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Quick Read

Four confirmed, 601 suspect cases of dengue reported

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Four new confirmed and 601 suspect cases of the dengue virus were reported in the province during the last 24 hours.

According to the Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department here on Thursday, two confirmed cases were reported in Lahore while one case each was reported from Mianwali and Dera Ghazi Khan.

All suspect cases have been kept in surveillance and their tests are being conducted.

So far 193 cases of dengue had been confirmed from January this year in the province, however, 188 patients were discharged and currently five ones are under treatment.

No death due to dengue was reported this year due to effective measures taken by the government.

The Punjab government was continuously working against dengue across the province and the staff recovered dengue larvae from 3,341 places during the last seven days.

Livestock services training centre Fazilpur made functional

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Livestock services training centre Fazilpur in district Rajanpur has been made functional after ten years as per the direction of Punjab Livestock Minister Sardar Hasnain Bahadar Dreshak.

According to official sources here on Wednesday, Livestock South Director General Mansoor Ahmad said that the training centre would be affiliated with University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore. He said that classes had been started in the training centre, adding that the centre was equipped with modern laboratory, library and computer training facility. He said that this initiative of the Livestock department would create job opportunities in Fazilpur area. Officers of grade 17 to 19 were faculty of the training cen-



LAHORE: Labourers busy in their work at the newly constructed overhead pedestrian bridge for the students of (UET).

Public support necessary to deal with coronavirus: CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A special meeting of the Apex Committee was held under the chair of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office on Thursday. Corps Commander Lahore Lt. Gen. Majid Ehsan, General Officer Commanding 10-Div Maj. Gen. Muhammad Aniq-ur-Rehman Malik, DG Rangers Punjab Maj. Gen. Muhammad Amir Majeed and higher ranking military officials attended the meeting.

Provincial Law Minister Raja Basharat, Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid, Special Assistant for Information Dr. Firdous Ashiq Awan, Chief Secretary Jawad Rafiq Malik, IG Police Inam Ghani, Addl. Chief Secretary (Home), Addl. Chief Secretary Higher Education, Secretary Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education, Secretary Primary & Secondary Health, Secretary Schools Education, Secretary Information, medical experts, head of Special Monitoring Unit and concerned officers were also present on this occasion.

The meeting reviewed in detail the measures taken to overcome second wave of the coronavirus.

The participants expressed concern over the increasing number of corona affectees and the death rate. The political and military

leadership of the province decided to take effective measures and make collective efforts to cope with the second wave of the Covid-19. The meeting agreed to chalk out effective strategy in advance, keeping in view possible future situation with regard to the coronavirus. The meeting decided the strict implementation on wearing mask in the province and violation of SOPs will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

It was further decided to run an effective public awareness campaign. It was also decided in the meeting that all necessary arrangements and strategy will be given final shape before the start of winter season.

It was recommended to quarantine people coming from abroad, especially from India and to impose ban on political, social, cultural and religious gatherings in the province. Similarly, it was recommended to restrict the number of invitees for marriages at open places. The meeting also dilate on the proposal to reserve some hospitals of the province especially from southern Punjab for corona as well as starting winter vocations in education institutions. Corps Commander Lahore Lt. Gen. Majid Ehsan asserted to extend all possible cooperation with Punjab Government. Pakistan Armed Forces assured their

full support to the civil government as corona is a national challenge.

Pakistan Army standing with the government to make people's lives safer and ready to tackle the second wave of Corona through collective efforts, he added.

Usman Buzdar said that public support is utmost necessary to deal with coronavirus. The government will continue to take steps for protecting the lives of the people. The people have to show responsibility in this situation. The more precautionary measures people take the safer they will be, the CM added. The final decision will be taken by the technical team after reviewing all the recommendations. The government will ensure the implementation on the decision taken by technical team. The government will work more efficiently for safeguarding the lives of the citizens. He said that Pak Army is always vigorously supported the nation in its time of trial. The Chief Minister also thanked the military leadership for their cooperation to deal with the corona pandemic. The medical experts gave suggestions and recommendations to stop the spread of coronavirus in the province.

Number of corona affectees increasing day-by-day: Buzdar has said that all necessary meas-

ures will be taken to deal with the second wave of the Covid-19. He said that number of corona affectees are increasing day by day and a comprehensive cooperation of citizens is required like before for controlling the coronavirus. Legal Action will be taken on the violation of SOPs, he added. He said corona situation is being monitored on daily basis. All out measures will be taken to safeguard the lives of the citizens, he asserted. Usman Buzdar said that 390 confirm corona cases have been surfaced and 9 patients died during the last 24 hours. Death toll has been reached to 2438 in Punjab. 13545 tests have been conducted during the last 24 hours. Number of active corona patients have reached 8092. 1714383 tests have been conducted so far. 97672 out of 108221 patients have been recovered from coronavirus so far, he concluded.

Expresses grief over loss of precious human lives in traffic accident: Buzdar has expressed deep sense of sorrow and grief over the loss of precious human lives in a traffic accident near Pindi Bhattian. The Chief Minister extended heartfelt sympathies and condolence with the bereaved family members. Usman Buzdar directed to provide best treatment facilities to the injured and sought a report from the ad-

97th birth anniversary Punjabi Poet 'Ahmed Rahi' remembered

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Nation paid glowing tributes to legendary Punjabi poet and writer, Ahmad Rahi on his 97th birth anniversary on Thursday.

Born in Amritsar on November 12, 1923, Ahmad Rahi was one of the best film script writers, who wrote about the Partition of India along with many songs for films. His first book, *Tarinjan*, was published in 1952 which was a poetry book about the Partition of India. Another aspect of Rahi's poetry is the influence of Punjabi folk tales and folk music. The folk heroines Heer, Sahiban, Sohni all are present as living characters. Most of the leading actors of 60's and 70's had wanted to perform on the songs written by him, private news channels reported on Thursday. He wrote over 1,900 songs for Urdu and Punjabi films and received the Pride of Performance Award on his great literary work and services for the Pakistani film industry. He died on September 2, 2002, leaving behind a glowing trail of over 1,900 unforgettable melodies and around 260 film scripts.

Protest against blasphemous caricatures

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A protest demonstration was held against publication of blasphemous caricatures under the World Passban Khatam-e-Nabuwat. A large numbers I of ulema and lawyers participated in the protest, which was led by World Passban leader Allama Muhammad Mumtaz Awan. The protestors were carrying banners and placards inscribed with different slogans against the blasphemous caricatures. Addressing the participants, Allama Muhammad Mumtaz Awan, Mian Ashraf Advocate, Maulana Abdul Naem, Pir SA Jafari and Shan Ali Qadri strongly condemned publication of blasphemous caricatures. They called it a conspiracy of anti-Muslim against Muslim Ummah. They demanded all Muslim countries to boycott diplomatic relations with France.

219,500 fine imposed over profiteering

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Price Control Magistrates imposed Rs 219,500 fine on several shopkeepers over profiteering in various parts of the provincial capital here on Thursday. According to the city administration's spokesman, the magistrates inspected around 994 points and found 108 violations while cases were also registered against 21 violators.

Basharat defends Punjab govt effectively in PA

Says owners would be bound to pay all dues to farmers within three months of crushing season

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Social Welfare Raja Basharat, while responding to the opposition in the Punjab Assembly on Wednesday, said this was the first time that crushing season had been imposed on mill owners in Central and South Punjab under the law.

According to the current law, the mill owners would be bound to pay all the dues to the farmers within three months of the crushing season, otherwise they would be fined, he added.

Talking on the resolution of

wheat price, Raja Basharat said that about the price of wheat and rice, there should be a unanimous resolution against the farmers misleading majority. As the provincial government did not receive a message from the federation, it was inappropriate to talk about it, he added.

He said appropriate decision would be taken in consultation and it would be acceptable to the government.

Criticising the remarks of N-League MPA Rana Iqbal, the Law Minister said that he (Rana Iqbal) spoke about the death of three farmers today, after ten days, he could take the figure to fifty. Yesterday it was

claimed that chemical water was released on farmers and today he was talking about releasing gas, the minister added.

Raja Basharat said that opposition should take a stand on the death of farmers.

He assured that the interests of farmers would be protected. He said that a mill owner had to pay billions of rupees to the farmers whereas a list of defaulters could be presented in the house.

He flayed opposition by commenting, "Honorable House has been made a joke by standing up and saying that the government has brought the country and the province to the brink of destruction but the Supreme Court remarked that you (N-leaguers) had brought the country to the brink of disaster."



LAHORE: Workers prepare the traditional sweet *Rewari*, a small candy type sweet which is made by pure food items in sugar, at their work place.

LDA DG reviews construction work at FMUP

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Development Authority (LDA) Director General Ahmed Aziz Tarar directed the officers concerned for working round-the-clock to finish Firdous Market Underpass Project (FMUP) by November 19.

He issued these direction while visiting the FMUP her on Thursday and inspected the ongoing

construction work. He ordered that all the engineering staff, including the chief engineer, should remain present at site till the completion of the project. "It should be completed without further delay and quality of work should not be compromised", he added.

Ahmed Aziz Tarar directed that additional labour be deployed to complete the work at the earliest.

He said that finishing work

should be geared up and horticulture work should be accelerated on the project. Chief Engineer Abdul Razaq Chauhan, Project Director Akbar Hussain, Director PHA Misbah Dar, Nespak Engineer and representatives of the contractor were also present.

LDA DG directs to follow SOPs in offices: Lahore Development Authority (LDA) Director General Ahmed Aziz Tarar on

Thursday directed officers, employees, visitors and applicants to strictly follow the Standard Operating Procedures

(SOPs) in view of the ongoing second wave of Covid-19 in the LDA office.

According to a LDA spokesperson, the DG also directed for taking all possible precautionary measures for preventing spread of corona besides disinfecting the of-

ice building on daily basis. Additional Director General Headquarters Farqaleet Meer inspected various parts of the LDA office and reviewed the status of implementation of SOPs. Farqaleet Meer said that wearing of face masks had compulsory for all applicants visiting the LDA office and One Window Cell, adding that citizens visiting the office had been directed to take precautionary meas-

ures against corona.

LDA seals 15 buildings in city: The Lahore Development Authority (LDA) on Thursday sealed 15 buildings here in Faisal Town on account of non-payment of commercialization fee. According to LDA spokesperson, the authority carried out an operation against defaulters of commercialization fee as Rs 50 million was due to these properties.