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### Quick Read

## Umar Akmal's three years suspension reduced to 18 months

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Cricket Boards independent adjudicator, Justice (retd), Faqir Muhammad Khokhar has reduced Umar Akmal's three-year suspension to eighteen months, deciding the appeal of the test cricketer here on Wednesday.

The three years ban was imposed on him by the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) Disciplinary Panel for not reporting approaches by corrupt elements.

According to that verdict the PCB had imposed a three-year-ban on Akmal after he had violated the Article 2.4.4 of the PCB's code of conduct on two occasions.

Umar Akmal in an interview had said that he was offered \$200,000 by fixers to leave two deliveries in one of the matches. He also said that he was offered money to skip matches against India. The batsman also said that he was approached during ICC World Cup, including the 2015 edition played in Australia and New Zealand.

According to ICC anti-corruption code 2.4.4 and 2.4.5, players are bound to report all the corrupt approaches made to them during any event and failure of doing so carry a minimum punishment of five years.

The hearing of the case was held at the National Cricket Academy and Justice ret'd Faqir Muhammad Khokhar announced the decision which was earlier reserved.

"I am happy with the outcome of the appeal and I will appeal after consulting my lawyers," said Umar Akmal after his appearance in front of the independent adjudicator. The 30-year-old player said he was thankful that his suspension was reduced and he wants to get the remaining suspension further reduced by filing an appeal.

## PU relaxes laws to facilitate BA/BSc students

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed on Wednesday presided over the meeting of Academic Council which took several decisions in the interest of the students attempting online examinations of BA/BSc/Associate Degree Part 2 to be held from August 05.

The meeting decided that the candidate who is not satisfied with the method of online examination and the result of the online exam will be allowed to attempt conventional examination whenever the university will conduct and no additional fee will be charged from the candidate.

The meeting decided that the candidate who will appear in both online and conventional examination will be allowed to opt the result in which he/she has secured better numbers. The meeting decided that the student can cancel their examination in case they faced any interruption in electricity, internet connection etc while attempting any exam and this would not be included in the chances availed by the students. The meeting decided that the candidates who have already appeared in examination and have failed in one or more subjects can participate in online examination and this will also not be included in the examination chances availed by the candidates.

# Impartial accountability of the corrupt elements vital: CM

— Shibli meets Usman Buzdar; says country moving forward in right direction

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Senator Shibli Faraz said the PTI team was completely united under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan, maintaining that politics based on honesty and sincerity to serve the masses will take roots in the country.

Senator Shibli Faraz said this in a meeting with Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar here on Wednesday.

According to official sources, matters of mutual interest and political situation came under discussion, besides exchange of views on media strategy. Discussion was also held on the projects for welfare of people and steps to extend relief.

Federal Minister Shibli Faraz while speaking on the occasion said that people were best judge of the performance of the government, and added that Pakistan



Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government was focused on overcoming real problems of the masses.

Referring to opposition political parties

and their negative propaganda stance, he said their narrative had already been rejected by the people, adding that 'rejected elements' did not enjoy people's trust or interest. In this context he said that attempts to hold APC by the opposition had underlying vested interests only and such a move was bound to fizzle out very soon.

Shibli said that PTI team was completely united under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

He highlighted said that now only politics based on honesty and sincerity to serve the masses would prevail and take roots in the country. He stated with confidence that the country was moving forward in the right direction under the able leadership of PM Imran Khan.

However, the federal minister regretted that plunder and loot of public money by previous rulers badly harmed the country's economy, whereas the incumbent govern-

ment was taking solid steps to steer the economy out of all crises.

It was decided in the meeting that the people friendly initiatives taken by the government must be duly highlighted.

Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar said that two years' performance of the incumbent government was far better as compared to previous regimes' 30 years rule.

However, he said that media's role was highly important for the right kind of projection of steps taken by the government for the welfare of public, adding that "constructive criticism provides guidance."

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) led government was committed to provide maximum relief to people, he said, adding that politics of merit were hallmark of PTI.

During the meeting Usman Buzdar said that impartial accountability of corrupt elements was necessary to ensure progress and prosperity of the country.



LAHORE: A view of deserted road during second day of complete lockdown announced by the Punjab Government amid coronavirus outbreak before Eid-ul-Azha. —Online

## DC committed to curb menace of drugs in City

— Allows Drug Advisory Training Hub for further two years extension regarding best performance

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Deputy Commissioner Lahore Danish Afzal signed MoU letter and allowed Drug Advisory Training Hub (DATH) for further two years extension regarding best performance and work in the field of drug demand reduction, drug use prevention, youth development program, health profile of students on drugs, treatment and rehab program for substance use disorders (SUDs) and distribution food and water to homeless SUDs during lockdown.

On behalf of DC Lahore Additional Deputy Commissioner Safdar Hussain Virk handed over



extension papers to Consultant, Anti Drugs/Narcotics Campaign and Director Drug Advisory Training Hub (DATH) in his office, Syed Mohsin in charge School program and others staff

also present on the occasion.

Safdar Hussain Virk ADC General said that use of drugs is a major problems in the city of Lahore but Deputy Commissioner Office always support and help in the field of drug demand reduction program. We are committed to curb this menace in the city with the help of different government and private sectors. Syed Zulfikar Hussain Consultant, Anti Drugs/Narcotics Campaign thanks Deputy Commissioner Lahore who trusts our work in drug use prevention programs. He further said that government, parents and teacher are a big stack holders unfortunately, parents have no time to check their children activities

## Railway labour unions call off strike

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Railways Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmad has given approval of 25 per cent increase in technical allowance of Pakistan Railways employees from grade 4 to 16.

The minister gave approval after a meeting with a delegation of labor alliance comprising eight labor organizations of the railways held on Wednesday. He also assured about up gradation of scale 1 to 16 soon.

## Dr Yasmin reviews LWMC performance

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid presided over a meeting to review the performance of Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) here at LWMC office on Tuesday.

Punjab Minister for Housing Mian Mehmood ur Rasheed, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Punjab President Ijaz Chaudhry, LWMC Chairman Riaz Chaudhry and other officers were present in the meeting.

LWMC Chairman briefed the provincial health minister about the details of the company's performance.

On the occasion, provincial health minister said that all LWMC campuses should be set up in the city till Thursday.

She said that on the occasion of Eid ul Azha, LWMC should ensure the cleanliness in the provincial capital, adding that whole city should be clean by Friday evening.

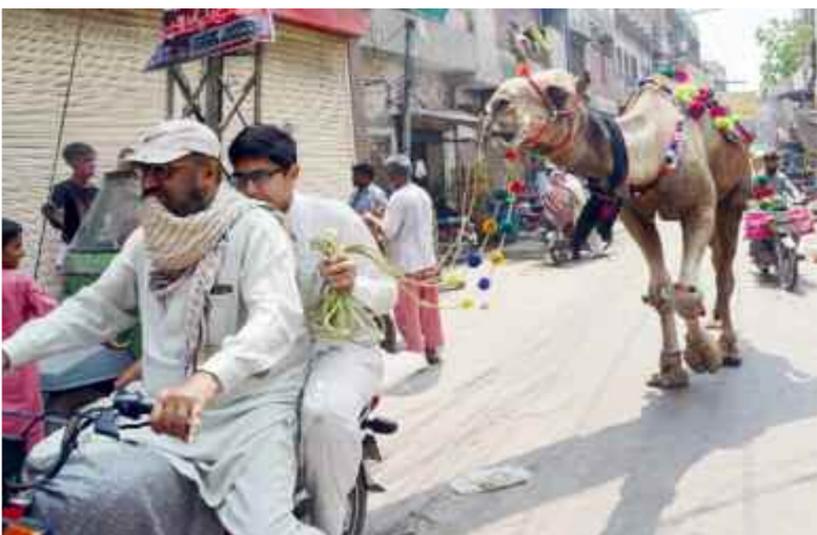
Provincial Minister for Housing Mian Mahmood Rashid said that on the occasion of Eid ul Azha, the city should be divided into different zones and a public awareness campaign should be launched immediately.

## Rain expected in City

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Rain coupled with wind-thunderstorm is expected in the most parts of the province including provincial capital during next 24 hours.

According to synoptic situation, seasonal low lies over northeast Balochistan. Weak monsoon currents are penetrating in north eastern parts of the country. According to Meteorological department, hot and humid weather is expected in most parts of the province. However, rain-wind-thunderstorm is expected in Narowal, Sialkot, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin, Lahore, Murree, Rawalpindi, Chakwal, Sargodha, Jhelum and Attock. Meanwhile rain with gusty winds are expected in Bhakkar, Layyah, D.G Khan, Bahawalnagar, Ba-



LAHORE: Motorcyclists carry their sacrificial animal camel at Shadbagh ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. —Online

## Addl IG seeks suggestions with distribution formula of vehicles

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** As per directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP), Punjab Shoaib Dastgir, a plenary session was held at central police office with respect to provision of 500 new vehicles for police stations which was presided by Addl IG Logistics & Procurement Ali Amir Malik whereas CCPO Lahore, all RPOs and DPOs of the province participated through video link.

In the session, DIG Tele Akbar Nasir Khan and SSP (MT) Motor Transport Asad Sarfaraz Khan were also present. SSP MT Asad Sarfaraz Khan briefed the officers about devised formula of distribution of vehicles among police stations and told that distribution mechanism of new vehicles among police stations of districts has been executed by keeping in view crime rate, proportion of population, area of Police station, geography and already existing condition of vehicles fleet in district whereas with the induction of these new vehicles in fleet of districts, current proportion of 30 percent of vehicles shall be enhanced to 59 percent.

Addl IG Logistics & Procurement Ali Amir Malik while talking to CCPO Lahore all RPOs CPOs and DPOs said that all officers should send their recommendations and sug-



gestions with respect to distribution formula of vehicles to logistics branch at Central Police Office within one week. He further said that with the efforts of IG Punjab Shoaib Dastgir, provision of 500 new vehicles to police stations is a plausible step of government of Punjab by which operational activities, patrolling duties and other professional duties will be improved considerably.

He further said that overall performance and efficiency will be enhanced with the provision of new vehicles and process of elimination of professional criminals and protection of wealth and lives of people. In the session, all officers expressed their views with respect to matters under discussion.