

Kamran Ghulam thrilled to be part of Pak squad

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kamran Ghulam not only broke the record for most runs in a single Quaid-e-Azam Trophy this season, he also earned the recognition of being named the Domestic Cricketer of the Year in recently held Pakistan Cricket Boards Annual Awards.

Kamran broke more than 36-year-old record held by opener Saadat Ali, who had scored 1,217 in the 1983-84 season.

After the record and recognition, Kamran also received the ultimate reward as the right-handed batsman is one of the nine uncapped players named in Pakistan's 20-member squad for the two Test-match series against South Africa starting from 26 January at the National Stadium. The 25-year-old Upper Dir-born batsman scored 1249 runs in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2020-21 at an average of 62.45. He scored five centuries and as many half centuries, with 166 his best score. Overall Kamran has scored 2413 runs in 31 first-class matches, his runs tally includes nine centuries and 11 half centuries at an average of 50.27.

Sufi intellectual 'Wasif Ali Wasif' remembered

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Iconic teacher, writer, poet and Sufi intellectual 'Wasif Ali Wasif' was remembered on his 28th death anniversary Monday to pay glowing tributes for his lifetime literary services.



He was born on January 15, 1929 in Khushab. He was famous for his unique literary style, probably no contemporary Urdu writer is more cited in quotations than Wasif.

Master of aphorism, he has almost a miraculous ability to capture a rainbow of meaning in a few dewdrops of well chosen words.

His father's name was Muhammad Arif. Wasif Ali got his early education from Khushab and after that went to Jhang where he passed Matriculation, FA and BA in first division. He was very good player of hockey during his school and college time, electronic channels reported. After completing his bachelor, he opted English literature subject for M.A. Wasif started writing from college magazine named "Ravi". He wrote on many topics. He also passed civil service exam but did not join due to his different nature. In 1962, he built up his own institute Lahore English College in Lahore near Anarkali. Wasif used to like Sufism from childhood. He always tried to meet Sufis and visited different shrines. He is famous for his literary style.

Many of his aphorisms have become proverbs in recent years. His book "Kiran Suraj" containing these aphorisms remained best seller for many years.



LAHORE: Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar lays foundation stone of Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority's first project of Rs 161 million in Chak Jhumra.

Every penny to be saved in Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority: Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar laid the foundation stone of Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority's first project of Rs 161 million in Chak Jhumra. More than 57,000 people from 16 villages will have access to safe drinking water on a daily basis. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar, while addressing the ceremony, said that if I find out that any person of Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority has taken or given commission, he will be punished. We will protect the tax money of the people. Those who fill their pockets with the tax money of the public are criminals.

According to details, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar laid the foundation stone of the first clean drinking water project of Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority in Chak Jhumra on Monday. Provincial Minister Ajmal Cheema, Khayal Ahmad Castro, MNA Chaudhry Zahid Nazir, Members of National and Provincial Assemblies, Chief Executive, Punjab Aab Pak Authority Zahid Aziz, Chairman Punjab Aab Pak Authority Dr

Shakeel and others were also present.

Addressing the ceremony and talking to the media, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that "I am grateful to Allah Almighty that the dream I had after assuming office as Governor Punjab is going to be fulfilled today. I also thank Prime Minister Imran Khan for giving me the responsibility of provision of potable water to people of Punjab. He also thanked Chief Minister of Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar, Minister for Housing Mian Mahmood-ur-Rasheed, Minister for Law Raja Muhammad Basharat, Speaker Punjab Assembly Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi and all members of the Punjab Assembly who played an important role in getting legislation passed.

Governor Punjab said that we have laid the foundation stone of this project which started at a cost of more than Rs. 161 million but we still need to work hard for which every single member of Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority will have to play their role with utmost honesty. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that you all know that I always speak the truth without any fear and I will continue to do so in the fu-

ture. There is no doubt that if some people involved in the bureaucracy of Punjab had not halted the procedures, the project that I am inaugurating today would have started a year and a half ago but we want to forget the past and move on now. If I am responsible for the provision of clean drinking water to the people of Punjab, then it is my responsibility to tell the people about whatever hinders it.

Governor Punjab said that billions of rupees were spent on providing clean drinking water to the people during the tenure of Pervez Musharraf and other governments including PML-N but not a single filtration plant is functional today. The Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority will also have billions of rupees in funds but I assure the nation that I will not allow anyone to take or give commission in any project. He said that every penny of the people would be protected in Punjab Aab-e-Pak Authority and all the information about every project would be available on our website to ensure complete transparency. We will create such networks that will ensure uninterrupted implementation of projects.

Imran known as ambassador of peace: Augustine

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Human Rights and Minorities Affairs Ejaz Alam Augustine said on Monday that Prime Minister Imran Khan had been known as ambassador of peace around the world.

In a statement issued here on Monday, he said the annual report of United State Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) was also released in the same year, where India declared a dangerous country for the religious minorities.

The minister mentioned that recently Pakistan has been elected member of United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for another three-years, which was also a great achievement of Pakistan in the tenure of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). He said that Pakistan got the highest number of votes in the Asia-Pacific region, which was a clear sign of confidence in Pakistan's policies at the global level as the Human Rights Council (HRC) was a very important forum of the United Nations.

Ejaz Alam said the betterment of Pakistan Army in the world rankings was a great development, on which the entire nation undoubtedly deserves congratulations.

He mentioned that the Global Firepower index 2021 has recognized the five-tier development of the Pakistan Army, which proves that the present military leadership was fully capable of overcoming any challenge. He maintained that Pakistan Army was equipped with professionalism and was always ready to face any challenges.

PITB, BoP ink MoU

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) and Bank of Punjab (BOP) on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Arfa Software Technology Park here on Monday.

The aim of MoU is to facilitate citizens and enhance public service delivery at Punjab government's e-Khidmat Centers.

According to PITB spokesperson, the agreement was signed by PITB Chairman Azfar Manzoor and BOP President & CEO Zafar Masud. PITB DG e-Governance Sajid Latif, ADG PITB Muhammad Wassem Bhatti and other senior officials from the two organizations were also present. According to the agreement, the BOP would setup permanent booths in collaboration with the PITB in all the e-Khidmat Centers across province.

On this occasion, PITB Chairman Azfar Manzoor said that initially collection for e-stamping system would be commenced while more services would be added at e-Khidmat centers as per the requirements. "This will ensure transparency and a hassle-free payment process under one roof", he added.



LAHORE: Drug addicts live on footpath outside the historical Chauburji during the cold weather. —Online

'SNGPL assures regular gas supply to export sector'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) Chairman Adil Bashir on Monday thanked SNGPL for uninterrupted supply of gas to export-oriented sectors. Talking to the media here, he welcomed the appointment of Syed Ali Javaid Hamdani, as the new Managing Director SNGPL and expressed the hope that he would personally ensure supply of gas at normal pressure to the export industry to enable it in creating additional jobs, attracting new investment and uplifting exports of the country.

He stated that an APTMA delegation also held a meeting with the newly-appointed MD of SNGPL.

APTMA Punjab Chairman Abdul Rahim Nasir and other office bearers of the Association were also present. Adil Bashir pointed out the ongoing extreme low gas pressure across the province of Punjab, saying that the productivity of the export-oriented industry was being compromised due to this single factor.

During the meeting, he added that he also urged the new MD of the Company to revise/withdraw the ad hoc bills after verifying the actual gas consumption of those industries having switched over to other energy sources. He also took up the issue of extension of load applications by the industry to the Company and

stressed for expeditious processing of those applications as well as the applications for change of gas connection from Industrial to Captive.

He mentioned that APTMA delegation apprised that sustained supply of gas/RLNG was essential to maintain the momentum of enhanced exports as currently, the textile industry was working at full capacity. The exports orders for the next six months were booked and there was a continuous upward trend despite the COVID pandemic. Abdul Rahim Nasir informed SNGPL management that unprecedented growth of 23 per cent in exports of textile products from Pakistan during December 2020, despite adverse effects of COVID-19 was only made possible due to the support by the government and all state institutions especially energy supplying institutions like SNGPL. He added that textile sector was currently in the mode of rapid expansion to cater to increased orders and demands. It is essential to sustain this momentum which was being facilitated by the upcoming Textile Policy. Adil Bashir said that on this occasion, SNGPL Managing Director appreciated the outstanding performance of textile sector in the economy of the country in general and exports in particular.

He assured full support of his company to the export sector and assured APTMA that despite grave shortage of gas in the country,

SNGPL would adopt all possible measures to maintain continuous supply of gas to textile mills at normal pressure. He hoped that APTMA would continue its endeavors to uplift exports of the country and requested APTMA to remain in contact with him and his team in case any facilitation was required from SNGPL in smooth operations of exporting mills.

Crackdown against drug peddlers continues: DIG: Deputy Inspector General of Police (Operations) Ashfaq Khan on Monday said the police arrested 407 drug peddlers during an ongoing crackdown and registered 399 cases in different police station during the current month. He directed all Divisional SPs, DSPs and SHOs to initiate grand operations against the criminals particularly drug peddlers involved in selling narcotics around educational institutions.

He said the Lahore Police also recovered more than 30 gram heroin, 129kg and 532gram hashish, 100 gram ICE, more than 1 kg opium and 6,023 liters liquor from the arrested accused. The City Division police registered 74 FIRs, whereas Cantt Division 114, Civil Lines 36, Sadr 74, Iqbal Town 32 and Model Town Division registered 69 FIRs during the operation. The DIG Operations said that citizens should also fully cooperate with the police to eliminate the menace of narcotics from

OPPO Reno5 available in Market



LAHORE: OPPO, the smartphone brand marks another milestone with the latest launch of OPPO Reno5 online. The futuristic new iteration of the Reno series is now available in the market and online for purchase. OPPO Reno5 8GB RAM and 128GB ROM are available for PKR 59,999 allowing users to "Picture Life Together".

Reno5 features AI Mixed Portrait, Dual-View Video, and AI Highlight Video — industry-leading features which use intelligent light detection to combine OPPO's advanced algorithms to enable you to quickly capture professional-quality videos with ease. In addition to these cutting-edge videography features the latest Reno5 is also equipped with ultra-fast 50W Flash Charge, ColorOS11.1, and a stunning 6.43-inch AMOLED display with 90Hz Refresh Rate. —PR

Qatar Airways first to achieve 5-Star COVID-19 Airline

DOHA: Qatar Airways has become the first global airline in the world to achieve the 5-Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating by international air transport rating organisation, Skytrax.

The announcement follows a detailed audit, carried out by the Skytrax team in December 2020, which assessed how effectively and consistently the airline's stringent COVID-19 hygiene and safety standards and procedures are adhered to, from flight check-in to on-board aircraft. This included a full review of procedural efficiency checks, visual observation of hygiene and safety levels at all stages of the passenger journey, and on-board Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) sampling tests to measure the potential level of contamination of contact surfaces.

The achievement of the Skytrax 5-Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating is in addition to Qatar Airways' home and hub, Hamad In-

ternational Airport (HIA), recently being named as the first airport in the Middle East and Asia to be awarded a Skytrax 5-Star COVID-19 Airport Safety Rating in December 2020.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker, said: "As an industry leader and the 'World's Best Airline', as named by Skytrax, we are well-used to setting the standard for others to follow. We are delighted that our commitment to providing the most rigorous and comprehensive COVID-19 safety programme in existence within the global aviation community has been recognised with the Skytrax 5-Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating. "This achievement highlights the fastidious measures and procedures Qatar Airways have employed to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our passengers throughout the global pandemic to date, and follows HIA's recent success as the first airport in the Middle East and Asia to

be awarded a Skytrax 5-Star COVID-19 Airport Safety Rating. Skytrax Chief Executive Officer, Edward Plaisted, said: "We congratulate Qatar Airways on being awarded with the highest 5-Star COVID-19 Safety Rating and being the world's first major airline to be certified at this level. Qatar Airways kept flying throughout COVID-19, taking over 3.1 million people home since the start of the pandemic, and it is this experience that enables them to deliver an excellent standard of health and hygiene safety measures to keep customers and staff safe."

Qatar Airways' on-board safety measures include the provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for cabin crew and a complimentary protective kit for passengers. Business Class passengers on aircraft equipped with Qsuite can enjoy the enhanced privacy this award-winning business seat provides, including sliding privacy partitions. —PR

Police recover abducted girl from Sindh

From Our Staff Correspondent

KASUR: Sania Bibi, 21-year old from the area of police station Mandi Usman Wala, was abducted by the suspects, who had sold Sania Bibi in Interior Sindh, whose recovery was challenged for the police.

The heirs of the family filed a petition in the Lahore High Court (LHC), the court had taken notice, and special teams comprising DSP City Muhammad Yaqoob Awan and SHO Usman Wala Rai Muhammad Saadi were formed. Police teams recovered Sania Bibi from Khairpur area of Sindh.

On the recovery of Sania Bibi, and the people of the area gave flowers to DPO Kasur and his team.

Seven members of two dangerous gangs arrested: Seven members of two dangerous robbery



gangs involved in more than two dozen incidents of police crimes, robbery, robbery and motorcycle snatching, were arrested here on Monday Millions of rupees goods, motorcycles and illegal weapons were recovered from the possession of the accused. According to the spokesman Kasur police, the police have started a crackdown against the criminals, during the last 24 hours, two robbery gangs were arrested, police arrested three members of Asjad alias Ajo dacoit gang and recovered more than two million rupees, 5 motorcycles, mobile phones and illegal weapons. The

suspects have revealed more than a dozen incidents in the areas of police station Mustafabad, Sadar Kasur and Khudian, as well as Kot Radha Kishan police.

Injured robber nabbed: During the dangerous robbery, the police arrested a robber in the injured condition, the search for two escaped robbers continued.

According to the Kasur police claim, the Kot Radha Kishan police made a case in the area of Dhing Shah in the area of Khudian area of 25/21, 392. The suspects started firing directly on the police party.

One of the suspects was injured in the firing of the suspects, which was arrested by the police, while the remaining two robbers succeeded in escaping. The injured robber was identified as Ali Haider, Obaidullah from Baig Pur, the robber has been shifted to the hospital in an injured condition, while special teams have been formed to ar-