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### Quick Read

## 'PPP, PML-N well aware of their political fate'

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Housing and Urban Development Minister Mian Mehmoodur Rasheed said on Saturday that corrupt leadership of the Pakistan Muslim League (N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) were well aware of their political fate.

In a statement issued here, he said that plunderers wanted to put pressure on the government through holding public gatherings and rallies. Unfortunately, those who looted millions of rupees had no concern for health and welfare of the common man, he added. The minister said that Prime Minister Imran Khan was committed to hold accountability of those who had looted the public money. The PPP and Pakistan Muslim League (N) game of tricks was over which they had been playing with people for the last 40 years, he added.

## 61pc calls received on 15 Helpline proved hoax

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) received around 61% hoax calls on police helpline 15 in November 2020, which is regrettable, according to the Authority officials.

The PSCA released the emergency helpline data on Saturday, showing that the Authority received a total of 212,152 calls on 15, out of which 129,293 proved hoax and irrelevant on verification. Only 43,054 calls were genuine, made by people in distress. The Dispatch Control Centre (DCC) generated cases for further action. As many as 24,659 callers sought information and consultancy, and 5,107 calls were related to traffic management and the city traffic police help.

The PSCA Lost and Found Centre recovered 11 missing persons, four car, 180 motorbikes, and three auto-rickshaws. The official said that the PSCA was determined to extend services and cooperation to the law-enforcement authorities (LEAs), and all others in need, whenever required. He requested people not to make hoax calls on 15 helpline as it causes wastage of time and resources of the Police Department.



**LAHORE:** Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar distributes cash prizes, certificates and disaster response kits among winners of the 4th National Level Community Emergency Response Team Challenge 2020.

# Govt will not obstruct PDM rally on 13th, says Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that the government has a clear policy and will not obstruct the PDM rally on December 13. The opposition wants a confrontation with the government but Pakistan cannot afford any confrontation.

The opposition is pursuing a policy of playing with people's lives and the nation will hold them accountable for it. Spike in Corona cases is worrisome for all of us. He was addressing an event and talking to the media after distributing cash prizes, certificates and disaster response kits among the winners and participants of the 4th National Level Community Emergency Response Team Challenge 2020 on Saturday. DG Rescue 1122 Punjab Dr Rizwan Naseer, PTI MPA Musarrat Jamshed Cheema and others were present on the occasion. Talking to the media, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Corona has not gone yet but there is a spike in Corona cases.

People come in politics to serve the people and not to play

with their lives but the opposition is playing with people's lives and wherever opposition rallies are held, Corona cases are on the rise there. Responding to a question, Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the government is pursuing a policy of not obstructing any rally of the opposition in Lahore but the government would not allow anyone to take the law into their own hands.

The law and order will be maintained in any case, he added. Addressing the participants on the occasion, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar appreciated DG rescue Punjab Dr Rizwan Naseer and his team for saving lives, creating public awareness to promote safety culture, distribution of rations to deserving families during COVID-19 and for establishing community emergency response teams in all Union Councils of Punjab.

He also commended Voluntary Services and overseas Pakistanis for ensuring the provision of Response Kits to volunteer teams to promote a culture of volunteerism in Pakistan. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Sarwar reviewed the

practical demonstration of life saving skills of the volunteers and the 39 teams participating in the challenge along with DG Rescue Punjab Dr. Rizwan Naseer and Country Director VSO Pakistan Hashim Bilal and gave away prizes and trophies to winners.

Earlier, DG Rescue Punjab Dr Rizwan Naseer in his welcome address welcomed all the distinguished guests and appreciated the services of the volunteers and said that it was an honor for me that after the completion of a comprehensive system of emergency management, the rescue service established community emergency response teams in union councils to save lives and promote safety culture.

### PSCA e-ticketing online payment to be started soon

PSCA decided to launch online payment system for e-tickets in collaboration with the Finance department in the wake of coronavirus.

After the launching of online e-payment system, citizens would no longer have to line up at banks for payment of e-challans, a spokesman for PSCA told APP here on Saturday. The citizens

could pay e-challan through Punjab e-pay online mobile application. PSCA spokesperson said that electronic payments could be made through ATM, easy paisa, Jazz cash and online banking by using Punjab e-pay app.

The constraints of manual payment were settled by taking advantage of modern technology which would facilitate citizens to pay their e-challan. An electronic payment would also facilitate real-time information.

Meanwhile, the spokesperson said that Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) received 212,152 calls at 15 emergency helpline during the month of November, out of which, 129,293 calls were considered hoaxes/irrelevant and 43,054 calls, with genuine concerns and the Dispatch Control Center (DCC) generated cases for further action.

However, 24,659 calls received were related to seeking information and 5,107 calls for traffic management & city traffic police help. The PSCA lost and found center set its mark high this month, contributing to the recovery of 11 missing persons, four vehicles, 180 motorbikes and

## Strategy adopted to make Punjab a hub for economic, business activities

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister for Industry and Commerce Mian Aslam Iqbal in the Committee Room of the Department of Industry and Commerce.

Promoting investment, enhance industrialization, the process of setting up of new industrial estates and providing facilities to the industrialists was reviewed, the provincial Minister for Industry and Commerce Mian Aslam Iqbal while addressing the meeting said that effective strategy has been worked out to make Punjab a hub for economic, trade and business activities. The establishment of new industrial estates in the province laid the foundation for the industrial revolution, he said. New industrial units in industrial estates have started production.

With the acceleration of industrialization, a new era of development and prosperity is about to begin in Punjab. Provincial minister said that Work on 13 Special Economic Zones in Punjab has been accelerated. Barriers to industrialization and investment have been removed, outdated and unnecessary regulations in government departments are being scrapped to facilitate business, Mian Aslam Iqbal said.

In the past, the property business was counting on the name of industrialization in industrial estates, we will not allow this to happen. The plot acquired for setting up an industrial unit will now be used only for setting up an industrial unit. The provincial minister added. Department of Industry and Commerce, Board of Investment, PIEDMC and FIEDMC provide facilities to domestic and foreign investors, Additional Secretary Industry and Commerce.

## IRSA releases 94,100 cusecs water

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Saturday released 94,100 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 49,400 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, water level in the Indus River at Tarbela Dam was 1479.09 feet, which was 87.09 feet higher than its dead level 1386 feet. Water inflow in the dam was recorded as 23,600 cusecs and outflow as 40,000 cusecs.

The water level in the Jhelum River at Mangla Dam was 1178.40 feet, which was 138.40 feet higher than its dead level of 1040 feet whereas the inflow and outflow of water was recorded as 8,700 cusecs and 37,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa and

# Process for recruitment of cops in progress: IGP

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Police, Punjab, Inam Ghani said on Saturday that process for the recruitment of police officials had been started after the approval of government.

He stated this while addressing the RPOs, CPOs and DPOs of the province through a wireless message. The IGP said the Punjab Police was currently facing a shortage of about 15,000 personnel, due to which, the process of recruitment had been started to meet the shortage of police personnel.

He said that in the recruitment process which started a month ago, only the last phase of the written test is

left which would be completed tomorrow (December 6) while the personnel who successfully completed the recruitment phase would be trained and after nearly one year, they would become the part of police department in field duties.

He further said that implementation of Corona prevention SOPs should be ensured with full responsibility and strictness during the written examination in connection with the ongoing written test of police recruitment in different districts of the province and not only precautionary measures but also supervisory officers and staff should get the candidates fully complied with stipulated SOPs. He said that instructions is-

sued for candidates for written test should be strictly followed. He said that special care should be taken during the examination for the use of other equipment including face masks, hand sanitizers, gloves, and safety kits with related precautionary measures while disciplinary action should not be delayed against those who do not comply with SOPs.

Instructing the officers, the IG Punjab said that officers and personnel posted on police lines, police stations, offices and field duty should not ignore the implementing the instructions issued in the Corona Advisory and should perform their duties with high alert so that they themselves can be pro-



**LAHORE:** Labourers take tea as they sit on green belt along the road during thick blanket of fog early in the morning at Shahdara. —Online

# ESA becomes platform for professional training to rescuers, says PES DG

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Emergency Services Academy (ESA) has become a platform for providing professional training to rescuers of all provinces of the country. This was stated by Director General, Punjab Emergency Services (PES) while talking to APP here on Saturday.

He said that South Asian countries could also get benefit from the training facility of the academy.

He said that the team of Emergency Services Academy (ESA) had become the first United Nations International Search and Rescue

Advisory Group (INSARAG) certified team in South Asia for international disaster response. The ESA had trained over 19,000 rescuers for Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Baluchistan and Aman Foundation Karachi since 2004.

He said that Rescue-1122 Punjab had rescued over 8.8 million victims of emergencies since its inception in October 2004. He informed that Punjab Emergency Service provided emergency service 86,821 people while responding to 88,441 emergencies in all 36 districts of Punjab during the last month.

The DG said that out of total emergencies, 29679 were traffic crashes, in which, 363 people were killed in Punjab in November, adding that 10,302 were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals of Punjab, whereas, 21,957 people with minor injuries were treated on the spot. The DG Rescue Punjab emphasized that Rescue drivers must be careful and ensure wearing a mask to protect themselves from corona, safe driving while responding to emergencies as a life savior is not allowed to risk another life when he is going to save someone's life.

He shared that in November, the

Rescue 1122 served 29679 road traffic accidents, 46521 medical emergencies, 1412 fire incidents, 2152 crimes, 59 drowning incidents, 35 building collapses, 15 explosions/cylinder blast and 8568 miscellaneous operations. He said that the data revealed that the majority of fire incidents occurred in major cities, involving 289 fires in Lahore, 103 in Faisalabad, 104 Rawalpindi, 95 in Gujranwala, 74 in Multan, 54 in Sialkot, 47 in RY Khan, and 47 in Kasur, adding that 6370 traffic accidents were reported in Lahore, 2736 in Faisalabad, 2322 in Multan, 1710 in Gujranwala,

1703 in Rawalpindi, 1189 in Bahawalpur, and 989 in Sahiwal.

Dr Rizwan Naseer highlighted that a significant number of road traffic crashes could be prevented by adopting road safety measures and road safety laws. The DG Rescue requested the motorbike drivers to drive the motorbike in the extreme left lane with a maximum speed limit of 50km/h. He urged the motorbike users to must wear properly strapped safety helmets and also use the side mirrors and indicators while changing the lane.

He said that the people should take it seriously because over 80

per cent of accidents injuries are associated with motorbikes.

### PES rescued 88,821 emergencies victims in November

Punjab Emergency Service (PES) rescued 86,821 emergencies victims, while responding to 88,441 emergencies in all districts of Punjab during the month of November. Out of total emergencies, 29,679 were traffic crashes in which 363 people were killed in Punjab last month. Out of total traffic accidents, 10,302 people sustained serious injuries who were shifted to different hospitals of Punjab whereas, 21,957 minor injured victims were treated.