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## Global Road Safety Week closing ceremony

## Governor lauds PES to provide timely response to road traffic victims

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By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Global Road Safety Week closing ceremony was organised at the Governor's House here by the Punjab Emergency Service, in collaboration with the World Health Organisation, to highlight the importance of road safety by reducing the speed of motorbike to 30km per hour for saving lives and reducing serious injuries on roads.

The joint effort was in line with the WHO Strategic Pillars of Road Safety to meet the UN Global Road Safety Targets 2030.

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan, Special Assistant to Chief Minister Punjab on Information Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan, Country Head WHO Pakistan Dr Palitha Gunarathna, rescue officers from Rescue Headquarters, Academy, regional emergency officers, and the WHO officers participated in the event.



In his video message, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar appreciated the efforts of the Punjab Emergency Service to provide timely response to road traffic victims and rescuing 2.8 million victims of road traffic crashes and providing a sense of safety to the citizen of Punjab. He also emphasised reducing the

speed of motorbikes and ensure the wearing of a helmet to make travel safe and reduce the number of road accidents.

Dr Rizwan Naseer, Director General Emergency Services Punjab, briefed the participants about the burden on hospitals due to road traffic crashes in Punjab. He said that Rescue-1122 alone is managing around 900 road traffic crashes daily in Punjab, thus resulting in an accident every 1.6 minute. Unfortunately, around 83 per cent of these road traffic crash victims are associated with motorcycle accidents, resulting in a huge socioeconomic impact on society. He also emphasised collective efforts by the organisations concerned to reduce the number of deaths due to road traffic crashes.

Special Assistant to Prime Minister Dr Faisal Sultan said that the government was committed to reducing the road traffic crashes and the Rescue Service was doing a commendable job in providing a post-crash response in line with the UN WHO

Strategic Pillars of Road Safety. After establishing the post-crash Response system, there is a dire need to work on other road safety pillars as well to reduce an increasing burden of disease. He said reducing the speed of motorbike can save more lives and reduce serious injuries.

WHO Country Representative Dr Palitha Gunarathna Mahipala highlighted the importance of UN Road safety week and the importance of UN WHO 5 strategic pillar of road safety to half the burden by 50 per cent of deaths and serious injuries on roads.

Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan shared her personal experience of road crash before the establishment of Rescue Service. She said now people are lucky as they have an integrated emergency care system of Rescue 1122 for pre-hospital care, but citizen should also take care of their lives especially motorbike riders must reduce speed to save themselves from death and disability for the rest of their lives.

## Quick Read

## PU issues revised LLB admission schedule

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University Department of Examinations has issued revised schedule for online submission of admission forms & Fee for the LLB (5 years) Part-I, II, III, IV & V annual examination 2021 and LLB (3 years) Part-I, II & III annual examination 2021.

According to details, the last date for receipt of Online Admission Forms and Fee of said exams for regular and late college candidates is June 15, 2021 with single fee while the forms can be submitted with double fee from 16-6-2021 to 22-6-2021. Details are available at PU website www.pu.edu.pk.

## Zalmi rope-in Inzi for remaining PSL 6 matches

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Former captain and legendary batsman Inzamam ul Haq has been appointed as Pakistan Super League (PSL) Franchise Peshawar Zalmi's mentor and batting consultant for the remaining matches of PSL 6. Chairman Peshawar Zalmi Javed Afridi welcomed Inzamam into the Zalmi family and expressed delight that the legendary batsman Inzamam, who was the hero of the 1992 World Cup semi-final, has become a part of the Zalmi family, said a press release issued here. Peshawar Zalmi's Director of Cricketing Affairs, Mohammad Akram said Inzamam was one of the great batsmen in the history of Pakistan. "Inzamam's extensive experience will help Zalmi's batsmen, especially youngsters to learn a lot from him," he said. Inzamam had scored 11,739 runs in 378 ODIs and 8,830 runs in 120 Tests for Pakistan.



## Rs 208,000 fine imposed on sugar rate violations

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The city district administration has conducted a crackdown to regulate the sugar price on the government announced rates and imposed Rs 208,000 fine on various shopkeepers in provincial capital during the last three weeks.

According to a spokesperson for the district administration on Saturday, the price control magistrates inspected 2,626 spots and found 103 shopkeepers involved in selling sugar at high rates. As many as 28 of those were also booked over violation and 75 shopkeepers were imposed fine during the crackdown.

Deputy Commissioner Muddasir Riaz Malik directed the price control magistrates to ensure sale of sugar at fixed prices. He said that sugar should be sold at the government fixed rates in the city. The deputy commissioner warned that crackdown would continue on those who sell sugar on high rates.



LAHORE: Women workers of Jamat-e-Islami (Women Wing) hold placards during protest rally to show solidarity with the Palestinian.

## Punjab govt to set up Sahulat Bazaars in cities: Chief Secretary

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the directions of the Prime Minister to ensure availability of eatables at officially fixed rates, the Punjab government has decided to establish Sahulat bazaars in all cities and issued instructions to the deputy commissioners to complete necessary arrangements in this regard.

The instructions were issued in a meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary Punjab at the Civil Secretariat.

The meeting reviewed the prices of essential commodities, especially flour, sugar, poultry,

and the establishment of Sahulat bazaars. Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the availability of flour, sugar, and other commodities at discounted rates in the Sahulat bazaars would be ensured.

He directed the officers to make functional Sahulat bazaars at the tehsil level as early as possible. He said that the prices fixed by the government would be implemented as per the instructions of the Prime Minister and Chief Minister of Punjab. He said that the prices, demand, and supply of food items in the open market should be closely monitored. He

also issued orders for devising a mechanism to control the prices of poultry. The Chief Secretary asked the officers to provide the required facilities to the farmers for setting up farmer platforms in the Sahulat bazaars. He said that farmers would be able to sell vegetables and fruits directly to consumers on these platforms. He remarked that the establishment of private agricultural markets should be encouraged to control the prices of fruits and vegetables effectively.

The Agriculture Secretary mentioned that his department had issued 42 licenses to the private sector for the establishment of

fruits and vegetable markets. The meeting was briefed that a crackdown on profiteers and hoarders is underway across the province and the authorities arrested 3099 persons, registered 2413 cases, besides imposing fines of Rs. 98.6 million on violators. The official also recovered thousands of sacks of sugar, wheat, and flour during action against hoarders. The administrative secretaries of agriculture and food, commissioner Lahore, CEO Urban Unit, director of food, and officers concerned attended the meeting whereas deputy commissioners participated through video link.

## Doctors always ready to help Palestinian brothers: Dr Zafar

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Ameeruddin Medical College & Lahore General Hospital Principal Prof. Dr. Sardar Muhammad Al-freed Zafar has said that doctors and other medical personnel associated with the medical profession are always ready to help their Palestinian brothers and sisters. He added that if the Government allows them to become part of the team to provide medical assistance to the victims of Israel's brutal aggression then they are ready to go for treatment, there.

In his exclusive talk, here on Saturday, Prof. Al-freed Zafar said that he appeals to all the medical community, philanthropists, especially graduate specialist consultants and physicians of PGMI serving overseas for generous financial support to their Palestinian brethren as they must have full confidence that the every penny of their money raised will be honestly deposited in the Palestinian Relief Fund. In addition, medicines are also needed to treat the wounded Palestinians and people can donate in the form of medicines as well. He pointed out that Bait-ul-Islam, which has access to Palestine, should fully be supported for this noble cause and should not spare a single minute to help their Muslim brothers of Palestine.

Principal PGMI added that the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan and Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi have also boldly expressed the sentiments of the Pakistani people and have made our position known all over the world. He said that the Pakistani nation would play its full role in alleviating the plight of the Palestinians and in this regard, children, the elderly and women would stand side by side with Palestine in this hour of need. He claimed that protests and solidarity rallies in support of the oppressed Palestinians against the Israeli aggression are proving that we are all one like a leaden wall and the enthusiasm shown by children in Palestine is commendable.

## Buzdar focusing on saving his govt instead of reducing inflation, unemployment: Murtaza

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Parliamentary leader in the Punjab Assembly Syed Hassan Murtaza has said that the focus of Buzdar is on saving his government instead of reducing inflation and unemployment.

"It is no longer possible to buy flour, sugar, oil, vegetables, farmers or clerks are calling for bad governance of every section of the rulers", he said.

He further said that the salaries of government employees should be increased by at least 50 per cent.

"The PPP had increased the salaries of government employees

by 150 per cent during its tenure.

A bag of flour is being sold at Rs 1,200 and a sack of flour at Rs 550. Hassan Murtaza said that a new storm of inflation and unemployment would come from the budget of PTIF."

Meanwhile, the government has failed to curb inflation and unemployment and the people will not be satisfied with the fake reports of the government committee, said Raja Pervez Ashraf, former Prime Minister and chief organizer of PPP Central Punjab. He said in a statement that the latest report of the SBP was exposing the government's performance.

The present government has imposed a further debt of Rs 146 trillion on the country in the last two

and a half years.

In the last one week, the prices of consumer goods have gone up by 1.21 to 12.74 per cent.

He said that the daily increase in electricity and gas prices has cooled the hearth of the poor man.

The economic team of the party has failed, more inflation bombs will be dropped in the budget, he said that those who came to the government in the name of accountability are crying for the NAB itself today.

PPP will come to power, support the declining economy and will be the spokesman of the people's aspirations. After the budget, we will organize the PPP in Punjab and bring it to the fore in the form of a new people's power.



LAHORE: Employees of Health Department hold placards during awareness walk regarding 'Dengue Fever' outside the DG Health Office.