

50,000 saplings to be planted within a week

From Our Staff Correspondent

MULTAN: Commissioner Javed Akhtar Mahmood Monday said that 50,000 trees would be planted in the division during the ongoing tree-plantation week under 2nd phase of "Khidmat Apke Dehleez Par" program.

Inaugurating the tree plantation week after planting 27 trees here at Qasim Fort Park, the commissioner said that tree plantation was being observed with cooperation of civil society members. He said that all possible resources were being utilized to make Prime Minister Imran Khan's clean and green Pakistan project successful. He said Multan would grab first position across the province in tree plantation week by planting more than 50,000 trees.

Javed Akhtar Mahmood maintained that the task has been given to Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) for planting 15,000 trees within the ongoing week. He said the tree plantation campaign was not only a drive but a dream to reduce heat in the city.

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Parliamentary Secretary on Information Nadeem Qureshi said that Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar was paying special focus on development of South Punjab. He said the tree plantation campaign has been started in the city keeping in view the historical background

of the city.

He added it was not less than a blessing that a head of the state himself initiated tree plantation campaign in the country.

PHA Chairman Ejaz Hussain Janjua said that the authority was striving hard to make the city of saints a land of flowers and trees. He lauded the incumbent government for making tree plantation campaign a part of national policy.

Vice President of Total Parco Hassan Nassarullah said the Total have provided 270 trees to PHA while preparation of 600 others was under process.

PHA Director General Syed Shafiqat Raza informed that a comprehensive mechanism has been made for protection of these trees. He disclosed that PHA have planted 6,000 trees in the city.

More rain wind/thunder forecast current week

More rain wind/thunder-shower forecast in most parts of the country during the current week, said Met Office Islamabad on Monday.

It said monsoon likely to remain very active during the week a strong monsoon weather system giving rains in the country was likely to persist in different parts of the country.

Rain-wind-thundershower (with few heavy to very heavy falls) was expected in Kashmir, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin, Sialkot, Narowal,

Gujranwala, Hafizabad, Lahore, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Okara, Faisalabad, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Sargodha, Mianwali, Khushab, Bhakkar and Layyah, Dir, Swat, Buner, Kohistan, Shangla, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Mardan, Swabi, Charsadda, Nowshera, Peshawar, Waziristan, Kurram, Bannu, Kohat, Lakki Marwat, Tank, Karak and Dera Ismail Khan, Gilgit-Baltistan (Ghizer, Astore, Diamer, Skardu, Gilgit, Hunza Nagar, Ghanche and Kharmand) from Monday to Thursday.

Rain/wind-thundershower (with isolated heavy falls) was expected in Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Multan, Khanewal, Sahiwal, Bahawalnagar, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan, Sibi, Naseerabad, Jaffarabad, Qila Saifullah, Qila Abdallah, Kohlu, Loralai, Barkhan, Kalat, Khuzdar, Lasbella, Awaran, Kech, Panjgur, Mastung, Quetta, Ziarat, Zhob, Harmat, Sukkar, Jaccobabad, Larkana, Khairpur, Tharparker, Sanghar, Umerkot, Mirpurkhas, Thatta, Badin, Hyderabad, Dadu, Shaheed Benazirabad and Karachi from Monday to Friday.

The Met office also informed that heavy rain may generate flash flooding in Local/Barsati Nullahs of Sialkot, Narowal, hill torrents of Dera Ghazi Khan, Balochistan, Shangla, Buner, Batgram, Upper Swat, Kohistan and Kashmir from Monday to Wednesday.



KARACHI: People stand under the shade of a tree during heavy rain on a road. —Online

Expert recommends efforts to overcome rapid population of country

MIRPUR: Pakistan has emerged as 5th most populace Country in the world with 2.4% growth rate per annum. AJK is also faster Population growing region with relatively high density rate.

This was disclosed by Consultant to the AJK government for population welfare and Secretary (Retired) of the State Population Welfare Department Raja M. Razaq in an interview to APP here. He continued as saying "since the world observes 'World Population Day' on July 11 every year, the size of a nation's population constantly entails serious repercussions for its development and operations.

Razaq said that the bigger a country's population, the more difficult it was to develop at a quicker rate. As a result, managing overpopulation is essential, whether on a national or global scale, to ensure the long-term growth of our existing resources.

The expert further said that the substantial increase in population was driven mostly by an increase in the number of individuals reaching reproductive age and had been followed by significant changes in fertility rates, increased urbanization, and accelerated migration. "These tendencies will have far-reaching consequences for future generations".

Raja Razaq said that while observing the World Population Day every year, we needed to advocate and adopt based approach in family planning to create balance between the resources and the family size aimed at creating a vision to

manage the ever growing population.

"The approach needs to be applied collectively not only to create general awareness amongst the masses but also to take collective actions to achieve the objectives laid down in CCI Approved recommendations in true spirit", he concluded.

Rs65.92m compensation cheques disbursed in Khyber district

The district administration Khyber under the Citizens Losses Compensation Program (CLCP) on Monday distributed compensation cheques worth Rs 65.92 million among 298 owners of damaged houses of Akakhel tribe.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Relief) Naveed Akbar accompanied by 104-Wing Commander, Major Owais was present at cheque distribution ceremony held at Jirga Hall Deputy Commissioner's Office. He said that district Khyber administration had so far disbursed 11,195 cheques amounting to Rs 3221.36 million under CLCP program among owners of 5959 houses which were completely destroyed and 5236 partially damaged houses as compensation amount.

He informed that the district administration was conducting a survey to compile the data of remaining damaged houses in order to give compensation amount to owners.

He informed that arrangements were underway to disburse compensation to remaining families of other all tribes in phases. —Agencies

DC chairs meeting to review arrangements for Eid-ul-Azha

UMERKOT: The Deputy Commissioner Nadeem-u-Rehman on Monday presided over a meeting to review arrangements made for Eid-ul-Azha and implementation on Covid related SOPs.

Addressing the meeting, the DC directed the concerned authorities to pay special attention to cleanliness during Eid-ul-Azha days and warned of taking strict action against officers found negligent regarding carrying out cleanliness drives. He directed

the officers of Health Department to bound all shopkeepers to inoculate Covid-19 vaccine and seal shops of owners who refuse to administer preventive vaccines.

He cautioned about spreading deadly virus during Eid days, therefore the Sindh Government following instruction of NCOC, has decided to ban entry of people in sacrificial animals markets without Covid vaccine and maintaining social distance. —APP

Handful of cities driving urban greenhouse gas emissions

LONDON: Just 25 big cities – almost all of them in China – accounted for more than half of the climate-warming gases pumped out by a sample of 167 urban hubs around the world, an analysis of emissions trends showed.

In per capita terms, however, emissions from cities in the richest parts of the world are still generally higher than those from urban centres in developing countries, researchers found in the study published in the *Frontiers* journal. The study compared greenhouse gas emissions reported by 167 cities in 53 countries, and found that 23 Chinese cities – among them Shanghai, Beijing and Handan –

along with Moscow and Tokyo accounted for 52 per cent of the total.

It included more cities from China, India, the United States and the European Union because of their larger contribution to global emissions and significance to the climate debate. The findings highlighted the significant role cities play in reducing emissions, said study co-author Shaoqing Chen, an environmental scientist at Sun Yat-sen University in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou. "It is simple, logical," he said. "If you don't act, eventually you will suffer from (climate change)." Average global temperatures have already risen by more than 1 degree Celsius

compared to the pre-industrial baseline and are still on track to exceed the 1.5- to 2-degree-Celsius limit set by the Paris Agreement.

Chen and other scientists cautioned, however, that some of the data available for use in their study was patchy, with some cities reporting numbers from as far back as 2005. A lack of consistency in how cities report emissions also makes comparisons tricky, they added.

Across the globe, more than 400 large cities with a total population of 1.5 billion are at high or across the globe, more than 400 large cities with a total population of 1.5 billion are at high or extreme risk

Australia's COVID-19 Delta outbreak worsens despite Sydney lockdown

SYDNEY: The prospect of an extended lockdown in Sydney loomed as Australian health officials reported yet another record daily rise in COVID-19 cases for the year, fuelled by the highly infectious Delta variant. New South Wales state reported 112 new locally transmitted COVID-19 cases, almost all in Sydney, despite the country's biggest city entering its third week of lockdown. Case numbers have been at record levels for at least three days.

There was, however, a glimmer of light as the number of newly-infected people who were out in the community while infectious dropped to 34 from 45 on Sunday. State Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the progress of that figure in coming days would determine whether Sydney's lockdown, due to end on Friday, would be extended. "That's the number we need to get as close to zero as possible," Berejiklian said during her daily televised briefing. "It is really up to us. The health expert advice will be based on what those numbers look like. I can't be clearer than that."

Berejiklian said most of Monday's cases were family members or close friends of already infected people, and pleaded with residents to comply with lockdown rules, which were tightened over the weekend. Total infections in the outbreak are nearing 700, less than a month since the first was detected in mid-June. Sixty-three people are in hospital, with 18 in intensive care, officials said, while a woman in her 90s became the country's first COVID-19 fatality this year.

Lockdown measures for Sydney's 5 million residents, including school closures and stay-at-home orders, have stoked concerns of a slowdown in the economy, which had returned to pre-pandemic levels in the first quarter. Debbie Brincat has cut opening hours at the pet store she runs with her husband Andrew in the western suburb of Fairfield to just four hours a day in response to the movement restrictions. Andrew's Bird & Pet Palace, which the couple has operated for almost 40 years, took A\$150 in sales on Sunday, compared with an average. —AFP

Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department

COVID-19 4th Wave ALERT!

There is a risk of spread of new COVID-19 variant

Be careful! This new variant may be more lethal

Be safe
Get vaccination at the earliest & Strictly follow prevention SOP's

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Directorate General Health Services, Punjab

COVID-19 Prevention SOP's

- Practice frequent hand hygiene: wash hands with soap for 20-40 seconds or sanitise
- Wear mask or cover face while going out of home
- Avoid crowd and maintain social distance of 6 feet

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Danish nurses to expand strike over pay

COPENHAGEN: A Danish nurses' strike will be expanded next month to involve an additional 702 nurses to show that they take their demand for higher pay seriously, their union said. A tenth of Denmark's nurses, around 5,400, went on strike in mid-June after union members voted against a pay deal that their union leadership had approved. "We need to do something to get politicians and employers talking, and make them know that we take this seriously," union president Grete Christensen said in a statement on Monday. "If nothing is done about the nurses' salaries and working conditions, we will have even fewer nurses in the future, and that will have a severe effect on the health service." Denmark has practically avoided a third wave of the coronavirus pandemic, easing pressure on an overstretched health service. Danish nurses in March rejected a govt. —AFP

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Suit for dissolution of marriage on the base of khula. Razia Tariq vs Muhammad Rizwan . Notice To Muhammad Rizwan s/o Muhammad Farooq R/o Thana Road Muhalla Normal School Gakhar Town committee Tehsil wazirabad District Gujranwala, presently residing at Dubai . Whereas the service of the defendant is not going to be effected through ordinary means , So the service of defendant be effected through Proclamation in the newspaper .You the above named defendant is directed to appear in the court in person or through counsel on 14/07/2021 at 8:00am failing which ex party proceedings shall be initiated against you . Given under my hand and the seal of this court. Muhammad yasin civil judge/Judge ,Family Court, Gujranwala.

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Lose of Spacial Power of Attorney
Spacial Power Of Attorney of House No 192 Sector K Phase 1 Measuring 01 Kanal DHA Lahore Cantt In Name of MRs Nadira Rahman W/O Mahmood Ul Hassan Malik ,Attorney Holder Liaqat Hassan Malik S/O Dr Ahmed Hassan Malik R/O 192-K Phase 1 DHA Lahore Cantt, Has Been Lost Finder May Return The Same To Secretary , DHA Main office Complex Phase 6 Lahore Cantt. Otherwise after 7 Days original Special Power Of Attorney Shall be treated as cancelled.
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