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## Strict food regulations, full implementation be ensured, says Aleem

—Inaugurates milk testing desk at PFA

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** On the directions of Senior Food Minister Punjab Abdul Aleem Khan Milk Testing Labs have started their functioning at 6 entry points where citizens have been provided this facility and anyone can get milk testing without any fee and report will be handed over within 2 minutes. Furthermore, Milk Testing facility will also be available at all the 9 divisional headquarters while this first lab has been inaugurated by Senior & Food Minister Abdul Aleem Khan here at the head quarter of Punjab Food Authority.

Addressing there Abdul Aleem Khan said that Prime Minister Imran Khan has personal interest in providing hygiene food to the citizens. He announced that his own monitoring team would be checking the working of teams of Punjab Food Authority so that strict compliance could be ensured.

Senior &amp; Food Minister Punjab

Abdul Aleem Khan has said that provision of non-adulterated food items to the citizens is the top priority of the Government and factions which play with the lives of others for their petty benefit do not deserve any concession. He said that the Punjab Government would ensure proper rules and regulations and their strict implementation for food and beverages.

Speaking at the occasion held at Punjab Food Authority for certificate distribution, Abdul Aleem Khan said that institutions like PFA act as a check and balance for the citizens, that it is a very responsible department, and those working in this Authority should be fully aware of their responsibilities and be vigilant at all times. Unfortunately, the supply of adulterated and substandard food items continues in one form or another and sometimes even well-known brands appear to be failing, he added. Abdul Aleem Khan directed the officers of the Food Authority

## New investment vital to make Punjab prosperous: Aslam

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chairman Fatima Group Fawad Ahmed Mukhtar called on provincial minister for Industries and Trade Mian Aslam Iqbal here on Wednesday.

During the meeting, various matters regarding issuance of NOC for setting up new cement plants were discussed.

Chairman Fatima Group Fawad Ahmed Mukhtar said that our Fatima Group intends to increase investment in the cement sector, but there is a hurdle to get the NOC.

The Provincial Minister assured the Chairman to issue NOC soon for setting up a new cement plant.

While talking on this occasion Provincial Minister for Industries & Trade Mian Aslam Iqbal has said that it is necessary to bring new investment to make Punjab prosperous.

The Punjab government has evolved an effective strategy to bring new investment in the province.

He said that investment of billions rupees will come by setting up new cement plants. Unnecessary delay in issuing NOC will be brought to an end.

It is the top most priority of the government to create an investment friendly environment and provide facilities to the investors.

to ensure non-discriminatory activities in all sectors without taking into account the pressure of anyone and to monitor food items on a daily basis. Clean drinking water, cooking oil, milk and essential food items must be in accordance with the principles of hygiene, for which maximum measures must be ensured, he said. Senior & Food Minister Abdul Aleem Khan said that the scope of Punjab Food Authority should be extended to the tehsil level so that more and more people could benefit from this institution.

Senior and Punjab Food Minister Abdul Aleem Khan inaugurated the Milk Testing Desk at the Punjab Food Authority, where he was given a detailed briefing by the Director General Food Authority on the performance and procedures of the institution. Abdul Aleem Khan also distributed certificates among the officers of the Punjab Food Authority and appreciated their performance.

### Quick Read

#### 'Pak Army, Air force played vital role in defeating India'

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The nation played a vital role in the 1965 war by supporting the brave army through its moral support.

These views were expressed by Dr Ahsan Zafar, a senior leader of the Majlise Quaid e Azam Pakistan while talking to the mediaperson on Wednesday.

Paying tribute to the Pak Army, he said that sacrifices of the army soldiers and citizens would be remembered always as every member of the society took part in the war.

Recalling the memories of the days, he said that citizens of all sectors especially, Lahorites themselves reached the Wahga Border with sticks to fight against Indian Army. "The Pak army fought well and gave a lesson to the Indian Army", he added. He said that Pak Army and the Airforce won the hearts of the masses by defeating the enemy which was several times bigger. "The defence day is a great day for Pakistan which is always celebrated with passion," he said.

#### Two pedestrians killed in road accident

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Two persons were killed while crossing the Ferozpur road near Naqeebabad.

Police said here on Wednesday that Zafar, 59-year-old and Arshad, 45-year-old, residents of Naqeebabad, were crossing the Ferozpur road when a speeding tractor-trolley hit and ran over them.

Both victims received serious injuries and breathed their last on the way to DHQ hospital, said Rescue-1122. Saddar police started investigation.

#### New Local System to bring about positive change: Augustine

**LAHORE:** Punjab Minister for Human Rights & Minority Affairs Ijaz Alam Augustine has said that the new local government system would bring about a positive change in real terms.

He expressed these views while addressing a two-day orientation workshop with local government leaders to promote civic participation among women, youth and religious minorities in political processes organized by the Ministry of HR&MA in collaboration with the Youth Development Foundation (YDF) on Wednesday.

The minister said that credit of local government system went to the incumbent government as they introduced first in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which won full confidence of people in the province and had brought about significant improvement in the areas of health, education and law and order.

He said a new approach would also emerge local government system in Punjab, which besides truly empowering the common man through the devolution of power to the lower tiers, would also help resolve the local problems in a quick and transparent manner and make the sustainable development possible.



LAHORE: A view of clouds over the historic Badshahi Masjid.

## Commissioner orders to start big anti-dengue campaign in City

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Commissioner Lahore, Zulfiqar Ahmed Ghuman directed to start a comprehensive and massive anti-dengue campaign to sensitize citizens because month of September and October were very critical regarding dengue spread.

He said to get checked all dispensaries, basic and rural health facilities to deliver the health services to people.

He also appreciated all Deputy Commissioner's for best arrangements in Muharram and directed them to give appreciation letters to all concerned officers and officials in that regard.

He said to put all efforts in anti-dengue indoor and outdoor activities and surveillance.

He said that COVID-19 cases were being decreased but Corona threat was still looming.

He today chaired a meeting in his office regarding health issues of Lahore Division via video link.

It was briefed in the meeting that during random sampling of COVID-19, below one percent positive cases appeared.

Deputy Commissioner Lahore Danish Afzal, all Deputy Commissioner's via video link and Chief Executive Officer's district health authorities, participated in the meeting.

## 2,916 fines imposed during August over illegal disposal of Solid Waste

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC), enforcement department took action against 2,916 violators and issued them fine for improper disposal of solid waste in the city worth more than 6.3 million. Enforcement Department LWMC also filed 9 challans and 2 FIRs in August against those involved in illegal dumping.

In this context, MD LWMC stated that department to provide neat and clean Lahore is our utmost priority and department is taking extra measures to make this possible. He also said that LWMC is a responsible organization and performing to its best in delivering its services but at the same time the mission to maintain cleanliness in the city cannot be achieved without promising and positive attitude from public.

## 609 suspect cases of dengue reported in province

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** A confirmed case of dengue had been reported from Faisalabad during the last 24 hours.

According to the Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department here on Thursday, 609 suspect cases were also reported in the last 24 hours which have been kept in surveillance and their tests are being conducted.

So far 47 cases of dengue were registered from January this year, however, all patients have been discharged after recovery except three ones who are under treatment. No death due to dengue have been reported this year due to effective measures taken by the government. The Punjab government was continuously working against dengue across the province and the anti-dengue staff recovered dengue larvae from 9,012 places during the last seven days.

## PHA to observe Defence Day

**LAHORE:** The Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) will celebrate Defence Day to pay homage to the martyrs of the 1965 war on September 6.

An event would be organized to mark the day at the Liberty Roundabout, this was said by a PHA spokesperson while talking to APP on Wednesday. He said the PHA would mark the day with national zeal and zest, adding that the families of martyrs would also be invited to share their stories and views. She said that the programme would start in the evening at Liberty Roundabout where candles would be lit in the memory of martyrs of the 1965 war. The spokesperson said that besides maintaining all public parks and green belts of the provincial capital, the PHA also celebrated national events with full zeal and zest.

## PES provided service to 146,745 victims in August

**LAHORE:** Punjab Emergency Service (PES) provided emergency service to 146,745 victims of various accidents/incidents while responding to 89701 emergencies in Punjab during the last month.

At least 492 people were killed in road accidents and drowning incidents in Punjab, of whom 349 people died in road crashes while 143 people lost lives in drowning incidents.

Punjab Emergency Service, Director General Dr Rizwan Naseer was presiding over a monthly performance review meeting held at Rescue Headquarters here on Wednesday.

The head of operations briefed the meeting that out of 89701 emergencies, around 27919 were road accidents,

44980 medical emergencies, 1023 fire incidents, 3063 crimes, 254 drowning incidents, 140 building collapses, 09 explosions and 12,313 miscellaneous operations.

The data revealed the highest number of fire incidents was reported in major cities, in which, 303 fires in Lahore, 90 in Faisalabad, 83 in Rawalpindi, 75 in Multan, 51 in Gujranwala, 30 in Bahawalpur, 34 in Sialkot, 25 in Sheikhupura, and 24 in Sahiwal.

The data further showed the highest number of fire cases was reported in major cities, in which, 5650 traffic accidents were reported in Lahore, 2522 in Faisalabad, 2171 in Multan, 1587 in Gujranwala, 1059 in Bahawalpur, 953 in Sahiwal, 937 in Rawalpindi, 894 in Sheikhupura

and 871 in Kasur.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr Rizwan Naseer said the maximum number of road crashes could be prevented through adopting necessary road safety measures and road safety laws.

He added that parents should never allow their children alone for taking bath at rivers, canals and other high-risk areas to avoid drowning.

He directed all DEOs, especially south districts to ensure preparedness and pre-arrangements to manage the flood emergencies.

The Punjab Emergency Service DG Rescue emphasized that the fitness of rescuers and maintenance of flood-related equipment was top priority of the department.



LAHORE: A view of construction work of Firdous Market Underpass during development.