

KP Chief Secy for resumption of quality polio drive

From Our Staff Correspondent

PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr. Kazim Niaz Monday called for resumption of quality anti-polio drives in the province to protect children from lifelong paralysis and eradicate the menace from the region.

He said this while chairing Provincial Polio Eradication Task Force (PTF) meeting here Monday at Chief Secretary Office. He also stressed the need for resuming the anti-polio campaigns with quality.

Dr. Sumaira Shams, MPA Provincial Assembly, IGP KP, Sanaullah Abbasi, Secretary Home KP, Ikramullah Khan, Secretary Health KP, Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah, Secretary Elementary & Secondary Education Department, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary, Secretary PWD, Asghar Ali, Representative of Head Quarters 11 Corps, Brig Anees Akhtar, Director General Health Services, Dr. Niaz Muhammad, representatives of UNICEF, WHO, BMGF, and NSTOPs were also present in the meeting.

Dr. Kazim said that quality anti-polio campaigns were of immense importance to fill the immunity gaps caused by halting of immunization services including polio campaigns since March, 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic that would require a lot of efforts by all the relevant departments and stakeholders including district administration, health department, security personnel.

He directed commissioners and deputy commissioners to lead the polio vaccination campaign and take full responsibility and ownership of anti-polio efforts in their respective districts and to address issues at the local level using best possible interventions.

The top provincial bureaucrat also directed district health officers (DHOs) to ensure presence of well-trained field staff to reach out to every target child with anti-polio drops.

Chief Secretary, while highlighting the need for improved coordination as the lynchpin for the quick turnaround, directed all the line departments to bridge the coordination gaps and work dedicatedly for polio eradication and better health services in their respective districts.

He said adequate security measures should be taken to ensure fool proof security during campaign particularly in Bajaur, Bannu, North Waziristan and South Waziristan.

Earlier, Coordinator Emergency Operations Center Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Abdul Basit presented readiness status for anti-polio campaign starting from August 13 in 21 districts of the province.

He also updated participants about the status of case response campaign held on July 2020, in South Waziristan.

Chief Secretary thanked international partners including BMGF, WHO and UNICEF and NSTOP for providing technical support in the fight against the polio virus.



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar launches tree plantation campaign by planting a sapling at the Motorway Police College.

Political interference being eliminated from institutions, claims Sarwar

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that we are eliminating political interference from institutions.

There is nothing in life that cannot be achieved with hard work. Nation is proud of transparency and merit in motorway police. He was talking to Police officers and the media on Monday in Police training college.

On this occasion, IG Motorway Police Sayed Kaleem Imam along with other high officials of motorway police were present. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar launched a plantation campaign by planting a sapling in Motorway Police College. He also announced plans to install a water filtration plant in Police Training College.

Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that strong institutions lead to strong countries. Ever Since the

PTI government has assumed power, we have been trying to eliminate political interference from institutions and we are also taking practical steps for strengthening institutions. While addressing staff administration and trainee officers at NH and Motorway Police training college, Governor Punjab said that political interference destroys the institutions because then institutions do not work on merit and transparency. We are ensuring merit, transparency and accountability in all national institutes.

He said that we can achieve anything through hard work and by following meritocracy. Pakistan is on the road of economic development because of CPEC.

Global organisations are also validating Pakistan's economic development.

Pakistan belongs to all of us and all of us must work for its progress and prosperity, he said. He said that some people in Pakistan said that Coronavirus is nothing but a conspiracy. Because of the mis-

information, the government had to face a lot of problems but Prime Minister Imran Khan's strategic smart lockdown policy has effectively contained Coronavirus in Pakistan. We should continue to follow the government SOPs until we completely get rid of this deadly virus.

While talking to the media, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that we Pakistanis are proud of rescue 1122 and Motorway Police because they are not only corruption free but these departments are working on the principles of merit and transparency. He said that a progressive Pakistan is the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Prime Minister has always done what others thought was impossible to do. Moody's has maintained Pakistan's ranking as stable. This is telling evidence of successful economic policies of the incumbent government. I appreciate and congratulate Usman Dar and his team for the successful tree plantation campaign.

LPC delegation calls on LDA Vice Chairman SM Imran

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A delegation of Lahore Press Club (LPC) headed by its General Secretary Babar Dogar called on Lahore Development Authority (LDA) Vice Chairman SM Imran here at LDA office on Monday.

According to LDA press release, during meeting it was decided to start the development work in F block of Journalist Colony on fast track. LDA Vice Chairman SM Imran directed Chief Engineer Habib-ul-Haq Randhawa and Project Director Haroon Saifi to immediately write a letter to the Punjab Journalist Housing Foundation for release of the funds. Chief Engineer assured to launch the development work of F block as early as possible.

Vehicles of patrolling police being made beautiful



From Our Staff Correspondent

KASUR: On the special direction of Additional Inspector General Patrolling Police Punjab and Superintendent of Police Patrolling Lahore Shaista Nadeem, the MTO Lahore region Mohammad Saleem, continued to restore the damaged vehicles.

The old vehicles of the Patrolling police have not only been made new and beautiful, but also improved with regard to the use of the Patrolling police. Making old vehicles completely new in limited resources is a unique and appreciable step in your place.

MTO Lahore region Mohammad Saleem told journalists that the construction and maintenance of vehicles was being done in two stages. In the first and second phase, there are 20 vehicles that were completely dilapidated and defunct, which have been brought to a completely new condition with hard work and soon the base vehicles will complete all their stages and patrol in the best condition. The full credit of the vehicles goes to the Additional Inspector General Captain (retired) Zafar Iqbal and SP of Patrolling Police Lahore Region, who took revolutionary measures and made the old government vehicles in limited resources.



LAHORE: A view of massive traffic jam on Pir Makki Road. —Online

Gas supply not restored in parts of Balochistan

QUETTA: Supply of gas to the parts of Balochistan could not be restored despite passage of three days.

Flash floods caused by the heavy rain had damaged 12" and 24" dia transmission gas pipelines near Bibi Nani Bridge on August 08 suspending gas supply to the Qalat, Mastung and Ziarat districts of Balochistan.

Due to the shortage of gas in the system following the Bibi Nani pipelines damage, the residents of Quetta were also experiencing low gas pressure causing great inconvenience to the people of the provincial capital.

"The repair work of 12" Dia gas supply line damaged due to recent flood at Kundlani Bridge is under progress," said Spokesman Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC), Mohammad Kashif Siddique.

He further added that "rectification work of 12" & 24" gas pipe lines damaged at Bibi Nani bridge has not yet been started due to flooded water flow and having no road access from Sibi to Bibi Nani. However, SSGCL is in constant contact with FWO, PDMA and NHA crew for clearance of passage (Sibi to Bibi Nani Section). —APP

Low to medium flood in River Jhelum likely in next 48 hours

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Flood Forecasting Division (FFD), Lahore has said that sharp peaks of low to medium flood in River Jhelum at upstream Mangla, besides, mild flows in the Hill Torrents of D.G. Khan Division are expected during next 48 hours.

According to daily FFD report on Monday, low to medium level flows are also expected in the Deg Nullah (the tributary of River Ravi) during next 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the Federal Flood Commission (FFC) has said all main rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi & Sutlej) are flowing normal.

Tarbela reservoir has attained water level of 1500.80 feet i.e. 49.20 feet below its Maximum Conservation Level (MCL) of 1550.00 feet.

Mangla reservoir is at elevation of 1233.35 feet i.e. 8.65 feet below its MCL of 1242.00 feet. Heavy rainfall spell occurred in various parts of Sindh Province during August 6th-8 had caused severe urban flooding in Karachi, Hyderabad and other big cities. The torrential rains in Khirther hill range has generated flash flood flows in Gaj Nai, which had reportedly breached the Gaj Diversion Bund. The flood water passed through breach section has reportedly caused four breaches

in Flood Protective Bund (F.P Bund). Work on plugging the breach is reportedly in progress. Machinery at sites of remaining three breaches has shifted. The remaining three breaches are likely to be plugged within next 36-48 hours.

The rescue & relief activities by concerned Provincial organizations with the help of Pak Army are in progress.

According to Flood Forecasting Division (FFD), Lahore, yesterday's trough of Westerly Wave over North-eastern Afghanistan & adjoining Pakistan lies over Northern parts of the country whereas Seasonal Low lies over Northern Balochistan. As a result, light to moderate moist currents from Arabian Sea & Bay of Bengal are penetrating into upper parts of the country upto 5000 feet.

Under the influence of prevailing weather system, FFD, Lahore, has predicted scattered thunderstorm/rain of moderate intensity with Isolated Heavy Falls and few very Heavy Falls over Punjab (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala & Lahore Divisions), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Malakand, Hazara & D.I. Khan Divisions) including the upper catchments of all main rivers during the next 24 hours. Isolated thunderstorm/rain may also occur over rest of the Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Eastern Balochistan during the same period.

Dr Yasmin reviews anti-dengue activities

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid on Monday reviewed the anti-dengue activities and said that the dengue situation was controlled by taking timely measures.

Presiding over a meeting held here, the minister maintained that pace of anti-dengue activities have been accelerated by providing additional resources in affected districts including Rawalpindi.

She made it clear that action would be taken against those who were found guilty for not following the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of anti-dengue.

Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi Capt® Anwar ul Haq said that dengue can only be eliminated with coordinated and combined efforts as dengue is our common enemy, therefore every individual and government departments should discharge their responsibilities for the elimination of dengue with devotion and diligence.

He urged the citizens to cooperate with the dengue teams so that the dengue could be controlled and eradicated.

It is mentioned that during anti-dengue surveillance campaign so far 381 notices have been issued while 19 FIRs and fine has been imposed on 32 for violation of dengue SOPs.

Collective efforts stressed for peace during Muharram

Federal Minister Ali Amin Khan Gandapur on Monday underlined the need for making collective efforts to maintain peace in the district especially during Muharram-ul-Haram.

Addressing a grand jarga convened to take all stakeholders on board on law and order-related issues in the district in view of Muharram, the federal minister urged people to cooperate with the district administration if they confront any problem, but he added maintaining peace should be a priority.

He said that the provincial government had removed deficiencies in arrangements with regard to Muharram and was working on its further improvement.

District Police Officer (DPO) Capt® Wahid Mehmood speaking on the occasion urged religious leaders of different schools of thought to promote religious harmony and brotherhood for ensuring peace in society especially during Muharram in the district.

The DPO said that Muharram-ul-Haram was the month of reverence and respect for the Muslims of all schools of thought and that Ulama should promote harmony and tolerance during this month especially to help maintain peace, and law and order.

Besides Federal Minister Ali

Amin Khan Gandapur and Deputy Commissioner Umair Khan, people from different walks of life including religious of different school of thoughts, political leaders, heads of trade unions, representatives of lawyers' community attended the meeting.

The DPO said the purpose of the jarga was to discuss issues with regard to law and order situation in the district in view of Muharram.

Eulogizing services of Pak-Army and Police Force for sake of peace in the country, he said owing to their supreme sacrifices, "we are now living in peaceful environment."

He urged people and leaders of all schools of thought to continue cooperating with Pak-army and police for peace in the district, adding those elements that spoil peace would be dealt with iron hands.

He said that all agreements should be honored and implemented in letter and spirit, adding no one would be allowed to take law into his own hands.

He said that preaching unity and tolerance was a religious duty and efforts should be made to foil designs of anti-social elements which were out to destroy peace in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Umair Khan urged Ulama to exercise tolerance in case someone post hate material on social media.

Khawar Shah Youth Baseball Academy opens in Okara

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Federation Baseball has established "Khawar Shah baseball academy" in Okara as a part of its game development plan to provide ideal platform to groom young talent and to motivate aspiring youth to take up baseball as a sport.

President, PFB, Syed Fakhar Ali Shah inaugurated the academy on Monday at a simple but impressive ceremony. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, he said that the PFB is working for the development of youth baseball in the country.

"In this regard, the Youth Baseball Academy in Bahria Town Lahore is already working in collaboration with the Executive Director of Bahria Town Lahore, Brig. (Retd) Khalil Ullah Butt. The play-

ers of this academy have represented Pakistan in many international competitions. In addition, Syed Muhammad Shah from the academy won the Best Hitter Award at the Under-15 Asian Baseball Championship 2019 in China and Zeeshan Amin won the Best Home Run Award and Best Outfielder Award". PFB chief hoped that the players of Okara Baseball Academy would excel in the game to bring good name and glory for the country.

Syed Fakhar Ali Shah thanked Dr. Muhammad Hamood Lakhvi, Vice President, PFB, for setting up the Youth Baseball Academy in Okara.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, PFB Sheikh Mazhar Ahmed said that due to Coronavirus, there are no sports activities in country and this academy will help polish

the skills of the aspiring youth of area when government will allow resumption of sports activities. "This year Pakistan youth baseball teams are scheduled to participate in the Under-12 and Under-18 Asian Baseball Championships. Due to lack of training of players, the Chairman of the Federation, Shaikat Javed directed to set up youth baseball academies in different cities of the country to engage players in training under the watchful eyes of seasoned national coaches", he added.

Present at the inauguration ceremony were --Dr Muhammad Hamad Lakhvi (Dean Faculty of Islamic Studies Punjab University Lahore) and Prof. Ijaz Ahmed (Government College Civil Lines Lahore) along with officials of PFB and Punjab baseball association in-