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PTI is a strong voice of rights of expatriates: Firdous

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Information Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan has said that the PTI and overseas Pakistanis are conjoined twins who are linked in a relation of mutual trust and harmony, adding that it is included in PTI's manifesto to protect the rights of expatriates.

Talking to the media at Governor House here on Monday, Dr Firdous said the credit goes to PM Imran Khan-led government that has made sincere efforts to ensure the rights of the Pakistanis living abroad. She said the Overseas Pakistanis Commission Punjab of the previous government failed in protecting the rights of expatriates and the PML (N) made it a source of loot and plunder. The Special Assistant said the PML (N) deceived the overseas Pakistanis by siding with the looters and land grabbers. She said the PTI government is working hard to resolve all the problems faced by the expatriates and has proved by giving the right of vote to overseas that PTI is a representative party of the Pakistanis living in different countries of the world. Regrettably, the opposition is unnerved due to the right vote to overseas because corrupt opposition parties have never been sincere with the nation. Dr Firdous criticized the PML (N) leader Ahsan Iqbal for his opposition to the right of vote to overseas and said that why the PML-N absconding leader is busy in conspiracies against the country from London.

Who has given this corrupt fugitive the right of intervention; she enquired and advised the opposition to stop playing politics in the name of overseas. The SACM informed the media that OPC Act has been approved and no one will dare to usurp the rights of overseas Pakistanis. The overseas web portal has been updated to better facilitate the citizens abroad, she said. Responding to a question, Dr Firdous said that PM Imran Khan has emerged as a voice of the nation by announcing that Pakistan will not let its soil be used by any foreign power. We have already paid a heavy price of war at our borders and this will not happen again because national security is an important agenda of the PTI government.

Mufti Azizur Rehman remanded into CIA custody in sexual case

By Our Staff Reporter



LAHORE: A local court on Monday handed over Mufti Azizur Rehman, involved in a sexual assault case, to Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) on four-day physical remand.

Earlier, the CIA produced the accused before Judicial Magistrate Rana Arshad Ali, at Cantt courts. The investigation officer requested the court for granting physical remand of the accused for investigations. The court, allowing the request, handed over the accused to the CIA on a four-day physical remand and directed for carrying out his DNA test and medical check-up. The court also directed the CIA to produce him on expiry of the remand term. The North Cantonment police registered a case against Mufti Rehman for sexually assaulting one of his students after a harrowing video clip of him was widely shared on social media.

Opposition should not politicise issues of national interest: Governor

Proposes reserved seats in National and Provincial Assemblies for Overseas Pakistanis

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar proposed reserved seats in the National and Provincial Assemblies for Overseas Pakistanis so that they can participate in the democratic process of the country.

He said that we would try to reach a consensus with the opposition parties on the issue of giving the right of vote to overseas Pakistanis. Prime Minister Imran Khan's decision to refuse USA to use its airbase is in line with national aspirations. The opposition should not politicize issues of national interest.

Overseas Commission Punjab has resolved 10,000 complaints of overseas Pakistanis in two years, and recovered lands worth 25 million from land grabbers, and handed them over to overseas Pakistanis. He stated this while addressing the conference along with Provincial Information Advisor Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan, Vice Chairman Overseas Commission Punjab Wasim Ramey and others at Governor's House on



Monday. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar, in reply to a question, said that Prime Minister Imran Khan's decision to not give any airbase to the United States is not due to any pressure from the opposition parties but only to safeguard the national interest. The 22 crore people of Pakistan stand with the decision of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

As far as Maulana Fazlur Rehman's statement is concerned, everyone knows that nobody can pressurise Prime Minister Imran Khan, he added. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that the government's decision of giving the right of vote to overseas Pakista-

nis is a historic step and opposition parties should support this decision instead of obstructing it as overseas Pakistanis are playing an exemplary role in Pakistan's economic development.

He said: "I suggest that there should be reserved seats for Overseas Pakistanis in the National and Provincial Assemblies so that they can participate in the country's democratic process." Governor Punjab said that the scope of the Overseas Commission Punjab is now being extended to Tehsil level after districts so that the problems of Overseas Pakistanis can be solved in a prompt manner. He further said that he also thank

the incumbent and former Chief Justice of Lahore High Court who appointed special judges for cases of overseas Pakistanis due to which these cases are being settled within six months.

Talking on the occasion, Special Assistant to CM on Information, Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan, said that in line with the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan, the steps taken by the Overseas Commission Punjab under the leadership of Governor Punjab and Chief Minister Punjab to solve the problems of overseas Pakistanis are unprecedented. The previous governments always ignored the problems of overseas Pakistanis and today all opposition parties including PML-N are opposing giving the right of vote to overseas Pakistanis, adding that we will not allow them to succeed and all rights of overseas Pakistanis will be safeguarded.

Muhammad Wasim Ramey, Vice Chairman, Overseas Commission Punjab, said that District Overseas Pakistanis Committees have been formed in 29 districts for immediate redressal of grievances of Overseas Pakistanis.

Pakistan a peace loving, responsible country: Aleem

-Lauds PM Imran Khan's clear opinion on national issues

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Senior Minister Punjab Abdul Aleem Khan has said that Prime Minister Imran Khan has expressed his clear views on national issues and presented the correct solution which once again gave a realistic and unequivocal stand which is also being appreciated at every forum.

In his tweet on Prime Minister Imran Khan's interview to an American TV channel, Abdul Aleem Khan said that Pakistan is a peace-loving country which is well aware of its national and international responsibilities. He

said that Prime Minister Imran Khan has always been of the view that we should not take part in any war of other country, similarly the opinion he always expressed about Afghanistan is now being acknowledged by the world today. Abdul Aleem Khan further said that Prime Minister Imran Khan has highlighted all issues including Kashmir with India in the last



three years which has given a new and positive identity to Pakistan at international form.

Senior Minister Punjab Abdul Aleem Khan further said that Prime Minister Imran Khan's talk has once again proved that the present Government is better equipped to protect national sovereignty. Undoubtedly, he has raised the head of the entire nation with pride by taking a blunt and

realistic stance and that is why his speech has become an adornment of the international media now-a-days, he added. Abdul Aleem Khan said that in the neighboring countries only peace and stability can guarantee the development and prosperity of the region and Imran Khan wants conditions in India and Afghanistan that can end the existing tensions. Abdul Aleem Khan said that this interview given to an American TV channel was reminiscent of Prime Minister Imran Khan's speech at the United Nations which is a good omen for the country and the nation

Int'l Widows Day to be marked tomorrow

LAHORE: International Widows' Day will be marked tomorrow (Wednesday, June 23) across the globe including Pakistan to address poverty and injustice faced by widows and their children in many countries. The day raise awareness of the violation of human rights that widows suffer in many countries following the death of their spouses. The ultimate goal of the day is to develop resources and policy to empower widows and allow them to have access to education, work, healthcare and lives free of violence and abuse. Enabling them to create a life for themselves and their children following the death of their husband and ending a cycle of poverty and abuse.

In many countries with traditional societies, women find themselves left in poverty when their husband dies. In some countries, these women find themselves denied of inheritance and land rights, evicted from their homes, ostracised and abused. The children of widows also often find themselves affected, withdrawn from school and more vulnerable to abuse, especially in the case of girls. International Widows Day works to encourage action in achieving full rights for widows, highlighting the need for more research and statistics into violence, discrimination and poverty suffered by widows and develop policies and programmes to address the problem. —APP

Training session for staff, police communication officers held at PSCA

LAHORE: Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) Monday organised 5-day training session for the staff and police communication officers regarding gender-based violence (GBV), harassment, sexual assault, communication skills and anger management. The training session was organised in collaboration with two organisations, UNFPA and Rozan. During the training, different sessions were conducted on the topics including psychosocial support for GBV survivors, girls' and children lives vulnerabilities, safety planning for vulnerabilities, skills practice and mental health, ethical standards, documentation, and



LAHORE: Students of Physiotherapy holds placards and shouts slogans during a protest in favour of their demands. —Online

Vaccination centre at Home Economic University opens

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Deputy Commissioner Muddasir Riaz Malik on Monday inaugurated corona vaccination centre at the University of Home Economics for the vaccination of university's employees and students.

The deputy commissioner termed the vaccination center a great facility for the employees of varsity and students, saying that trained vaccinators would remain on duty and standard services would be provided in the centre. He said that vaccination centres

were also being established at various educational institutions of the city. He said that 56 vaccination centres had been established in Lahore.

The DC said that it was the responsibility of every citizen to avoid rumors and play his role to stop spread of COVID-19. He added the government was playing an effective role in controlling the pandemic. He maintained that there was still a need to continue safety measures to curb the spread of virus. He added that so far good results had been achieved from the ongoing vaccination drive. Univer-

sity Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen thanked the Punjab government for setting up vaccination centre at the university in order to provide the best facilities of vaccination to teachers, employees, students. She instructed the students and staff who were not vaccinated as yet would be required to get themselves vaccinated. She maintained that it was also mandatory for all employees of the university to get themselves vaccinated. Employees residing in University Campus need to get their families vaccinated as well, she added.

Call to announce technical allowance for engineers

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: The Institution of Engineers Pakistan (IEP) has demanded the government to immediately announce a technical allowance for engineers of federal institutions or else the nationwide protests will be forced.

These views were expressed by IEP President Javed Younis Apple and Secretary General Engineer Amir Zameer Khan.

Engineer Amir Zameer Khan said in the joint press conference here on Monday that the government did not announce technical



allowance for engineers as promised in the budget. "It is a gross abuse and exploitation of engineers," he said, adding, we need a nationwide protest.

Ameer Zameer Khan said that a committee consisting of two federal ministers was formed. Shibli Faraz and Ali Jan Mohammad had

promised in their talks with Ingers that engineers would be given technical allowances in the budget in the style of provincial institutions.

But unfortunately this could not happen. No funds have been set aside for this in the present budget. Secretary General IEP said that some provinces have implemented it but engineers of some provinces and federal institutions are deprived of this allowance.

He said that for the engineers of federal institutions. He said that this allowance should be announced immediately in the current budget.