

## COVID-19 pandemic a huge global challenge

By Atif Ishaq

**SAHIWAL:** The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted huge global challenges and has only increased the daily risks faced by health workers in delivering essential health care services to patients said Dr Zahid Kamal Siddiqui.

In this view of the ongoing lockdown and improvement in the number of corona virus patients in the country. A meeting of the executive committee chaired by Principal Medical College Zahid Kamal Siddiqui was held in Sahiwal and important decisions were made. All the operations that were partially closed in the hospital during covid have been restored.

Dr. Siddiqui has said that all the outdoor department has also been reopened so that the difficulties faced by the public in the treatment can be minimized. Some of our worthy members fell victim to the corona virus, which led to the temporary closure of operating theaters in various departments. He said during this pandemic every effort was made to provide all possible facilities to the patients in the hospital besides the fear of Corona virus.



LAHORE: A group of local singers perform during the inaugurating ceremony of the (Adab Lahore) in lawn of Al-Hamra Arts Council. —Online

## Art Gallery to hold 'Femininity and Temporality' exhibition

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Tanzara Art Gallery will hold an art exhibition themed "Femininity and temporality" on February 4 that will feature works of renowned Shanghai based, Pakistani artist Irfan Cheema.

According to an official, they will be presenting different events including Art exhibition, music, readings, mural paintings, mime, live art, crafts display and various performances. He said that theme based paintings will be displayed including crafts work.

He said that in this exhibition 26 paintings will be displayed which may all be described as beautiful and attributes such as pattern and decoration, nature, sensuality and clarity of colour.

— 70th death anniversary

## Chaudhry Rehmat Ali remembered

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chaudhry Rehmat Ali who created the name of Pakistan and authored famous pamphlet "Now or Never; Are We to Live or Perish Forever" was remembered on his 70th death anniversary on Wednesday to pay homages for his unforgettable services for nation.

Chaudhry Rehmat Ali was a Muslim nationalist who was one of the earliest proponents of the creation of the state of Pakistan.

Chaudhry Rehmat Ali was born in Hoshiarpur district of Eastern Punjab on November 16, 1897. He proposed the advice first time in 1915 during the inauguration session of Bazz-e-Shibli in Islamia College Lahore, private channels reported.

He emphasized that Northern areas of Hindustan shall change into a Muslim state.

He went to England in 1929 where he published a pamphlet titled "Now or Never" on January 25, 1933. In this pamphlet he had presented a notion of separate homeland for Muslims of subcontinent and proposed its name "Pakistan".

However Chaudhry Rehmat Ali's dream came to true on August 1947. In 1933 he founded Pakistan National Movement in England. Subsequently he obtained a BA Degree in 1933 and MA in 1940 from the University of Cambridge and in 1943 he visited the Bar middle Temple Inn London. He died at the age of 53 in England on February 03, 1951 in a hospital of Cambridge, UK and laid to rest.



# Brutalities of Modi regime fully exposed before world: CM

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has directed that Kashmir Solidarity Day be celebrated with full zeal, fervour and devotion.

In a statement, he appealed to the citizens to actively participate in congregations and rallies to be held on this day while following corona SOPs. A host of functions will be held in the province to commemorate the Kashmir Solidarity Day to give a strong message to the Hindu supremacist Modi regime and the global community that Kashmir belongs to Pakistan, he added.

The CM said the whole nation will express its complete solidarity with the Kashmiri brethren on February 5 that oppressed Kashmiris are not alone in their struggle for freedom. A strong voice will be raised against Indian oppression and brutalities as 220 million people firmly stand with Kashmiris, he said. Pakistan and Kashmiris are Siamese twins, he stressed. Wickedness and brutality of the Modi regime has been fully exposed before the world and India cannot retain its

## Buzdar directs to fully celebrate Kashmir Solidarity Day

illegal occupation over occupied Jammu & Kashmir any longer. Modi believes in Hitler's philosophy of racial supremacy and this would, eventually, balkanise India, concluded the CM.

**CM's committee meets to end illegal occupations in Journalists Colony**  
CM's Committee members Provincial Minister for Law Raja Basharat and Special Assistant for Information Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan chaired an important meeting on the issue of illegal occupancies in Journalist Colony Lahore at Civil Secretariat on Wednesday.

Information Secretary Raja Jahangir Anwar, CCPO Ghulam Mehmood Dogar, President Lahore Press Club Arshad Ansari, Senior Vice President Javed Farooqi, officers from relevant departments and Journalists Housing Foundation officials were also present.

The house discussed the prospects regarding evacuation of illegal possessions in Block B of Journalists Colony.

Raja Basharat said that four blocks had been settled in Sahafi Colony while the issue of Block B would also be solved. He said that Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar had given clear instructions to end illegal occupancies in Sahafi Colony.

Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan said, "we have to decide how to end these illegal occupancies which have been going on for years. We'll continue our efforts until the deserving journalists get their due right." The CCPO assured that as soon as the competent authority would give instructions, the operation would be started.

Arshad Ansari said that the illegal occupancies had been going on for last 15 to 18 years and it was getting very late to end them so all the concerned departments should work together to get the possession. The Law Minister convened a meeting next week and directed the Senior Member Board of Revenue, Secretary Law, Additional Advocate General, Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Lahore to also ensure their participation.

He said despite the small number of safety kits, our esteemed colleagues continued their public service. In the meeting of the Executive Committee, Prof. Zahid Kamal appreciated the performance of the staff of Sahiwal Medical College and DHQ. The meeting of Executive Committee was chaired by Principal Prof. Dr. Zahid Kamal Siddiqui, it was decided that all the operation theaters of all the departments are being restored. The operation facility in DHQ Sahiwal will be available for whole of the week for the general public, he added.

## Rs 456,000 fine imposed on profiteers

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The price control magistrates imposed Rs 456,000 fine on several shopkeepers over profiteering and overcharging in various parts of the provincial capital here on Wednesday.

According to the city district administration's spokesman, the magistrates inspected 1,083 points and found 136 violations while cases were also registered against seven violators.

In line with special directives of the deputy commissioner, price control magistrates were conducting raids in the city to ensure availabil-



LAHORE: A young boy buys balloons from a street vendor outside his house. —Online

## OPPO sponsor of Peshawar Zalmi for HBL PSL 2021



**LAHORE:** OPPO the smart device brand signed an MoU with Peshawar Zalmi ahead of HBL PSL 6. The MoU was formally signed by Zalmi Chairman Javed Afridi and Mr. Jeff, Sales Director from OPPO. HBL PSL 6 will see OPPO as the official smartphone and IoT partner of Peshawar Zalmi

On the occasion, Peshawar Zalmi Chairman Javed Afridi expressed his happiness upon reaching a sponsorship agreement with OPPO. "Today is a historic day as we have signed an MoU with OPPO, which is a market leader with a huge presence all over the world and we aim to make this partnership long-term".

Mr. Jeff, Sales Director of OPPO Pakistan said, "OPPO is proud to be one of the official sponsors of Peshawar Zalmi. —PR

## Babar hints at going with winning combination in 2nd

By Our Staff Reporter



**LAHORE:** Pakistani Skipper Babar Azam has hinted to go on with the winning combination of the first Test in the second game against South Africa beginning Thursday at the Pindi Stadium, Rawalpindi, saying but the final call on the Playing XI would depend on the conditions on the day.

"We are also seeing the same thing, but the final verdict on the Playing XI will be finalized after seeing the pitch, weather and conditions. You never know what the conditions will be on day as it was also cloudy today," he said in a virtual press conference on Wednesday.

Babar said the team prepared very well during the practice sessions and the players were high in morale after winning the first Test against South

second Test. "We will plan by keeping in mind the five day game and the combination best for the team will be played," he said.

Babar said he would be missing the Rawalpindi crowd which gave him so much love and honour when he scored a 143 in the Test match against Bangladesh last year.

"When I was going to the wicket from the dressing room, the crowd cheered and backed me. You get a lot of confidence from it as it helps you performing better. Keep supporting and backing us. Unfortunately we cannot see you but you can," he said.

He also lauded youngsters Abdullah Shafiq and Saud Shakeel saying they have been performing well. "We are also trying to give them confidence which is needed in international cricket," he said.

## CM's Covid Fund to be used for vaccines procurement: Bakht

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Chief Minister's Covid Fund will be used for vaccines procurement while the decision of vaccinated to the government employees or only deserving people would be made in the light of the recommendations of the finance and health departments.

Further, the increase in the incentives of the doctors and other staff of the Specialized Healthcare Department would be made in accordance of the individual performance.

The condition of performance-based additional incentives to improve service delivery will be gradually extended to all social sector entities. Three new service centers will be set up in three more districts in the ongoing financial year under the Punjab Information Technology Board. In the new financial year,

the board will ensure the presence of service centers in each district. Further, Allama Muhammad Iqbal Wall will be constructed in Iqbal Park. The department should ensure the protection of the importance of cultural heritage during the renovation of historic buildings and gardens. These views were expressed by Punjab Finance Minister Makhdoom Hashim Javan Bakht presiding over the 52nd meeting of the Cabinet Standing Committee on Finance and Development at the Chief Minister's Secretariat here on Wednesday.

The provincial minister directed the health department to provide doctors and medical staff in hospitals. Developing a strategy for consulting consultants from the private sector to evaluate performance. He instructed increasing reliance on non-human resources to monitor performance. He believed

that individual performance reports will create opportunities for correction of negligence. More than 12 recommendations were made by various departments in the meeting. Funds for payment of salaries of daily wage employees of Vocational Training Centers and grant-in-aid for bone transplant for Lahore High Court Judge Shakeel-ur-Rehman have been approved. The meeting approved the appointments for the recruitment of food grains inspectors and supervisors by the food department.

The provincial minister directed the finance secretary to review the legal issues for bringing the distribution of aid among the beneficiaries under the Zakat and Ushr department under the Punjab Social Protection Authority. The Department of Information and Culture, after reviewing the policy, should justify the seats

## 'India has turned IOJ&K into biggest prison on earth'

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Provincial Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Culture, Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi, said on Wednesday that India had turned Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJ&K) into the biggest prison on earth and using military might to silence and subjugate the Kashmiris since long.

Talking to APP here, Nadeem Qureshi urged the international community to play decisive role to resolve the decades old conflict and enable the Kashmiri people exercise their right to self-determination as per resolutions of the United Nations.

He said that the seminars and rallies would be held under auspices of Punjab Kashmir Committee across the province to express solidarity with Kashmiri people on Feb 5.

He said that ceremonies will be organised at district level while special buses will be plied on roads of Divisional Headquarters and Punjab capital Lahore to convey message to international community about Indian atrocities in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJ&K).

Nadeem Qureshi said that the valley had become biggest prison and Kashmiri people were facing the longest lockdown of the world.

## PNCA launches a book titled 'Tragedy in Kashmir'

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) in collaboration with Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Wednesday launched a book titled "Tragedy in Kashmir".

Written by (late) Abdul Haq Suharwardy the first and only Kashmiri origin Chief Secretary of Azad Kashmir after partition, the author has comprehensively covered the struggle for freedom by Kashmiri Muslims despite the atrocities put forward before the partition.

The book also covers the narrative of the fool play and sinful plot of Nehru family and the British raj that made the heavenly valleys of Kashmir into a living hell for their true citizens. The story of how Muslim majority districts of Gurdaspur and Batala were given to India to establish a road connection to India.

The tragedy of Kashmiri leadership, Sheikh Abdullah was also nar-

rated whose lack of foresight ended up in the debacle of the Indian Occupation of Kashmir.

Finally, the heroic struggle of the tribal people and Poonchi were also discussed where exarmy servicemen who were successful in liberating what we now know as Azad Jammu and Kashmir, including Gilgit and Baltistan. The book traces how the Kashmiris, a race of strong fighters in the days of Sultan Shahabuddin, changed over 200 years of Sikh oppression and subjugation.

Book also narrated the development of the Muslim Conference and later its division into the National conference led by Sheikh Abdullah and a Muslim conference which was a popular party but lacked a recognizable public leader.

How Mr Nehru identified Mr Abdullah and developed a strong relationship with him, showering him with favors to induce him to support accession to India.

It details the background intrigues involving the Radcliffe commission, the British government in India with Indian leaders to pave the way of accession to India by subterfuge and clever manoeuvring.

Speaking on the occasion Federal Minister for Education and National History and Culture Division Shafiq Mehmood stated that this is a very important time in the history of Kashmir and this book on the bases of content and ideology is most relevant and resonates to the current situation. He appreciated the efforts of Dr Zarqa and DG PNCA for making this event happen. Senator Waleed Iqbal enlightened the sacrifices of Kashmiri people and suggested a way forward under the vision of Dr Allama Iqbal.

DG PNCA Dr Fouzia Saeed gave a brief insights on PNCA activities on Kashmir Solidarity Day and shared her thoughts on the extra ordinary efforts by Dr Zarqa in these critical times.