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## Quick Read

### 14 killed, 947 injured in 849 accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** At least 14 people were killed while 947 sustained injuries in 849 road accidents in Punjab during last 24 hours.

Out of the total injured, 549 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals, whereas, 384 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by rescue medical teams, said a spokesman for Rescue 1122 here on Monday.

The analysis showed that 370 drivers, 28 juvenile drivers, 138 pedestrians, and 439 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes. The statistics showed that 208 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 211 persons placing the provincial capital at top of the list followed by 81 in Faisalabad with 89 victims and at third Multan with 76 accidents and 88 victims.

As many as, 692 motorcycles, 135 rickshaws, 98 cars, 37 vans, 10 buses, 34 trucks and 107 other vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in the road traffic accidents.

### Govt asks schools to provide fee 20pc concession in April/May

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** In order to provide relief to the parents, the government has decided to provide 20 percent fee concession to students of private educational institutions during closure of schools due to third wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

According to a notification issued by Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA), in continuation of closure of all educational institutions till further orders owing to spike in the epidemic positive cases, private educational institutions are advised to grant concession of 20 percent in monthly fee of students with effect from April, 2021 till their reopening.

However, as per notification, the said concession policy is not applicable on private educational institutions charging monthly tuition fee less than Rs 8000.

Further, fee challan (if already issued/paid for April/May 2021) contrary to above fee concession policy that needs to be adjusted in next month fee whereas parents/guardians are also advised to pay fee in a timely manner.

### PFA seals six food outlets over rules violation

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Monday sealed six food points over multiple violations of the Punjab Pure Food Regulations.

The food safety teams registered cases against two food points and served warning notices for improvement to 4,880 food joints. Around 9,850 liters of beverages and 1,050 liters of sub-standard milk were discarded during checking. PFA Director General Rafaqat Ali Naswana said that food safety teams in-

# Opp favouring rigging in elections by opposing electoral reforms: Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that the opposition is favouring rigging in elections by opposing the electoral reforms.

The government wants transparent elections in the country whose results are acceptable for both winners and losers. Transparent elections will strengthen the democracy and parliament in the country. Opposition must give up stubbornness and ego-based politics, he added.

He was addressing a function at Iqbal Town Gulshan Block on Monday and talking to the media.

Mian Ahsan from Business Community, Political Secretary to Governor Punjab Mian Kashif Iqbal and others were present on the occasion while Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar will convene the 31st session of the Punjab Assembly today (Tuesday) at 11:30 am. Important government matters will be dealt with in the ses-



sion.

Talking to the media, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Prime Minister Imran Khan has been talking about transparent elections in the country since day one, adding that now the government is inviting the opposition for dialogue regarding electoral reforms and elec-

tronic machine system, but the opposition has again refused to talk about electoral reform, which is also a denial of democracy.

In response to a question, Governor Punjab said that the opposition, which has always demanded transparent elections, is now running away from electoral reforms and is in fact supporting electoral rigging in

the country. "I once again urge the opposition parties to reconsider their stance and negotiate with the government for electoral reforms and the opposition parties must also fulfill their responsibility for transparent elections in the country," he maintained.

Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that transparent elections in the country are the demand of every Pakistani, and the government is repeatedly inviting the opposition for dialogue regarding the transparent elections. The public is witnessing that the attitude of the opposition is not in line with democracy and national aspirations. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar in response to a question about Coronavirus said that the number of Corona patients is increasing across the country. In these circumstances, the government has no option but to ensure strict implementation of the SOPs. "If everyone fulfils his responsibility, we will definitely succeed in defeating Corona. We salute everyone, including the doctors and medical staff who are battling



LAHORE: People buy shoes from a market during the preparation of Eid.

### Basharat orders stern action against kite-flyers

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Law and Cooperatives Minister Raja Basharat Monday took notice of the death of a man from a kite string in Gujranwala and sought a report about the incident from Inspector General of Police Punjab.

The law minister directed the police and the district administrations across Punjab to take stern action against kite flying and its makers, sellers and buyers.

He said in a statement that there was grave concern over the increasing number of deaths from kite string across Punjab during the recent days, which showed that kite-flying paraphernalia was being sold in the streets despite clear instructions of the government to curb the menace.

### Court extends physical remand of Javed Latif till 7th

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** A local court on Monday extended physical remand of PML-N MNA Javed Latif for another four days in defaming institutions case.

Earlier, the police produced Javed Latif before Duty Magistrate Zunaira Zafar at Model Town courts in an armoured vehicle on expiry of his remand term.

The investigation officer requested the court to extend physical remand for poly graphic test.

However, the defence counsel opposed the request, saying that no further remand was required.

The court, after hearing arguments of the parties, extended remand for another four days and directed for producing the accused on May 7. It is pertinent to mention here that Javed Latif was arrested on April 27 after a sessions court dismissed his bail application in defaming state institutions case. Township police on March 20 registered a case against Mian Javed Latif for allegedly hurling insults at the state and its institutions in a talk show.

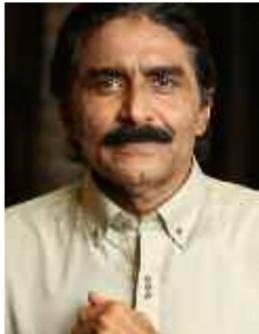
## We got such potential player after a long time, Miandad lauds Babar

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Batting legend Javed Miandad believes Pakistani Skipper Babar Azam was the best in the world at the moment saying Pakistan has got such a player, after a long time.

"He's a superb player and after a long time Pakistan has got such a player. I rate him on a very high level and I think he is the best in the world at the moment. He plays solid with the bat and that is cricket. He is a very good striker and plays in the middle in his limit which is a very good quality," he said in a video on his YouTube channel.

It may be mentioned here that recently Babar Azam became the



fastest cricket player to reach the milestone of 2,000 runs in the Twenty20 international format, having accomplished the feat in

just 52 innings.

The prolific batsman bagged the record during Pakistan's deciding third and final T20 against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club. The Lahore-born cricketer has scored 2,194 runs in 31 Tests, 4,077 runs in 85 ODIs and 2,168 runs in 58 T20s.

The former skipper, who scored 8,832 runs in 124 Tests, said people expect a lot when a player performs.

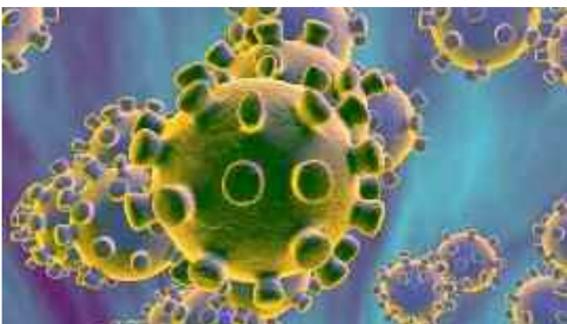
"If you want to increase your level then you have got a very good chance as you are in form. A player learns when he is in good form as this is the time when you are mentally very strong and free of mind," he said.

He was of the view that a player also plays bad shots during his innings while scoring a 100. "A player should identify and improve those bad shots he played during his innings as then he will go on scoring 200 to 300 runs," he said.

Miandad, who scored 7,381 runs in 233 ODIs, said his father had a lot of influence on him as he used to ask him whether he got out after scoring a 100 or remained unbeaten.

"My father used to tell me that a player should go on scoring a 200 or 300 after making 100 instead of getting out," he said and added that he wants the players to learn on scoring big when they are in form.

## 22 deaths, 2,040 new cases of coronavirus reported in Punjab



By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** As many as 2040 new cases of coronavirus were reported in Punjab on Monday, while the pandemic claimed 22 precious lives in 24 hours which turned the death toll to 8,572.

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 306,929. The P&SHD confirmed that 1049 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in La-

hore, 12 in Kasur, 23 in Sheikhupura, 53 in Nankana Sahib, 94 in Rawalpindi, 1 in Attock, 2 in Jehlum, 20 in Chakwal, 32 in Gujranwala, 17 in Hafizabad, 21 in Mandi Bahauddin, 5 in Sialkot, 5 in Narowal, 30 in Gujrat, 139 in Faisalabad, 11 in Toba Tek Singh, 24 in Chiniot, 26 in Jhang, 22 in Sargodha, 16 in Mianwali, 34 in Khushab, 35 in Bhakkar, 92 in Multan, 50 in Vehari, 15 in Khanewal, 7 in Lodharan, 8 in Muzaffargarh, 18 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 1 in Layyah, 3 in Rajanpur, 11 in Rahimyar Khan, 44 in Bahawalpur, 6 Bahawalnagar, 50 in Okara, 5 in Pakpattan and 59 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours till filing of this news. The Punjab health department conducted 4,639,082 tests for COVID-19 so far, while 253,687 confirmed cases recovered altogether in the province.



LAHORE: A vendor displays plastic bath tub for children on a footpath to attract the customers.