

Pak Test players to leave for West Indies on 26th

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: West Indies-bound Pakistan national team's Test players will depart for Barbados on Monday 26 July.

The 11 players that will join the remaining Test players in the West Indies finished their 10-day training and conditioning camp at the National Stadium Karachi today, Saturday, said a spokesman of the Pakistan Cricket Board here.

The players will now enter a bio-secure bubble in a Lahore hotel on 22 July before departing for Barbados. Before entering the bio-secure bubble, the players will undergo Covid-19 tests at their respective home towns on Monday, 19 July, he said.

He said the players will have another round of Covid-19 testing on their arrival in the team hotel in Lahore on Thursday, 22 July. The final round of testing will be conducted on Saturday 24 July before the player's departure in the wee hours of Saturday 26 July to Barbados en-route London. The first West Indies-Pakistan Test will be played at the Sabina Park, Kingston, Jamaica from August 12. —APP

Govt urged to review hike in POL prices

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The business community Saturday demanded the government to revisit its recent decision of hike in POL (petroleum, oil and lubricants) prices.

The businessmen and exporters delegation from Sialkot led by Dr Nouman Idris Butt made this demand in a meeting with Ifrikhar Ali Malik, the President of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation-Cham-



LAHORE: Ladies select and purchase artificial jewellery from vendors stall at Kashmiri Bazar.

Mehmood orders best cleanliness arrangements in cities on Eid-ul-Azha

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Local Government Mian Mahmoodur Rashid on Saturday directed officers concerned to make the best arrangements on Eid for disposal of remains of sacrificial animals and cleanliness of cities. He gave the directive while presiding over a meeting at the Civil Secretariat here on Saturday.

The chief secretary, administrative secretaries of local government and information departments, commissioner, head of the Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) and officers concerned attended the meeting while all commissioners participated through video link. Addressing the meeting, Mahmoodur Rashid said the local government department and solid waste management companies should perform their duties more actively on Eid. Punjab Chief Secretary Jawwad Rafique directed that a comprehensive plan be prepared for disposal of offal of sacrificial animals and sanitation in cities.

The local government secretary briefed the meeting that a control room had been set up to monitor the sanitation activities in the province and leaves of all sanitary workers and staff had been cancelled. The chief executive officer of the LWMC told the meeting that a plan had been devised to make the city zero waste a day before Eid.

Fakhar Imam for strict monitoring of uplift schemes

Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Fakhar Imam on Saturday directed the district administration to keep strict monitoring of uplift work, carried out in different areas of Khanewal district.

He was chairing meeting of District Coordination Committee (DCC) to review the pace of work on different development schemes. The Minister stated that there would be no compromise on quality of work and the officials found demonstrating lethargy would be dealt strictly. The Minister also directed the officers to ensure

completion of targets especially vaccination and plantation across the district. The meeting was also attended by local parliamentarians and officials from different departments.

Augustine seeks report from DC Sheikhpura

Provincial Minister Punjab for Human Rights & Minority Affairs Ijaz Alam Augustine has sought a report from DC Sheikhpura about the violation of human rights in Sheikhpura. According to details, case of violation came into notice of minister through media that some workers of car parking were allegedly locked into wash room of AC Sheikhpura's office.

The minister telephonically directed to DC Sheikhpura immediately released the workers and submit a detailed inquiry report of incident and also provide protection and justice to workers. The minister said in the tenure of PTIs, protection of human rights being ensured and no one would be allowed.

16th death anniversary

Legendary comedian Albelta remembered

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan's renowned film, television actor and comedian Albelta was remembered on his 16th death anniversary on Saturday.

Albelta was born in Gojra, Toba Tek Singh District and came to Lahore at a very young age to become an actor. Albelta had a long film career as comedian but he did not achieve great success on the silver screen, electronic channels reported.

He only had a main role in the film 'Wardatia' and some of his other films were 'Badnam', 'Yaar Maar', 'Ishq Nachawe Gali Gali', 'Allah Ditta', 'Siren', 'International Luttairey', 'Majhoo', 'Abdullah The Great', 'Hero' and 'Khandan'. Albelta's biggest contribution was in the field of theatre. He performed in numerous stage shows and dramas. He was more popular as stage actor and his first film was 'Rishtay' released in 1963. He is recognized as one of the actors who transformed theatre, evolving the present commercial theatre.

He also performed in numerous television plays in his career spanning over 50 years. Comedian Albelta died in Lahore on July 17, 2004. Different news channels were broadcasting packages during morning transmissions to pay tribute to a legendary actor Albelta.



Rain, thundershower likely in Punjab, KP, GB: Met Office

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Rain wind/thundershower predicted in Upper Punjab, Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan during next 24 hours.

According to MET office Islamabad, hot and humid weather is likely to prevail elsewhere in the country.

A Strong monsoon currents are likely to penetrate upper parts of the country from Sunday (evening/night) and may persist till Wednesday. Rainfall in Sindh: Padidan 32, Shaheed Benazirabad 16, Sakrand 08, Dadu 06, Badin 01, Balochistan: Turbat 12, Zhob 06, Khuzdar 01 and Punjab: Sialkot (City) 01. Maximum temperature's recorded as (°C): Sibbi 44, Chillas 43, Mohenjodharo, Rohri and Bahawalnagar 42.



LAHORE: Syed Asad Rizvi with Malik Amir Salam Vice-President Marketing Association of Pakistan Lahore Chapter and council members after his presentation on "From traditional kicks to digital clicks".

Proper medical facilities being provided to patients at LGH

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Post Graduate Medical Institute Principal Prof Dr Sardar Muhammad Al-freed Zafar has issued the performance report of Lahore General Hospital for the last fiscal year according to which 15,48,752 patients were admitted in the Emergency and Outdoor Departments of the General Hospital during this period.

He added that proper medical facilities without prescription fee have been provided while all other departments of the hospital have also performed well which is much higher than previous years. Talking in this regard, Prof. Al-freed Zafar said that despite the unfavorable conditions due to Corona's condition, doc-

tors, nurses and paramedics risked their lives to serve the suffering humanity with full professional dedication and hard work. MS LGH Dr. Abdul Razzaq, Focal Person Emergency Dr. Laila Shafiq, Dr. Abdul Aziz and Administrative Doctors were also present on the occasion.

Principal PGMI urged the citizens to strictly implement the SOPs in view of the 4th wave of Corona on Eid-ul-Adha and especially with more responsibility than ever to stay safe from the Indian Delta epidemic.

He said that it has been observed that delta virus has proved to be very deadly so any kind of negligence can lead to massive loss of lives. Prof. Al-freed said that vaccination and precautionary measures have

become inevitable because life is compulsory for any kind of activity. He clarified that the reunion on Eid-ul-Adha and the movement of relatives from one city to another can lead to the rapid spread of the virus, so people should avoid travel and take care of social distances by sharing the joys of Eid by greeting on mobile phone as modern technology has bridged the distances and you can double the happiness by sending a picture on Whatsapp. He added that after complete eradication of the disease and reduction in its severity, one can go to visit his loved ones and relatives, however, the current situation requires caution so as not to put extra burden on the staff working in the hospitals.

Moonis greeted on becoming federal minister

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League (Q) Women Wing President and Member National Assembly (MNA) Mrs. Farrukh Khan extended her heartfelt congratulations to Moonis Elahi son of Chaudhary Pervez Elahi Speaker Punjab Assembly on becoming federal minister for water resources. In a statement issued here on Saturday, Mrs Farrukh Khan said that Chaudhary Moonis Elahi is an important political personality of Pakistan. His induction into federal cabinet will definitely pave the way for progress and prosperity of our country.

She further stated that services rendered by Chaudhary Moonis Elahi for welfare of common man is also a role model for others to follow. She said that Chaudhary Moonis Elahi has vast experience about water resources of Pakistan and his experience will be utilized for smooth supply of water to various parts of our county.

MacDonald's provides 50,000 saplings to PHA

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A leading fast food chain- MacDonald's has provided around 50,000 free saplings to the Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) under a tree plantation campaign.

PHA Chairman Yasir Gillani on Saturday received the gift of saplings at Jilani Park and thanked MacDonald's for taking part in an environment-friendly and green activities. Director General PHA Jawad Ahmed Qureshi, Marketing Director Amir Ibrahim, MacDonald's representative Mian Tahir Javeed, Raza Ali and other were also present. On the occasion, Yasir Gillani said that mutual support of the PHA and MacDonald's was aimed to promote healthy, green and prosperous Pakistan, adding that with the support of public and private institutions, the tree plantation drive would be made a success.

Precision farming vital for enhancing crops productivity

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Agriculture Hussain Jehanian Gardezi said on Saturday that top quality seed and precision farming were vital for enhanced production of different crops.

He said this during a ceremony in connection with mechanical cultivation of paddy at Kabirwala, some 40 kilometer away from Multan city.

Hussain Jehanian Gardezi remarked that precision farming was very much important to reduce inputs expenses and improve productivity.

The incumbent government was taking different steps to empower farmers economically. Recently, the

country witnessed record production of wheat, maize, sugarcane and rice.

The government was focusing on all issues, creating trouble against bumper production of different crops. The farmers were being given subsidy of Rs 260 million on provision of modern machinery. Similarly, biological control of pests was also being focused, he remarked. Biological control will also help reduce use of pesticides, he added. Pakistani rice is top choice of people across the globe, said Gardezi adding that, similarly, the country was earning huge amounts by exporting rice. Recently, the rice witnessed 28% surge in production. The provincial minister also urged scientists to develop best possible seed

which would help offer more production against less use of irrigation water.

In Prime Minister's Agriculture Emergency Package, Rs 6.32 billions were being spent to improve per acre production of rice. Punjab government also earmarked Rs 31 billion for different schemes in agriculture sector. Subsidy on seed, fertilizers, insurance of crops and many other steps are being taken. About 300,000 Kisan Cards have been issued so far, he said and also added the process is heading forward with rapid pace. Kisan Card is offering direct subsidy to peasants, Gardezi maintained.

On this occasion, DG Agriculture Muhammad Ajnum Ali and many other officials were also present.

Another rain spell starting today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Meteorological Department on Saturday forecast more rain-wind thundershower in upper and central parts of the country from today (Sunday).

Strong monsoon currents are likely to penetrate upper parts of the country from Sunday (evening/night) and may persist till Wednesday. Rain-wind-thundershower (with very heavy/torrential rain) in Kashmir, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Gujrat, Mandi Bahaudin, Sialkot, Narawal, Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Lahore, Sheikhpura, Kasur, Okara, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Sargodha, Mianwali, Khushab, Dir, Swat, Buner, Kohistan,

Shangla, Manshra, Abbotabad, Haripur, Mardan, Swabi, Charsadda, Nowshera, Peshawar, Waziristan, Kurru, Bannu, Kohat, Lakki Marwat, Tank, Karak, Dera Ismail Khan and Gilgit-Baltistan (Ghizer, Astore, Diamer, Skardu, Gilgit, Hunza Nagar, Ghanche and Khar-mang) from Sunday (evening/night) to Wednesday. Rain/wind-thundershower (with isolated heavy falls) is expected in Bhakkar, Layyah, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Khanewal, Sahiwal, Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Sibbi, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Kohlu, Loralai, Barkhan, Zhob, Musa Khel, Quetta, Ziarat, Harnai, Qila Saifullah, Qila Abdullah, Larkana, Sukkur, Jaccobabad,

Tharparker, Sanghar, Umerkot and Mirpurkhas from Monday (evening) to Thursday.

Torrential rains may generate flash flooding in Local Barsati Nullahs of Shangla, Buner, Batgram, Mansehra, Balakot, Abbottabad, Swat, Kohistan, Mardan, Charsadda, Kohat, Kashmir, Islamabad/Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Narowal and hill torrents of Dera Ghazi Khan from Monday to Wednesday. Urban flooding in Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Kasur, Faisalabad, Peshawar and Nowshera during the period. Torrential rains may trigger landslides in the vulnerable areas of Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Monday to Wednesday.

NTDC to make tree plantation as part of PC-I of all projects

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDC) is going to make tree plantation as part of PC-I of all NTDC projects across the country.

This was stated by Managing Director NTDC Engr. Muhammad Ayub during a tree plantation ceremony held at HVDC Converter station near Balloki. While addressing the ceremony, he said that NTDC is actively pursuing its tree plantation campaign in compliance with Prime Minister's vision "Clean and Green Pakistan" and NTDC will



plant two trees at sites of its projects.

Wang Bao CFO Pak Matiari-Lahore Transmission Line Company (PMLTC), which constructed HVDC Converter Station) addressed after tree

plantation and said that PMLTC is also actively participating in tree plantations and planting trees on different sites of its projects. He said Pakistan and China has strong bonding of bilateral ties and deep friendship.

Lok Virsa Museums to remain closed on first day of Eid-ul-Azha

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (NIFTH)- Lok Virsa museums will remain closed on the first day of Eid-ul-Azha.

As per previous practice, both the Museums National Heritage Museum and Pakistan Monument Museum administered by Lok Virsa will reopen with routine public timings on the second day of Eid. Executive Director Lok Virsa Talha Ali said that a large number of people were used to visit National Heritage Museum and Monument Museum on special occasions of Eid festivals and Independence Day celebrations.

Talha Ali said that visitors should follow COVID-19 SOPs including wearing masks and social distancing.