

Privatisation of PSC opposed

From Our Staff Correspondent

KHANEWAL: Punjab Seed Corporation (PSC) employees and unions protest against destruction of institutions under the guise of privatisation.

Every conspiracy to destroy for-profit institutions under the guise of privatisation should be fought vigorously.

Employees chanted slogans to save the institutions. Muhammad Shehzad Asghar Panota President and Rana Nisar Ahmed General Secretary Punjab Seed Corporation in their joint statement strongly opposed the privatisation of Punjab Seed Corporation (PSC) and termed it a conspiracy against the country.

The employees said that it is not fair that a department which has earned a place by its own hard work should fall prey to some external conspiracy. As long as the zealous employees of the Punjab Seed Corporation are alive, anyone who rises up against the department will be annihilated.

They said that Salman Shah is misguiding the Chief Minister of Punjab. We strongly demand from the Chief Minister of Punjab that a prosperous Pakistan is necessary along with a green Pakistan.

They said that enemy of the farmer is the enemy of agriculture. "Any conspiracy to destroy a nationally and internationally renowned profitable company under the guise of privatization will fail.

Senior journalist

Sabir Saleem Rahat passes away

Founder member of Senior Working Journalist Forum Senior Journalist Representative ATV / Public News Poet and Writer Chaudhry Sabir Saleem Rahat passed away on Monday due to cardiac arrest. Funeral prayers of the deceased offered by Mufti Safdar at Old Sabzi Mandi Park. Assistant Commissioner Shabbir Ahmed Dogar represented the district administration also attended funeral prayers.

Elected members of the National and Provincial Assemblies, lawyers, teachers, senior officials of the district administration, officials of political and social organizations, businessmen and representatives of print and electronic media from across the district participated.

Three drug pushers held with contraband

OKARA: Police arrested three drug pushers from various parts of the district and recovered 5 kg narcotics from their possession.

According to police, Sadr Renala Khurd police arrested a notorious drug pusher Imran near Akhtarabad and recovered 2.3 kg hashish from him.

Haveli Lakha police arrested Robina Bibi and Hassan Raza and recovered 3 kg hashish from them. Cases have been registered against the accused. —APP



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar addresses ration distribution ceremony organised by Halal-e-Ahmar.

PM Imran Khan will never make a deal with anyone: Governor — Says PML-N should share Nawaz's Sharif reports with the government and judiciary

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that Prime Minister Imran Khan will leave politics and government but he will never make a deal with anyone.

He said that it is Public right to know about Nawaz Sharif's treatment.

PML (N) should share Nawaz's Sharif reports with the government and Judiciary. Prime Minister Imran Khan has full confidence in Chief Minister Usman Buzdar and he will serve as the Chief Minister as long as he has Prime Minister's support, he added. He was addressing the ration distribution ceremony organised by Halal-e-Ahmar. Chairman Halal e Ahmar, Abrar-ul-Haq, President of Zakat, Ushr

committee Shabir Siyal, PTI leader Chaudhry Khalid Gujjar, Akbar Khan, Malik Asif were present in this ceremony.

Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that one thing is clear that Nawaz Sharif's departure to foreign country is not part of any deal.

People who know Prime Minister Imran Khan should know that nobody can pressurize him. He said that Nawaz Sharif went to London because he wanted to have his treatment there. There has been a lot of hearsay about it therefore it is the responsibility of PMLN to share the reality with the public as it is their right to know the truth.

Responding to a question, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the opposition lacks ideology to run any campaign against the incumbent govern-

ment.

He said that all opposition parties are thinking about their own interests therefore they will not be successful in running a campaign against the government. Mohammad Sarwar said that Prime Minister Imran Khan is an honest politician.

PTI government has a clear stand against corruption that there will be no compromise on accountability. He said that NAB along with other organizations is working independently. For Pakistan's progress and development, it is very important to root out corruption, he added.

Responding to a question about Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, Governor Punjab said that the opposition is always busy in spreading propaganda against Buzdar but it is useless.

Addl DC Kasur inspects routes of Muharram procession, reviews attendance of officers



From Our Staff Correspondent

KASUR: Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Abid Hussain Bhatti visited Tehsil Chhattisgarh 'inspected the routes of Muharram-Ul-Haram procession, reviewed the attendance and facilities of officers in the land record centre and checked the prices of food items in the market'.

He also reviewed the lights, cleaning and other facilities and directed the concerned officers to ensure the provision of basic facilities on all the routes of Muharram-Ul-Haram.

Meeting held to review polio campaign

The meeting to review the results of the polio campaign and the performance of the officers was held in the Deputy Commissioner office committee room the other day.

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Mansur Javed Ali, which was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Abid Hussain Bhatti, AC Kasur Anam Zaid, Chief Executive Officer Health Authority Dr Mubashir Latif and other officers. The meeting reviewed the goals achieved during the previous polio campaign, the success of the campaign, the performance of the officers and the problems encountered during the campaign.

Taimoor greets Zaheer Abbas on his induction in ICC's Hall of Fame

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Sports, Youth Affairs and Tourism Rai Taimoor Khan Bhatti has congratulated Pakistan's former captain and batting legend Zaheer Abbas on being inducted into International Cricket Council (ICC)'s illustrious Hall of Fame club.

In a greeting message here on Monday, Rai Taimoor Khan Bhatti said definitely it is a great moment for Pakistan as well as for Zaheer Abbas who truly deserves this honour. "The entire nation is proud of the achievements of Zaheer Abbas, who is also known as 'Asian Bradman' and 'run-making machine,'" he added. Punjab Sports Minister further said it is a matter of great honour for Pakistan that Zaheer Abbas's exceptional career accomplishments have been acknowledged by the game's governing body.



LAHORE: People visit the historical Jahangir Tomb after the govt reopen parks and historical places. —On

520 majalis, 16 Muharram processions organised in three days amid elaborate security

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: Around 520 Majalis and 16 Muharram processions were organized in Rawalpindi district during first three days of Muharram under elaborated security arrangements while 3500 police personnel were deployed to ensure law and order in the city.

According to a police spokesman, Rawalpindi District Police, on the directives of City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi DIG, Muhammad Ahsan Younis had finalized elaborate security arrangements for Majalis and Muharram processions.

He said, senior police officers monitored the security arrangements of the processions and majalis and also briefed the security personnel about security situation and arrangements.

He said, 62, A category, 112, B category and 346, C category Majalis were organized while two A&B category and 14, C category processions were taken out in the district during three days.

The snipers were also deployed on rooftop besides arrangements for uninterrupted flow of traffic in all the respective areas, he added.

All available resources were utilized to ensure foolproof security of

the mourners, he informed. Law and order was being maintained at any cost and a peaceful atmosphere was ensured to the mourners, he added.

Under the security plan, security personnel of Special Branch Police, Elite Force, Frontier Constabulary, Lady Police were deployed to ensure security, he added.

A special 24/7 control room had also been set up in CPO office, the spokesman said.

The police were making concerted efforts with the help of other departments concerned aimed at maintaining law and order and to avert any untoward incident in the district.

The mourners were only allowed to join the processions from different entry points and Quick Response Force was also deployed for the protection of the mourners, he told.

He said special contingents of commandos and police officials were also deployed on sensitive points.

The police officials used metal detectors along with the private guards of the Imambargahs and mourning procession managements.

Strict checking of vehicles was also made at entry and exit points of the city, he added.

Parking of vehicles and motorcycles was banned along the routes of

mourning procession while all traffic proceeding towards these routes were diverted.

PHA DG visits parks to review beautification work

Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) Director General Jawad Ahmed Qureshi on Monday directed the staff to make better arrangements in all public parks of the provincial capital for visitors and gave them eight days deadline to complete the task.

While visiting various parks, including Jallo Botanical Garden, Bagh-e-Jinnah, Istanbul Chowk and The Mall, with directors concerned and horticulture officers here, Jawad Ahmed Qureshi said.

He said the PHA was working hard to improve nurseries with planting new saplings to improve standard of recreational places spread across the city. He said plants' trimming process were also carried out everywhere in full scale, adding that repairing and beautification work of birds' nests located at Istanbul Chowk would be completed at the earliest.

He directed that horticulture officers must improve capacity of their work and heed to grow plants based on new research and the latest technology to achieve the desired objective.

Jamshed Ansari remembered on his 15th anniversary

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Fans of prominent actor of radio, TV and film Jamshed Ansari observed his 15th death anniversary on Monday across the country to pay homage to his services in the film and drama industry. Jamshed Ansari was born in Saharanpur, India on December 31, 1942. At the age of six he migrated to Pakistan along with his family members in 1948. Jamshed received Bachelors of Arts degree in 1964. In a career spanning over 40 years, he has to his credit over 200 TV dramas, three films and many radio and stage plays.

Jamshed Ansari played the memorable role of Safdar in the longest run Pakistani Radio programme 'Hamid Mian Kay Haan'.

Listening the programme became the second habit of the Pakistani people for more than four decades. The same year he left for London and lived there for four years.

In London, Jamshed successfully completed television production courses and worked in stage shows and also for BBC. Jamshed Ansari returned from England in 1968. In Pakistan, his first stab at acting was in the Lahore television play, 'Jharokay', which was produced and telecast in 1968. Jamshed's first television play from Karachi television was 'Ghora ghaas khata hai', written by Agha Nasir.

Jamshed's love for acting not only took him irresistibly to the stage and television, but to radio as well.



Govt starts work for setting up eight new universities

LAHORE: The Punjab government has started work for establishment of eight new universities and 43 colleges and other institutes in Nankana Sahib, DG Khan, Rawalpindi, Layyah, Bhakkar, Mianwali, Chakwal, and Murre.

Three new technical universities besides BS programmes in 50 colleges have been initiated. It was first time in the province that a comprehensive policy had been formed to bring about improvement in school education system, adding that libraries had been put in place in more than 400 schools in 16 districts of Punjab, said a spokesman for the Punjab government.

Punjab Technology University Lahore, Mir Chakar Khan Technology University DG Khan have been operational while a technology university was also being built in Attock, adding that provision of interest-free loans of Rs 500 million to the skilled youth has been ensured so that these youth could start their own business and create further employment.

The restoration work of libraries

and schools affected by floods, earthquakes and other natural disasters was under way. Modern tools and equipment have been installed in 2,000 high schools in Punjab to accomplish the teaching objectives. Under school construction programme, the construction of additional classrooms in 1,415 schools in 12 districts of Punjab, he maintained. The provision of free books with cost of three billion rupees, outsourcing of government school with four billion rupees and Rs 18 billion allocation for schools under the Punjab Education Foundation were being ensured, he asserted. A project to start 100 primary schools in provincial capital was also under consideration. About 11,000 schools in Punjab have been converted to solar energy to cater electricity requirements while Insaf Afternoon Classes programme was launched in 22 districts, he said and added that Taleem Ghar Online Learning TV to provide education to students during Covid 19 pandemic was another milestone of the PTI government. —APP

7 killed, 906 injured in 792 accidents in Punjab

LAHORE: At least seven people were killed while 906 sustained injuries in 792 road accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours, according to the Punjab Emergency Service (PES), commonly known as Rescue-1122, data.

As many as 499 seriously injured people were shifted to different hospitals, while 354 with minor injuries were treated on-the-spot by the Rescue medical teams. A spokesman for Rescue-1122 here on Monday, 359 drivers, 26 juvenile drivers, 144 pedestrians, and 410 passengers were among the victims of the road crashes. The statistics showed that 193 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 226 persons, placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by 62 in Faisalabad with 67 victims and at the third Multan with 55 accidents and 65 victims. —APP

Awan for implementing LG system to facilitate masses

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Capital Development Authority, Ali Nawaz Awan has underlined the need for implementing local government system to facilitate masses.

Talking to a private television channel, the SAPM said structural reforms was essential to achieve objectives from the national institutions. Commenting on Karachi issues, he said Sindh government representing leaders of Pakistan Peoples Party had

been running the affairs of the provincial parts for last many years but no visible development was witnessed there.

He was of the view that there was dire need to provide civic amenities to people at their doorsteps. About high inflation, he said, Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) government, had taken initiatives for establishing commission and committees to take action against those elements involved in creating artificial crisis.

Regretting the anti-public policies of Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)

during their era, he said leaders of PPP and PML-N, had badly damaged the institutions, due to which, masses were suffering from multiple challenges including price hike. Reply a query, Ali Nawaz Awan, said leaders of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) would never compromise on corruption. He said people were demanding incumbent government to call former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to come back and face their cases. He said those who plundered national kitty should deposit the money into national exchequer or face action as per law.