.84 feet lower than the water levels of the last two years on the same date. Water level in Mangla reservoir is 1229.80 feet meaning thereby a storage space of 12.20 feet is still available to reach

its Maximum Conservation Level (MCL) of 1242.00 feet.

Trough of Westerly Wave continues to prevail over Northern parts of Pakistan with Seasonal Low persisting over Northern Balochistan.

Arabian Sea's moist currents are penetrating into upper parts of Pakistan upto 5000 feet.

According to FFD scattered thunderstorm/rain of Moderate Intensity with a few Heavy Falls is expected over Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Gujranwala, & Lahore Divisions of Punjab and Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu & D.I. Khan Divisions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, besides over upper catchments of all the major rivers during the next 24 hours.

Isolated thunderstorm/rain may also occur over Faisalabad, Sahiwal, Multan & D.G. Khan Divisions (Punjab) and Northeastern

Balochistan during the same period.

#### Rivers flow, reservoirs level report

The position of river inflow and outflow at Tarbela, Mangla and Chashma along with reservoirs levels and barrages on Friday is as under:

**Rivers:** Indus at Tarbela: Inflows 193700 cusecs and outflows 125000 cusecs.

**Kabul at Nowshera:** Inflows 48900 cusecs and Outflows 48900 cusecs. Jhelum at Mangla: Inflows 33600 cusecs and Outflows 15000 cusecs. Chenab at Marala: Inflows 60800 cusecs and Outflows 29600 cusecs.

**Barrages: Jinnah:** Inflows 186500 cusecs and Outflows 178500 cusecs.

**Chashma:** Inflows: 194500 cusecs and Outflows 190000 cusecs,



LAHORE: People buy sacrificial animal's fodder from a shop ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. —Online