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Augustine greets Hindus on Holi, Christians on Palm Sunday

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Human Rights and Minorities Affairs (HR&MA) Ejaz Alam Augustine has wished Holi to the Hindu community and Palm Sunday to the Christian community. In a statement on Sunday, he said the day of Holi promotes brotherhood and harmony while Palm Sunday having much importance for the Christian community as welcome of Easter. The Minister appealed to the religious leaders to adopt all necessary measures regarding COVID-19 and pray for the development and prosperity of Pakistan.

39 more deaths, 2,823 new cases of coronavirus reported

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: As many as 2823 cases of coronavirus with 39 deaths were reported in Punjab during the last 24 hours.

According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 212,918 while death toll 6,227 and total recoveries 184,297. The P&SHD confirmed that 1725 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, 14 in Kasur, 64 in Sheikhupura, 5 in Nankana Sahib, 149 in Rawalpindi, 3 in Attock, 6 in Jehlum, 4 in Chakwal, 89 in Gujranwala, 14 in Mandi Bahauddin, 5 in Narowal, 13 in Hafizabad, 85 in Sialkot, 33 in Gujrat, 188 in Faisalabad, 44 in Toba Tek Singh, 3 in Chiniot, 8 in Jhang, 56 in Sargodha, 5 in Mianwali, 56 in Khushab, 4 in Bhakkar, 124 in Multan, 3 in Vehari, 6 in Khanewal, 14 in Lodhran, 1 in Muzafargarh, 1 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 1 in Rajanpur, 1 in Layyah, 31 in Rahimyar Khan, 25 in Bahawalpur, 7 in Bahawalnagar, 12 in Okara, 4 in Pakpattan and 20 in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours. The Punjab health department has so far conducted 3,755,082 tests for COVID-19. The Punjab health department has urged the masses to follow SOPs for their protection and cover their faces with masks. The people should wash their hands with soap several times in a day to protect themselves from COVID-19. Contact 1033 immediately on symptoms of coronavirus, the health care department urged the citizens.

53 power pilferers nabbed in South Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco) caught 53 power pilferers during separate operations launched throughout the South Punjab. Mepco official said on Sunday. Mepco teams accompanying task forces raided different places in Multan, Vehari, Sahiwal, Rahimyar Khan, Muzafargarh, Bahawalnagar, Khanewal, and Dera Ghazi Khan and detected theft of over 48,000 electricity units. A sum of over Rs eight lakh fine was imposed on them over involvement in tampering meters, direct supply, installing loop in meters, slowing down meters, meter dead stop and meter screen wash.

Modi turns India into a slaughterhouse for minorities, says Governor

Sarwar terms massacre of 323 Kashmiris during 600 days of inhumane lockdown in Kashmir as worst form of state-sponsored terrorism

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar has termed the massacre of 323 Kashmiris during the 600 days of inhumane lockdown in Kashmir as the worst form of state-sponsored terrorism and said that the protest of millions of Muslims upon the arrival of Narendra Modi in Bangladesh rightfully expresses the outrage towards the anti-peace policy of India.

Pakistan stands firm with Kashmiri brethren in their just struggle for freedom, he said. On

Sunday, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar tweeted a video of Anti-Modi protests in Bangladesh and said that Modi has turned India into a slaughterhouse for minorities, adding that Kashmir is bleeding as the Indian army are killing the innocent Kashmiri youth with impunity.

Modi is also guilty of the massacre of Indian Muslims in Gujarat and the anti-Modi protests in Bangladesh shows that the crimes of Modi are no longer hidden from the world. Governor Punjab further said that India's warm-



ginger has become a major threat to peace in the region. The Muslim Ummah must raise its voice for Kashmiris and Indian Mus-

lims, India is the biggest facilitator of terrorists but Pakistan stands firm with Kashmiris and bilateral ties with India is out of question without resolving the Kashmir issue as per the UN resolutions, he added.

Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar said that during the 600 days of inhumane and illegal lockdown in Kashmir, more than three hundred Kashmiris have been martyred while 753 Kashmiris are undergoing treatment in hospitals after being seriously injured.

The atrocities committed by the Indian forces and RSS terrorists

under the backing of Narendra Modi are highly condemnable. Kashmiris are being deprived of basic Human Rights and the World Peace Organisations must end their indifference towards the Human Rights crisis in Kashmir. He said that India should keep in mind that regardless of its military might, Kashmiris will not back down from their freedom struggle and peace in this region is not possible unless the Kashmir issue is resolved as per the UN resolutions, and Kashmiris must be given their right to self-determination, he reiterated.



LAHORE: A devotee dances (Dhmal) during 432 annual Urs of Madho Lal Hussain shrine as government closed all shrines in all over the country due to 3rd wave of coronavirus.

Minto Park: Muslims parade to independence

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore always enjoyed grandeur owing to its rich cultural and historic values. Its parks, buildings, monuments and culture had been admired by people of every era right from Aibak, Ghurid, Ghaznavid and Mughal dynasties. Its Badshahi Mosque, Shahi Qila, Shalamar Garden and number of other monuments had been source of interest for people of all ages.

However, Minar-e-Pakistan is the most unique and pleasant addition to these monuments. Constructed at Minto Park where Pakistan Resolution was adopted, it stands tall with all its beauty and magnificence reminding Muslims of sub-continent of their great achievement of a separate motherland.

Minto Park, Lahore (known as Iqbal Park and renamed Greater Iqbal Park) was chosen as the site of the three-day general session of the All India Muslim League between March 22-24, 1940 and the adoption of Lahore Resolution, also known as Pakistan Resolution. This resolution had paved way for struggle to achieve a separate state for Muslims of India and the dream came true on August 14, 1947.

Thus, March 23, 1940 became an important milestone in the history of Pakistan Movement.

The venue is also noteworthy as different militaries launched their expeditions from the very 'Parade Ground' in the past during the Muslim, the Sikh and the British rule. But the political gathering of the All India Muslim League for the 27th general session was starkly different as the Muslims paraded to achieve a common goal of independence from colonial yoke.

Tracing origins of Greater Iqbal Park of today, one discovers that park was renamed as Minto Park - renamed after Lord Gilbert Elliot Murray Kynynmound, 1st Earl of Minto, and Governor General of India between 1807-1813. It was renamed as Iqbal Park - after Allama Dr Muhammad Iqbal - once Pakistan was created.

Minto Park, during the Mughal era, made up part of the expansive green lawns adjacent to the huge fruit garden between the Lahore Fort and the Ravi River. The name of the Badami Bagh (Almond Garden) area near the Lahore Fort is most probably derived from the almond garden grown by the Mughal emperor with a large presence of mango and plum trees. This area of the open space consisting of green lawns served as the grounds where the emperors watched ceremonial military parades but after the ascension of the Sikhs into power by 1799, this park was known as 'Parade Ground' as the Sikhs used it for the military parade besides ex-

tending the fruit gardens. After the British captured Lahore in 1849, the British army was housed in the Lahore Fort while the 'exceptionally beautiful garden and parade ground' was used for their daily drills. The British changed the nomenclature of 'parade ground' to give it a thoroughly English ownership. But, after their departure from sub-continent and creation of Pakistan, Muslims of Pakistan renamed it as Iqbal Park. Former Principal, Oriental College, Punjab University (PU), Prof Dr Mazhar Moeen said the Lord Minto was the Governor General of the British East India Company between 1807-1813 and the naming of the park after him symbolizes the whole colonial past of the sub-continent and reflects the British might.

The Lahore Resolution of March 23, 1940, is in fact, a revolt against the colonial rule and a clarion call to the Muslims across the country to wage a struggle for a separate homeland.

"All India Muslim League at its 27th general meeting had adopted the Lahore Resolution at this place. This very Lahore Resolution later became famous as Pakistan Resolution," Mazhar Moeen said. "After creation of Pakistan, keeping in mind the importance of Minto Park, Yaad Gaar-e-Pakistan was constructed at the same place and it was converted into Greater Iqbal Park."

Operation against anti-social elements continues across the province

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the direction of Inspector General of Police Punjab Inam Ghani, the crackdown on anti-social elements across the province has been launched uninterruptedly and crackdown on notorious criminals, illegal arms holders and drug dealers has been intensified. In this regard, Sheikhupura Police under the leadership of DPO Ghulam Mubashir Mekan took emergency measures to arrest anti-social elements this month, which has significantly reduced the crime rate in the district. DPO Sheikhupura Ghulam Mubashir Mekan has said that Sheikhupura police is pursuing zero tolerance policy against anti-social elements.

Police Teams are not only engaged in implementation and enforcement directions by government regarding corona SOPs but also the process of detaining and eliminating of criminals is underway. Showing extraordinary performance during this month 12 accused of 05 dangerous robbery and dacoity gangs have been arrested and 16 cases have been traced out. A large number of stolen goods were recovered from the possession of the arrested accused including Rs. 16 lakh 35 thousand in cash, 5 valuable mobile phones, 03 motorcycles and modern weapons including 3 Kalashnikovs, 8 pistols. As a result of the special operation launched against the proclaimed offenders, 24 A-category criminals and 64 B-category criminals were arrested.

In the ongoing crackdown on illegal weapons, 244 cases were registered this month and 244 criminals were arrested from whose possession 10 Kalashnikovs, 186 pistols of 30 bore, 24 rifles, 24 guns, 3 revolvers, 3 carbines, 2 daggers and a large number of cartridges and bullets were recovered. In the ongoing operation against drug dealers, 115 cases were registered and 87 kg 567 grams of hashish, 12 grams of heroin, 28 grams of opium, 1568 liters of liquor and 2 kilns were recovered from the possession of the accused. Under the National Action Plan, 11 cases were registered under the Temporary Residence Act while under the Punjab Sound System, 9 cases were registered against the persons.



LAHORE: Hindu community people celebrates their religious festival Holi.

Treatment of Parkinson is free at PINS

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Institute of Neurosciences (PINS) has taken a good initiative for the treatment of Parkinson's patients under which the process of purchasing (DBS Implants for Parkinson Disease) at a cost of Rs. 55 million has been started.

As a result, 40 patients suffering from this disease will be able to avail this facility simultaneously. Talking to media, Founder of DBS Treatment in Pakistan Executive Director, PINS and Renowned Neurosurgeon Prof Dr Khalid Mehmood told that under the Prime Minister's Health Vision, Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar and Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmeen Rashid patient-friendly policy, all

facilities at the Institute will be provided free of cost to people suffering from tremors and muscle cramps.

In this regard, if the doctors feel the need for surgery after the medical examination of the patient, then not a single penny will have to be spent for the treatment at "PINS" and the patients will have modern medical facilities in their own country like abroad.

Prof. Dr. Khalid, quoting Parkinson's said that patient's hands tremble and it is not difficult but impossible to hold a cup of tea or a spoon to his mouth.

Similarly, in people with Parkinson's the nerve cells in the brain die and it happens in the deepest part of the brain, in the part from which many movements of the human

body are controlled and which gradually merges with the cerebral cortex.

The initial symptoms of the disease begin to appear ten or twenty years before its full spread, while about 60 to 70 percent of these cells are affected, then the symptoms of Parkinson's begin to appear, he added. ED PINS further told that these include obvious disturbances in body movements, muscle spasms, tremors, or difficulty standing or walking.

Neurosurgeon Khalid added that Parkinson's (tremor) is an expensive treatment which costs around Rs. 10 million abroad and up to Rs. 2.5 million in Pakistan but the present Government has provided resources to provide free facilities to the people suffering from this disease here at