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Quick Read

MPA demands inclusion of minority heroes in curriculum

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: PML-N member Hina Perwaiz Butt submitted a resolution in the Punjab Assembly demanding inclusion of minority heroes in the curriculum.

Perform outstanding services in various fields. According to the Constitution of Pakistan, all citizens have equal rights. In Pakistan even today the people of the minority community are performing the most important services in various fields.

Pakistan is the only country in the world where Sikhs The Punjab Sikh Anand Karaj Bill was passed. Pakistan has made history all over the world by giving this right to the Sikh community. Therefore, this House demands that the hero of minorities be included in the curriculum.

Accused shot dead by opponents in Sessions Court premises

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An accused was shot dead by opponents in the premises of the session court, Islampura, here on Monday.

The police said the accused, Muhammad Nawaz, was nominated in a murder case of Javed registered in Police Station Shahdara. On Monday, the accused came to the sessions court for interim bail when his opponents opened fire on him.

As a result, he died on the spot and his body was shifted to a dead house for autopsy while the killer fled away.

Meanwhile, CCPO Zulfiqar Hameed reached the session court and inspected the incident area. He was accompanied by SP City Operation and DSP Islampura. The CCPO directed the SP City Operations to complete an inquiry of the incident and sent him the report at the earliest.

Ghazanfer Kazmi passes away

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Renowned journalist, editorial writer and poet of Daily Jurat and Tijarat, Ghazanfer Kazmi (75 years) passed away on Monday. He had been suffering from a protected lung ailment for the last many years.

The deceased had also been associated with Weekly Akhbar-i-Khawateen as Editor which is being published by Tijarat Group of Publications. In addition to writing editorials, he used to contribute a column under the title of "Sang-o-Khast" along with a series of story writing and fictions. Ghazanfer Kazmi's five books have already been published. He was also associated with Iranian Consulate and Khana-i-Farang, Iran in Lahore. He has left behind a widow and five children to mourn his death. In a meeting the staff of Daily The Business, Jurat and Tijarat have conduced his death and prayed to Allah Almighty to grant his soul a eternal



CM orders foolproof security to people during Muharram

— Chairs Cabinet Committee on Law & Order meeting at PSCA

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Law & Order at Punjab Safe City Authority (PSCA) here on Monday.

The CM directed foolproof security arrangements for the protection of life & property of the people in Muharram ul Haram.

The meeting also decided to initiate indiscriminate crackdown against those spreading sectarianism through social media and the CM directed to devise a comprehensive mechanism for stern action against such elements. He further directed to take every step for maintaining law & order in the province. Action be initiated against the responsible persons by confiscating the literature spreading religious hatred, he said. Similarly, the law about banning the loud-speakers should be strictly implemented, he continued. The security arrangements of religious congregations and processions be completed in advance and encroachments be removed on their routes. Meanwhile, the CM further directed to increase the number of police officials and made it clear that law will come into action against those involved in making provocative speeches.

No one is allowed to hurt the religious



sentiments of any other, he asserted.

Usman Buzdar also directed to activate the paraphernalia of peace committees and added that implementation on precautionary measures for overcoming corona be ensured during Muharram ul Haram.

The cabinet committee on law & order will monitor the security situation by visiting divisional headquarters.

The CM stated that public representatives should play their active role in the promotion of religious harmony. Similarly, provincial ministers will be assigned duties to review security arrangements during Muharram

ul Haram and interreligious harmony will be promoted at every level, he affirmed.

There is a need to promote the message of unity and brotherhood for maintaining religious harmony in society.

I will also review the security arrangement by visiting different cities, the CM added and directed to depute WASA staff in PSCA and removal of rainwater from low-lying areas be further streamlined along with improvement in the traffic system. ACS (Home), IG Police and others briefed about the security plan of Muharram ul Haram.

Provincial Ministers Raja Basharat, Muhammad Taimoor Khan Bhatti, Hashim Dogar, Ansar Majeed Khan Niazi, Fayyaz ul Hassan Chohan, Chief Secretary and others attended the meeting.

CM for early disposal of rainwater

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has directed WASA and administration for early disposal of rainwater from low-lying areas. No leniency will be tolerated and removal of water should be done as soon as possible by utilizing all-out resources and WASA officials, as well as the administrative officers, should remain available in the field till the completion of tasks, the CM added.

Strongly condemns blast in Chaman

Buzdar has strongly condemned the blast at The Mall area of Chaman City in

Balochistan province and expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the loss of precious human lives.

He has extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

The wicked enemy is trying to create uncertainty in the country but its evil designs will be foiled through national unity because the nation has rendered invaluable sacrifices in war against terrorism, the CM added.

Punjab retains pre-corona position

Buzdar has stated that Punjab has retained the pre-corona position which is very good news. Timely anti-corona steps were taken and the administration worked day and night to yield positive results.

We have remained safe from the expected corona related losses and all activities have been restored today except educational institutions and holding of big congregations. The routine life has been restored to normal and I pay tributes to who played their role in overcoming this virus.

He was talking to the media at PSCA here on Monday.

The CM expressed the satisfaction that the Punjab government made wonderful cleanliness arrangements on Eid ul-Azha and everyone has acknowledged it. Such cleanliness arrangements were not made in the past, he added.



LAHORE: Children enjoy in rainy flooded water in China Scheme. —Online

Coca-Cola supports small shopkeepers as govt opens up economy

LAHORE: The National Coordination Committee (NCC) on COVID-19 has decided to lift restrictions on various business sectors, including tourism, restaurants, transport including air and rail travel and a few others.

This shift in policy has come about in light of the declining number of COVID-19 cases in the country. One of the hardest hit communities during the long periods of lockdown were the small shopkeepers. As the economy readies itself for reopening, Coca-Cola's Open Like Never Before (OLNB) program is ramping up to support small retailers open up with pride and with the right SOPs in place.

By the end of this week, thousands of small neighborhood shops in 11 cities across the country would have benefited from this program. Small businesses do not have financial muscle to sustain lull periods and can quickly go into losses, increasing the risk of closure or debt burdens. The OLN program supplied free of cost product up to a certain value to these small shops that generated the cash flow they may have needed to keep their businesses afloat.

Furthermore, all these stores were supplied with large format posters, illustrating mandated safety precautions to be taken in store to reduce disease transmission and reassure the shoppers. A third leg of the campaign promoted this message on television and social media to invite consumers to rally and sustain their neighborhood stores, commonly referred to as 'konay wali dukan'. This ensured that people came together to inspire trust and solidarity to support their beloved 'konay wali dukans and small eateries'. Speaking about this innovative program, Fahad Ashraf, GM Coca-Cola Pakistan stated, "Our OLN campaign is a great example of how companies can adapt their CSR through fairly simple. —PR

National Minority Day reminds speech of Quaid: Augustine

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister Human Rights & Minorities Affairs Ijaz Alam Augustine said on Monday the National Minority Day reminded speech of a great leader on August 11, 1947 when the Quaid-i-Azam in his opening speech to the constituent Assembly said: "You are free to go to your temples; you are free to go to your mosques or to any other place of worship in this state of Pakistan".

In a message to mark the National Minority Day, he said that minority day recalled the vision of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah with reference to his speech and the contribution of

non-Muslim communities of Pakistan.

He added the entire Pakistani community celebrated minority day to highlight the services and sacrifices of minorities in the creation of Pakistan and their subsequent contribution in nation building. He said that various events including seminars and social gatherings had been arranged across the country by members of various religious minorities to celebrate the day in a befitting manner. The minister maintained that on August 11, the government reiterates commitments to follow the vision of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah for an enlightened, liberal, progressive and tolerant Pakistan.

OCA announces new dates of Asian Beach Games in China

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has announced the new dates of the 6th Asian Beach Games to be held in the City of Sanya, China which will now commence on April 2, 2021.

Secretary, Pakistan Olympic Association, Muhammad Khalid Mahmood said here on Monday that OCA has officially communicated the new dates of the mega sports event which will conclude on April 10.

"The name of the Games, i.e. the Sixth Asian Beach Games Sanya 2020, and the logo of the Games will remain unchanged", said POA official.

He said the decision taken jointly in collaboration with Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) and the Sanya Asian Beach Games Organizing Committee (SABGOC) will ensure the safety of the athletes and officials as well as the spectators in these unprecedented times of COVID-19 pandemic.

Court adjourns hearing of assets case against Hamza Shahbaz till 27th

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An Accountability Court on Monday adjourned the hearing of assets beyond means and money laundering case against Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Hamza Shahbaz till August 27.

Duty judge conducted the case proceedings, whereas, the jail authorities did not produce Hamza Shahbaz due to COVID-19 protocol.

The court questioned the NAB prosecutor as to why the reference was not being filed against the accused.

The prosecutor stated that the reference was in final stages of the preparations and the same would be filed soon. He submitted that investigations were in progress from the co-accused. At this, the court di-



rected for filing the reference as soon as possible and adjourned further hearing till August 27.

The NAB had alleged that Hamza Shahbaz committed money laundering and amassed assets beyond his known sources of income. It is pertinent to mention here that Hamza had approached the Supreme Court for bail in the case after dismissal of his bail plea by a Lahore High Court bench.

Lahore police arrest 278 gangsters in July

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Police Operations Wing claimed on Monday to have arrested 278 accused of 116 gangs and recovered stolen property worth Rs 23 million from their possession during the month of July.

During a grand operation against illegal weapons, the Lahore Police arrested 700 criminals and recovered 23 rifles, 09 Kalashnikov, 28 guns, 634 revolvers and pistols as well as thousands of bullets from their possession. The police also recovered more than 08kg heroin, 361kg hashish, more than 02kg opium, 959 gram ICE and 13840 liters liquor from the arrested 875 accused. Moreover, an amount of Rs 1,414,000 was recovered from 689 accused during the crackdown against gambling.

The Lahore Police also arrested 186 criminals during its action against brothel houses in the city. Moreover 379 Proclaimed Offenders of A&B categories in cases of theft, cheque dishonor fraud and other crimes were arrested along with 329 court absconders. As many as 1296 criminals were arrested for violation of wheelie, kite flying, aerial firing, begging, price control, rental, foreigner and loudspeaker acts. DIG Operations Lahore Ashfaq Khan has said that Lahore Police is striving hard to protect citizens from coronavirus as well as curbing crimes in the city.

JS Bank named Pakistan's best SME Bank

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: JS Bank has been declared as Pakistan's Best SME Bank at the Asian Banking & Finance Retail Banking Awards, 2020.

This is the second time in a row that the bank has received this accolade. The awards bring together banks from across Asia to recognize banks that stand out with groundbreaking products and services.

JS Bank has consistently ranked amongst the top three in lending to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

During 2019, the Bank's overall SME client roster increased to approximately 22,000 while partnerships were undertaken with several leading institutions to create self-employment opportunities for thousands of clients through innovative financial solutions. Under its President and CEO, the

Bank has focused on supporting entrepreneurship in the female and differently abled person's spaces.

The Bank was also recognized for its work at in the SME sector at the Asia money Awards 2020.

"For us, SME's are the heart of economic growth. By building this sector, we are working towards building Pakistan's future. said Basir Shamsie, President and CEO, JS Bank. "We are humbled by the appreciation and thank our valued clients for their continued support and patronage, without whom none of this would have been possible.

"As we have seen in this year's winners, banks were still able to navigate and up their game even during the pandemic. We are looking forward to seeing how they will continue to provide the best service to clients in spite of these very difficult times" said Tim Charlton, publisher of Asian Banking & Finance magazine.