

Quaid-e-Azam Business Park being developed as SEZ: CM

DGK Chamber of Commerce and Industry chief calls on CM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: President Dera Ghazi Khan Chamber of Commerce & Industry Kh. Jalaluddin Roomi called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office and discussed the promotion of the industrial sector in DG Khan and other parts of south Punjab.

He also briefed the CM about the establishment of almonries in Koh-e-Suleman areas adjoining the province of Baluchistan.

Talking on the occasion, the CM disclosed to introduce the cottage business housing concept to provide the facility of work and lodge in the province. This will accord self-employment, as well as the living facility, to the working women, he added. Meanwhile, Quaid-e-Azam Business Park was being developed as a model special economic zone. The provision of necessary facilities, including electricity and water, will be completed soon as MoU has also been signed for the construction of interchange to approach the motorway, he added.

The CM affirmed that an underground power supply and combine treatment plant will be installed in Quaid-e-Azam Business Park along with the establishment of the industrial zone in Muzaffargarh through a public-private partnership mode. He accentuated to fully utilize the industrial potential of south Punjab and assured to build industrial zones in Muzaffargarh and Bahawalpur on a fast-track basis.

The government is attempting to develop backward areas by promoting trade and industry as it will create more job opportunities, he continued. The chief minister iterated that special attention has been paid to establish industries for developing undeveloped areas and assured to provide necessary facilities to the business community as it plays an important role in jobs' generation. Usman Buzdar expressed the satisfaction that the scope

of almonries was being expanded to far-flung areas to fulfill the vision of PM Imran Khan. The establishment of the facility of almonries is a step towards a welfare State and the cooperation of the business community is praiseworthy in this regard, he added.

Jalaluddin Roomi iterated that the business community sides with the government in its efforts for public welfare and assured to extend full cooperation to run almonries.

Meanwhile, health and educational projects were being completed in Balochistan, Sindh, North Waziristan, south Punjab and free medicines were also provided in various Multan hospitals. Similarly, stipends were also being given to the needy students of south Punjab for professional education, he added. Industries Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal, secretary industries, CEO PIEDMC and others were also present.

CM expresses grief over loss of lives: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has expressed sorrow and grief over the loss of precious human lives in accidents due to rain and thunderstorm in Lahore and other cities. He extended sympathies to the bereaved families and directed the administration to provide the best treatment to the injured. All-out resources be used for rescue; he added and prayed for early recovery of the injured.

PAF contingent takes charge of Guard Duties at Mazar-e-Iqbal: Pakistan Day was celebrated at all Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Bases and installations with traditional zeal and fervor whereas a smartly turned out contingent of the Pakistan Air Force took over guard duties from Satluj Rangers. The Guard Mounting and Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at the Mausoleum of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, Lahore. The day long celebrations started with special prayers after Fajar for the solidarity, progress and prosperity of Pakistan and the Muslim World, said a PAF news release.



LAHORE: A large number of the workers of Waste Management moving towards Punjab Assembly in decorated tractors with Pakistan Flag and banners during rally regarding Pakistan Day.

Pakistan Day a great milestone in Pakistan Movement: Yasmin

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid has said that Pakistan Day, 23 March, is extremely important milestone in the history of the Pakistan Movement. People pledged to gain freedom on this..

In her message, the Health Minister said that the day reminds us to achieve freedom after immense sacrifices. Today is the day to remember the great hard work and commitment of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and the heroes of the struggle of Independence. The Pakistan Day movement

gave new hope to the nation.

The journey to reconstruction of Pakistan shall continue under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan. Every individual will have to play positive role in the development of the nation.

The Health Minister said, "We pledge to make Pakistan a prosperous nation on Pakistan Day. We are serving people to provide best quality healthcare services to people. Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah had dreamed of giving equal rights to all citizens of Pakistan. According to the Vision of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, the Prime Minister wants to give equal

rights to all people and Sehat Sahulat Card is testimony to that."

Raja Basharat greets people on Pakistan Day: Punjab Law and Cooperatives Minister Raja Basharat on Tuesday wished the people a happy Pakistan Day. In a special message on Pakistan Day, he said that March 23, 1940 would always be remembered in the history of Pakistan.

"On this day, our elders through a resolution laid the foundation for the establishment of a separate homeland for Muslims of the subcontinent and today, we are proud to be the citizens of an independent and nu-

clear power," he added. Raja Basharat said the whole Pakistani nation was paying salute to the greatness of all workers of Pakistan Movement including Quaid-e-Azam. "Today, we pledge that we will make our country a Pakistan of Quaid and Iqbal in the true sense of the word", he asserted.

Today, the reins of Pakistan were in the hands of an honest and sincere leadership, he said and added that we pledge that under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan we will make Pakistan a stable and developed country and restore its lost dignity.

Everything is not about fitness, skills also count: Sharjeel Khan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan opening batsman Sharjeel Khan has said that he is focusing on improving his fitness adding that everything is not about fitness, but skills also count.

Talking to media virtually here on Tuesday, Sharjeel said: "Being a sportsperson, I am working on my fitness but also not ignoring my batting as I batted for two hours previous day. For me, everything is not about fitness but your skills also count. Fitness is important and I am working on improving it and have been doing all season."

About his fitness, the batsman said: "There is no issue of fitness as such. I have played in the domestic season and have been playing cricket for the past seven months. I have played eight first class games, eleven T20s, five PSL games and seven one-day games in the Pakistan Cup. Thanks to the Almighty, my fitness has not been the cause of any problem in any of these games."

"Every player has different requirements for fitness, and I am following the fitness plans given to me by domestic teams and the Pakistan team, and I will do my best to achieve the required fitness levels. Yesterday, I did a fitness session which was designed specifically for



me and I did 15 kms of running overall in the day. I am hopeful to achieve the benchmark set for the team very soon," he asserted.

When asked whether he had any bad feelings on return to the Pakistan dressing room, he replied: "All these players, I am with, are the ones I have been playing in domestic cricket and I have been welcomed well and also been given a lot of support by the management and the team. Its a good environment and I am feeling very well." "The past is the past, my only focus now is to perform well and my target has always been to play my natural game and to win games with my good performances."

About his set goals and targets, Sharjeel said: "This is my first tour of South Africa and I have been se-

lected for the T20I squad and its my aim to perform in a way that helps the team win. I always have short-term targets, and my current target is to do well in Lahore camp. When I go to South Africa, I will make other targets once I have seen the conditions there."

Replying to another query, the opening batsman said: "There is no pressure on me as no one from the team management has spoken to me about this. My own focus has always been on my performance. The coaching staff is very experienced and professional. All these players have been our legends, and its everyone's wish to learn from them. I have spent a lot of time with Misbah during the PSL and also played alongside him in international cricket. I am quite happy to learn as much as I can from these legends."

About preparing to play his pull shots on fast South Africa pitches, he said: "Every player has one shot that they play well. Some can drive, others can cut and pull well. In my case, I only play the ball on merit. If you try and think about your favourite shots only then you will get deceived by the bowler." The batsman said that he is looking to play Test and ODIs as well. "I have been selected for T20Is so that is my only focus at the moment."



Bait-ul-Maal chief announces providing artificial leg, arms to a disabled man

LAHORE: Viral Christian couple heart melting love story has been surfacing on social media for last two days and Netizens are loving them both for their outright commitment and loyalty. Still if you aren't aware about them, the man you can see is Dawood, who was severely injured by an electric shock and doctors had to cut his both arms and a leg to save his life. Despite knowing his disability, Dawood love's Sana still married him by going against her family likings and left her family for Dawood without taken into consideration the facts that Dawood is disable. Dawood demanded authorities for the financial help and provision of artificial limbs so that he could get up again on his leg and work by himself from his arms and start earning to provide bread and butter for his family. On Tuesday, Chairman of Bait ul Mal Malik Azam came with his team at Dawood's house and announced to provide artificial leg and arms along with financial. —Imran Aslam

Pakistan Day seminars held at UO

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A series of seminars were held at the University of Okara in connection with the Pakistan Day. The first event was organized by the Department of Communication Studies while the Department of Political Studies and Department of International Relations organized a joint session to sensitize the students on the significance of Pakistan Resolution and Pakistan Ideology. The UO Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Muhammad Zakria Zakar, in his special message on the eve said that it was imperative to impart the youth the essence of the Two Nation Theory and how our ancestors struggled and sacrificed for the establishment of an independent homeland for the Muslims of the Subcontinent. Highlighting



the role of the Muslim press in Pakistan movement, Dr Zahid Bilal, In-Charge Department of Communication Studies, told that journalism was meant to empower the downtrodden and bring positive change in the society. Usman Shamim, In-Charge Department of Political Science, discussed the events that led to the Pakistan resolution and urged the students to ensure their healthy political participation in order to ensure rule of law and democracy in the country.

Pakistan's hunger-free initiative to uplift low-income families, enhance social protection

The Business Report

ISLAMABAD: Aftab Khan, 46, has been selling mobile phone accessories near a bus stand in Rawalpindi city for almost a decade. Originally from Pakistan's northwest Swabi district, Khan said he makes some 1,000-1,200 rupees a day and sends most of the earnings back to his six-member family in Swabi.

"I would hardly make ends meet with this amount, but the outbreak of COVID-19 in the country last year has made situation even worse as I could not earn enough money to support my family," he said.

Under such circumstance, Khan said he had been struggling to afford quality food for himself as he would send major chunk of the income to his family. Thanks to the recently launched hunger-free initiative, he can now have freshly-cooked and free-of-cost food. "I used to spend around 300 rupees on food per day, but recently I am getting free food from food trucks roaming in the city. I

feel elated that by the end of this month I would be able to send back more money," he said. The Pakistani government has recently kicked off a "no one goes to sleep hungry" initiative under the Ehsaas program, a major poverty alleviation initiative of the incumbent government benefiting millions of poor across the country. The needy individuals will be able to feed themselves twice a day at various points including near hospitals, bus stations and public places, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Poverty Alleviation Sania Nishtar said, adding that the program has initially been started in Islamabad and Rawalpindi, and would be scaled up soon to other areas of the country. Private donors would also be able to contribute towards the poor-centric program, and the government has set up a donor coordination group within the Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division of Pakistan to engage with the benefactors to make it more financially stable, Nishtar told Xinhua.



LAHORE: Illegal GSM amplifier being installed at a building in violation of rules & regulations.



LAHORE: A man pushes hand cart as an elder person sits on it at Ferozepur Road.