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DPO reviews Muharram security arrangements

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: District Police Officer (DPO) Zahid Nawaz Marwat Monday said that in order to provide foolproof security during Muharram Ashura, the district has been divided into three categories.

Talking to mediapersons here, the DPO said about three thousand police officers/officials would perform security duties, adding that Elite force jawans, civil defence personnel and as well as volunteers will also assist the law enforcement agencies.

He said that services of Pak Army jawans and Rangers were available from 7th Muharram to strengthen the security.

DPO informed that a Control Room had been established in DPO office to monitor procession routes, adding that checking of everyone entering the procession will be ensured.

Court testifies witness in Lok Virsa corruption reference

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An Accountability Court (AC) on Monday testified a prosecution witness in Lok Virsa corruption reference against Pakistan People Party (PPP) Senator Robina Khalid and others.

AC-1 Judge Muhammad Bashir conducted the hearing on corruption reference filed by National Accountability Bureau (NAB) against the PPP senator and other accused. NAB witnesses Fouzia Saeed and Sadiq Shah also appeared before the court.

The judge recorded the statement of witness Sadiq Shah while directed Fouzia Saeed to appear again on the next hearing along with the relevant record.

The defense counsel would also conduct cross-examination of witness Sadiq Shah on the next hearing on September 18.

CM condoles death of Pir Tariq Ahmed Shah

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief over the death of Pir Tariq Ahmed Shah, brother of federal interior minister Brig. (R) Ijaz Ahmed Shah.

He extended sympathies to the bereaved family, as well as Brig. (R) Ijaz Shah, and prayed for the departed soul. I am deeply saddened over the death of your brother and pray to Almighty Allah to grant courage to all of you to bear the loss with equanimity, the CM added.

Takes notes of dog biting incidents in Mandi Bahauddin

Buzdar has sought a report from RPO and Commissioner Gujranwala about the incidents of dog biting of women in Mandi Bahauddin.

He also expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the death of a woman and extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs.

He has further directed to provide the best healthcare facilities to the injured women.

IGP orders strict security measures for Muharram

— Chairs a video link conference to review security arrangements of Muharram

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General Police (IGP), Punjab Shoaib Dastgir said that four layered security must be provided to sensitive and central processions and Majalis during Muharram Ul Haram in all districts of the province whereas for security of mourners, walk thorough gates, metal detectors should be used for full fledged search and monitoring through CCTV and Video Recording should also be arranged in this regard.

He directed to officers that timings of processions and majalis should be followed at any cost and search, sweep, combing and intelligence based operations should be continued in the vicinity of sensitive imam bargahs, mourning sessions and Majalis whereas snipers should be deputed on roof tops of those buildings situated at the route of sensitive processions and Majalis and also deploy plain clothed commandos in Majalis and processions for security of mourners.

He further said that, for arising sense of protection among citizens, under supervision of senior officers, Dolphin, Traffic and other field formations shall undertake

flag march in all districts whereas special focus should given on cleanliness and lights on places of Majalis and routes of mourning processions of Muharram.

He further added that, in Majalis of women, lady constables with lady volunteers should be appointed for security and checking.

He moreover said that, implementation of Loudspeaker Act should be ensured at any cost and there should be no delay in taking actions against those involved in propagation of hatred based religious literature and Wall chalking depicting sectarian hate.

He directed to RPOs and DPOs to personally move into the field area for checking security arrangements of sensitive central processions and Majalis in their respective districts and regions and also brief the officials deputed over security about sensitivity of their duties in accordance with the current circumstances so that they may perform their duties with full commitment and diligence.

These views were expressed by him when he was chairing and directing to all RPOs, CPOs and DPOs through video link conference at Central Police Office today.

On this occasion, all RPOs and DPOs via video link gave briefed about security arrangements of Muharram in their respective districts.

During the session, IG was briefed and told that during Muharram Ul Haram, despite security of Imam Bargahs and Majalis, security of sensitive mosques and religious worship places of other sects and religion have been increased and during Ashra Muharram, in all districts of the province, overall 9127 processions and 36464 Majalis are being conducted so for security duty of such processions, 202768 officers and officials whereas for security duty of Majalis 235185 officers and officials shall be deputed.

Likewise, 88129 police national volunteers, 17312 special police officials and 225186 volunteers shall also perform their duties.

IG Punjab while directing to CCPO Lahore, all RPOs and DPOs said that it should be keenly focused that, officials deputed over security of majalis and processions should not leave its position until unless the last mourner leaves the place of procession and Majalis.

IG Punjab directed to RPOs and DPOs

that during Muharram Ul Haram, strict implementation of Wall Chalking and Loudspeaker Act should be ensured whereas strict monitoring and supervision should be done for individuals listed in fourth schedule and defunct organisations. He moreover said that, police officers should keep close coordination with administration of imam bargahs and local peace committees and police officers besides offering their duties should take benefit from members of peace Committee so that there should be no negligence with respect to security arrangements.

He further emphasised that effective plan of traffic management should be implemented keeping in view timing hours of Majalis and processions so that there should be an uninterrupted flow of traffic during central processions especially on important roads on Yume Ashur.

Addl IG IAB Azhar Hameed Khokhar, Addl IG CTD Muhammad Tahir Rai, Addl IG Special Branch Punjab, Zaem Iqbal Sheikh, Dig Operations Punjab Sohail Akhtar Sukhera, DIG Headquarters Syed Khurram Ali, DIG IT Waqas Nazeer and AIG Operations Imran Kishwar with other officers were present in the session.



LAHORE: Inspector General Police (IGP), Punjab Shoaib Dastgir presides over a meeting regarding Muharram security.

Doctors of Services Hospital, PHA plant saplings at Airport

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: According to details, doctors of Services Hospital and PHA jointly planted trees at Allama Iqbal International Airport "City Square Roundabout" under Clean and Green Campaign. Doctors of Services Hospital and PHA officials.

The plants were planted with the names of those who sacrificed their lives fighting with the Covid-19. Chairman PHA Engineer Yasir Gilani, VC PHA Hafiz Zeeshan Rasheed, Associate Professor Head of Department Medical Unit 1 of Services Hospital Dr. Amna Hussain, Senior Registered Dr. Amjad, Dr. Adeel Riaz and Director Marketing PHA Syeda Ramla Ali also planted Trees for planting were provided by the doctors of Services Hospital.

Speaking to media on the occasion, Chairman PHA Engineer Yasir Gilani said that we are paying homage to the doctors who sacrificed their lives in Corona by planting trees. Today, tributes were paid to the heroes of humanity irrespective of color, religion and country.

He added that Pakistan has planted the names of heroes of 80 countries including USA, Russia, China, India and Afghanistan. VC Chairman PHA Hafiz Zeeshan Rasheed said that full-fledged tree planting is being promoted at government and non-government level throughout the city. Vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan "Clean & Green" PHA is striving for the completion of "Pakistan".

The sacrifices of the doctors who died in the Corona epidemic will be written in golden letters.

Plants of this name have been planted around the world to pay tribute to the Christians who died of corona. Associate Professor Dr Amna Hussain said that the war against Corona virus pays homage to the martyred doctors.

Khushhali Microfinance Bank launches nation-wide tree plantation drive

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Khushhali Microfinance Bank (KMBL) Monday launched a nation-wide tree plantation drive entitled "Plant Khushhali" to help uplift the natural environment and work towards curbing climate change.

As part of the drive, KMBL employees across the country planted trees in their respective localities with saplings of guavas, jamun, and lokath fruits, according to press statement issued by the bank here.

A tree sapling was provided to all employees to plant in their homes or neighborhood parks to

ensure their growth into fruit-bearing trees, it said adding this constitutes over 5,000 trees planted across Pakistan by KMBL volunteers themselves.

"In view of increasing urbanization, it is the duty of responsible corporations to address environmental concerns by engaging in initiatives of this kind. We, at KMBL have actively adopted green and sustainable practices to help build an environmentally-conscious community all around and this plantation drive is a reflection of that, said KMBL President, Ghalib Nishar said about the drive.

Being a huge environment-

PAL holds Faraz prayer session today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pakistan Academy of letters (PAL) will hold prayer session on the occasion of 12th anniversary of renowned poet Ahmad Faraz today (Tuesday). Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shibli Faraz will participate.

Dr. Yousuf Khushk, Chairman PAL and others will lay a wreath and offer fateha at Ahmad Faraz's grave.

preservation enthusiast, KMBL has engaged in a series of initiatives over a period of years including tree plantation drives, initiatives in wildlife park, awareness-raising programs and the sponsorship of children camps at Trail 5 in Islamabad. Around the same time last year, KMBL also partnered with Punjab Forest Department to plant and maintain 6,000 plants at Changa Manga, near Lahore.

The aim is to help reduce pollution, improve air quality and alleviate the gradual ecosystem degradation in line with PM's vision for a clean and green Pakistan, the statement concluded.

All main rivers continue to flow normal: FFC

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Federal Flood Commission (FFC) Monday said all the major rivers - Indus, Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej - are presently flowing in 'Normal Flow Condition' with no riverine flood situation in the country.

According to daily FFC report, the Combined Live Storage of Tarbela, Mangla and Chashma reservoirs is 13.028 MAF (95.69% of existing live storage capacity of 13.614 MAF).

Tarbela and Mangla Reservoirs are at 1544.93 feet and 1238.60 feet respectively (i.e. 5.07 feet and 3.40 feet are below their respective MCL of 1550.00 feet and 1242.00 feet).

Well Marked Monsoon Low earlier over Northwestern Madhya Pradesh (India) lies over southern parts of Rajasthan (India) and its neighbourhood after moving West

Northwestwards. Moderate moist currents from Arabian Sea are penetrating into lower half of Pakistan upto 7000 feet whereas weak moist currents are also penetrating into upper half of Pakistan upto 5000 feet. Weak Seasonal Low prevails over Western Balochistan besides Westerly Wave trough over North-eastern parts of Iran and its adjoining areas. Flood Forecasting Division (FFD), Lahore, has predicted isolated thunderstorm/rain over Punjab (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Bahawalpur & D.G Khan Divisions), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Malakand & D.I. Khan Divisions), Sindh (Shaheed Benazirabad, Dadu, Sukkur and Larkana Districts) including upper catchments of all the major Rivers in the next 24 hours.

During the same period, scattered wind-thundershower/rain with isolated Heavy Falls are also expected

over Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Tharparker, Mirpurkhas, Umar Kot & Sanghar Districts of Sindh and Eastern Balochistan.

In Punjab, as a consequence of above rains, mild flood flows are expected in the Hill Torrents of D.G. Khan Division.

Further to above, FFD, Lahore, has predicted significant increase in the rainfall activity over Punjab (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala & Lahore Divisions), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu, D.I. Khan Divisions) and Kashmir including the upper catchments of Rivers Kabul, Jhelum, Chenab and Ravi after 48 hours.

The expected Widespread/Thunderstorm/Rain with scattered Heavy Falls and isolated Very Heavy Falls over upper catchments of main rivers is likely to enhance the discharges in these rivers from August 26-28.



LAHORE: A vendor displays clay pots outside their shop at Chungi Amar Sadhu. —Online