

People to be protected from negative impacts of COVID-19: Fakhar

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam on Wednesday reaffirmed the government resolve for utilizing all available resources for strengthening social safety net for protecting the vulnerable segments of the society from the negative impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.



activities halted where as mortality rate increased to 2 percent.

While addressing the 3rd Regional Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on "COVID-19 and Food Security", he said that Pakistan was among the list of more vulnerable countries in terms of natural climates and facing numerous challenges like earthquake, floods and drought.

Now COVID-19 pandemic emerged in Pakistan, he said adding that due to COVID-19, economic

12,000 were made for supporting over 12.30 million families amid this unprecedented times.

Fakhar Imam also informed about multi-billion rupee agriculture package which had been approved for the farmers.

He said under the package, the farmers would be provided subsidy on fertilizers, cotton seed and white fly pesticides.

The subsidy also includes reduced bank markup on agricultural loans and sales tax subsidy on locally manufactured tractors, he added.

The minister told that Pakistan was also making coordinated efforts in close coordination with the international development partners and agencies including FAO to combat desert locust.

He said that these efforts were acknowledged by different agencies, adding that Pakistan was determined to eradicate the pest.

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He said those police officials who are responsible in delaying the registration of cases and doing sluggish investigation would not be spared at any price and strict disciplinary action must be taken against them if any one falls in this category. He said that strict actions should be taken against those involved in drug peddling as well as street criminals.



KARACHI: Merchants wait of customers as selling sacrificial animal at Suhrah Goth Cattle Market.—Online

Legislative proposal laid in Senate to discourage hoarding of essential items

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Wednesday witnessed presentation of the COVID-19 (Prevention of Hoarding) Ordinance, 2020 which aims to discourage hoarding of essential commodities by traders and check artificial shortages and raise in prices amidst spread of coronavirus.

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Ali Muhammad Khan laid the ordinance in the House. However, the opposition lawmakers including Senators Mian Raza Rabbani and Sherry Rehman condemned the delay in presentation of Ordinance in the Parliament.

According to the sub-rule 6 of Rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Senate 2012, an Ordinance shall be deemed to be a Bill introduced in the Senate on the day it is so laid and it shall also

contain Statement of Objects and Reasons.

The Ordinance contains three-year sentence, summary trial and confiscation of the material for hoarding of wheat, sugar, flour, ghee, sanitizers, face masks and other essential items. The COVID-19 (Prevention of Hoarding) Ordinance, 2020 will be enforced in the Islamabad Capital Territory. The ordinance applies to both individual dealers and corporations.

According to the Ordinance, hoarding of the 32 consumer items will be a punishable act which include tea, sugar, milk, powdered milk, milk and food for infants, edible oil, aerated water, fruit juices and squashes, salt, potato, onion, mutton, eggs, gur, pulses, fish, beef, spices and vegetables, red chili, medicinal drugs, kerosene, rice, wheat, flour, chemical fertilisers, poultry food, surgical gloves, face masks, N95 masks, sanitizers, surface cleaning products, pesticides, match stick and isopropyl alcohol.

Motorcycle theft gang busted in Sahiwal

By Atif Ishaq

SAHIWAL: Police busted a motorcycle theft gang and arrested gang leader and seized 15 stolen bikes from them.

The gang comprised involved selling the stolen motorcycles at a cheaper rate without any documents. The gang had lifted the motorcycles from different parts of Sahiwal, says House Officer (SHO) Farid Town Police station Zaman Wattoo. He said that police team led by Incharge

Khadam Ali Shah, Sub Inspector Umar Daraz and his team carried out operations on scientific basis to arrest this gang. He said that police investigating their involvement in lifting more bikes in a similar way. Arrested gang member also involved in various illegal activities. Police also have recovered 15 motorbikes from them. While talking with Daily The Business Wattoo said that bikes have been returned the same to the rightful owners.

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Draw of 750 Prize Bond held on Muzaffarabad Draw No 83rd

First prize of Rs 1,500,000/- Bond No 308857

Second Prize of Rs .500,000/- Each, Bond Nos 394067 603610 930253

Third Prize of Rs.9,300/- Each (1696 Prizes)

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