

DPO holds open Court at Yousafwala PS

From Our Staff Correspondent

SAHIWAL: The District Police Officer, Sahiwal, Sadiq Balouch, has received multiple complaints from the general public during a Khuli Katchehri (Open Court) at the Yousafwala police station, on Friday. A large number of complainants, including women submitted their applications. The DPO heard the complainants individually and ordered the officials concerned for swift action on them.

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The DPO has said that the criminals are on the radar of police and will be chased to the ultimate end and justice be ensured. He said that police put all efforts in order to establish peace and tranquility in the city.

Addressing the open court, the DPO said the open courts besides addressing public problems also give them direct access to high police command and enable the later to take decision accordingly. He said that main focus of department to resolving public complaints and have to take every possible step to provide maximum relief to citizens. He said those police officials responsible in delaying the registration of cases and doing sluggish investigation would not be spared and strict disciplinary action would be taken against them.

Talking to this correspondent, he said that the police performance has been satisfactory over the last couple of months. He also added that the police have arrested many notorious criminals. The DPO said that strict actions should be taken against those involved in drug peddling as well as street crime. He directed for launching crackdown on drug pushers and register cases against those involved in such heinous crime. He said the role of the journalist community was of vital importance for promoting harmony and tolerance in society for eliminating terrorism and the media has to encourage the institutions on good deeds side by side with constructive criticism.

Three alleged terrorists arrested in Lahore

LAHORE: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), Lahore has arrested three terrorists during an operation at Ideal Park Township, Lahore, on Friday.

According to CTD spokesperson those arrested were Junaid Zia, Muhammad Waqas and Muhammad Jawad. They are stated to be affiliated with the proscribed outfit Daesh.

The CTD has said in its statement hand grenade, explosive material, arms and laptop have been recovered from the accused. They were to target the law enforcement agencies and sensitive installations. —Online



LAHORE: A vendor smokes traditional 'Hukah' at his roadside set-up in Badami Bagh. —Online

Journey of public service will be further accelerated: CM

Buzdar asks WASA, admin for early drain out rainwater

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has directed to early drain out rainwater from low-lying areas and asked WASA and administration to utilize every resource for early completion of this task. He made it clear that no leniency will be tolerated and WASA and administration should remain available in the field.

While issuing directions to Lahore commissioner and WASA, the CM directed to ensure implementation of the devised plan for water disposal. I will not tolerate any negligence, he said. Citizens should not face any difficulty and smooth flow of traffic should also be ensured, he stated.

WASA, administration and traffic police should be available in the field to supervise the operation. Reports about water drainage operation be sent to CM's Office with timelines and administration should proactively perform to facilitate the citizenry, the CM concluded.

Another report adds: Chief Minister Punjab

Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that he does not believe in hollow slogans nor he is used to following the policy of one-man show like the past rulers.

In a statement, the CM said that he takes everybody along and decisions are made with mutual consultation. Similarly, attention is being paid to performance instead of personal projection. I have made fewer claims while performing more, he continued. The people are diligently severed during the last three years as I have never indulged myself in any political wrangling. Those levelling baseless allegations are making futile efforts to conceal their corrupt past; he said and added that the people have fully recognized such dual characters. Those engaged in the negative politics of levelling concocted charges are valueless before those who have served the masses, he maintained.

CM Usman Buzdar iterated that public service is the core agenda and he will go to the last extent to complete this mission. The conspirators are bent upon stopping

the development journey but their conspiracies will not be succeeded, he continued.

CM seeks report from RPO Faisalabad Chief Minister has sought a report from Faisalabad RPO about rape-cum-murder of a girlchild in Chiniot and directed to arrest the culprit within 48 hours. He also assured the bereaved family of the provision of justice.

Buzdar condoles loss of lives Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the death of three children due to the falling of the roof of a house in Kanha area and extended sympathies to bereaved heirs. He also sought a report from the administration.

PTI Chief Organiser calls on CM PTI's Chief Organiser Saifullah Khan Nyazee called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office on Friday to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Talking on this occasion, the CM termed PTI the most popular political party in the country and added that the government is fully focused to fulfil promises made with the people.

Ehsas Education Stipend scheme will improve edu quality

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Prime Minister Imran Khan, Dr. Sania Nishtar and the entire government machinery that worked to make the Ehsas Education Stipend programme a reality deserve a huge gratitude. This programme has been launched at a time when Pakistan is struggling to control millions of marginalised students, especially girls from dropping out of schools in the aftermath of the pandemic-triggered financial strain experienced by households across the country.

These views were expressed by Areebah Shahid, Executive Director, Pakistan Youth Change Advocates (PYCA).

The recently announced Ehsas Education Stipend programme has been structured along the lines of Ehsaas' Stipend policy that incentivizes higher stipend amounts for girls as compared to boys. Under the Ehsaas Education Stipends, boys enrolled at the primary level will receive quarterly stipends of Rs. 1,500 and girls Rs. 2,000. Similarly, secondary school-going boys will receive Rs. 2,500 and girls Rs. 3,000 and at the higher secondary level, boys will get Rs. 3,500 and girls Rs. 4,000 per quarter. Upon the attainment of 70 percent attendance of their children, the education stipends will be paid biometrically to the mothers.

Explaining the long-term importance of the Ehsas Education Stipend scheme, Hisham Khan, Programme Coordinator at PYCA said, "The introduction of this programme will reduce the burden of the provinces to shoulder the stipend schemes alone and give them fiscal space to allocate their education development funds for other urgently needed interventions such as school nutrition or school midday meal programmes and for uplifting the quality of overall education."

Adding to this, Ms. Shahid pointed out, "The nationwide roll-out of the Ehsas Education Stipend program will especially benefit students in those provinces that do not currently have cash support schemes for out-of-school children. This step will also make Ehsas a more sustainable intervention by ensuring that the next generation of the beneficiary families is not unskilled and illiterate."

Pakistan currently has 22.8 million out-of-school children, the majority of whom are girls. It is feared that millions more might drop-out in the backdrop of the on-going pandemic. And so, while the launch of the Ehsas Education Stipend program is a welcome step for the future of Pakistani children, it is equally important that the provinces to use the greater fiscal space being created for them through this intervention to prioritize investment in enhancing the quality of education in public schools.

There should be visible positive change in Thana Culture

Police officers asked to pay surprise visits to police stations

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The CCPO Lahore, Ghulam Mahmood Dogar, has directed senior officers of Lahore Police, including DIG Operations, DIG Investigation, SSsP of Operations and investigation wings to pay surprise visits to police stations to check the performance of personnel and redress the grievances of the complainants.

He asked divisional SsP to check the performance of their relevant police stations ensuring no pending applications of the complainants and timely registration of FIRs. Ghulam Mahmood Dogar said illegal detention, abuse of powers and misbehavior with citizens will not be tolerated at any cost. He directed police officers to provide pleasant atmosphere to the citizens at police stations by improving their attitude towards citizens, cleanliness situation and planting flowers plants and trees in the premises. CCPO Lahore ordered police officers to depute special patrolling squads at hotspot areas and DSsP and SHOs to personally monitor the snap checking process in their areas of jurisdiction.

All SHOs and Investigation In charges would ensure their presence in police stations during specific hours to listen to the problems of citizens and redress of their

grievances, he added.

CCPO Lahore also presided a joint interactive session of Muharars and Police Community Guides at District Police Lines Qila Gujjar Singh. SSP Operations Waqar Shoaib Qureshi was also present on this occasion. CCPO Lahore said the Community Guides though police officers, are actually representatives of public in police stations. The appointment of the Police Community Guides had been made by survey as well as secret balloting on the basis of their honesty, integrity, humanity and professionalism to serve the citizens with dedication and respect, understanding the importance and sensitivity of their fresh assignments. The citizens now feel free and at ease to visit police stations in presence of police community guides for redress of their grievances, Ghulam Mahmood Dogar added. The Community Guides assist visitors and provide them help and guidance from the gate of police station till their meeting with relevant staff and officers for solutions of their problems. Community police Guide ensure full support to the citizens in writing applications, meetings with SHOs, In charges Investigations as well as prisoners in lock ups, registration of FIRs and data entry, guidance regarding police services and other related matters.

PMSA delegation calls on CS

LAHORE: A four-member delegation of Provincial Management Service Officers Association (PMSA) led by President Naveed Shehzad Mirza called on Punjab Chief Secretary Kamran Ali Afzal at Chief Secretary Office, Civil Secretariat here on Friday. The issues being faced by the PMS officers came under discussion during the meeting. The Chief Secretary hoped that all issues would be resolved soon through mutual consultation. He said that a meeting with the representatives of the association would take place again next week. The delegates included PMSA General Secretary Zafar Naqvi, Shahid Farid and Taseer Ahmed. —APP

Hearing against Captain Safdar put off till Oct 15

LAHORE: A judicial court Friday adjourned the hearing against Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) leader and son-in-law of Nawaz Sharif, Capt (ret) Muhammad Safdar, and other accused till Oct 15, in a case related to delivering of a provocative speech and interference in the government affairs. Judicial Magistrate Bilal Munir conducted the case proceedings at the district courts here. Capt Safdar and another PML-N leader Jahanzeb Awan appeared before the court and marked their attendance. —APP

PCB-Aitchison College Cricket Scholarship programme launched

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Friday announced the launching of a scholarship programme in partnership with the prestigious Aitchison College, through which three outstanding cricketers from the PCB's pathway programmes will receive cricket scholarships each year.

Based on pre-determined criteria, the PCB will identify three suitable and talented boys each year, including those who otherwise could not afford to attend the school without full financial support in the form of a PCB Cricket Scholarship. Aitchison College will offer these youngsters places from Grade 7 to Grade 9 once each selected boy has met the minimum academic standards of the College for entry. Apart from acquiring highest standard of edu-

cation, the players will also represent the Aitchison College cricket teams at various levels, while also remaining available to represent their Cricket Associations in the PCB-organized events. The PCB National High Performance Center will monitor their cricketing progress, ensuring they continue on their path to becoming high quality cricketers. PCB Chief Executive Wasim Khan said: "The PCB-Aitchison College Cricket Scholarship programme is a ground breaking initiative. The College has a rich history of producing world-class cricketers and there is no better example than our current prime minister and patron Imran Khan. Through this scholarship, we can change the lives of these boys by providing them with world-class edu-

ation. "Through the combination of educational excellence and high quality cricket skills programmes, we aim to support the development of these future leaders. The mutually agreed eligibility criteria will enable us to assess and identify young cricketers annually." Three most outstanding and deserving cricketers for this first cohort are: 14-year-old Ahmed Hussain from Peshawar, 12-year-old Ali Hasnain Badshah from Okara and 13-year-old Usman Khan from Peshawar. For Khyber Pakhtunkhwa U13 and U16s, Ahmed scored 283 and 100 runs, respectively, besides taking 11 and eight wickets. Ali scored 274 runs for Southern Punjab in the U13 tournament, while Usman scored 172 runs and took five wickets for the KP U13. —APP

Beaconhouse International College partners with prestigious UK varsities

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Beaconhouse International College (BIC) recently unveiled its transnational higher education partnerships with prestigious UK universities during a special event held in Islamabad. The partnerships will enable students to complete globally-recognized degrees at BIC's state-of-the-art standalone purpose-built campuses in Lahore, Faisalabad, and Islamabad.

As a truly international organisation, Beaconhouse International College has forged successful partnerships with leading UK universities including Liverpool John Moores University, University of London (UOL), and Pearson UK to introduce programmes in Engineering, Business, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Law. Students at BIC will also have the option of transferring to their respective university in the UK to complete their degrees.

Additionally, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan will recognise international engineering degrees studied locally in the fields of electrical and electronics as well as mechanical engineering for the first time – which will be an exclusively held distinction by BIC. While speaking at the event, Her Excellency Ms. Alison Blackburn, Acting British High Commissioner said, "The UK government is committed to supporting the growth of international part-



nerships and collaboration in education and looks forward to continuing to welcome students from Pakistan to study, both in the UK and through enrolment in programmes delivered in partnership with institutions in Pakistan." Nassir Mahmud Kasuri, CEO of Beaconhouse International College, said in his opening remarks, "By partnering with some of the UK's leading institutions, we have synthesised their knowledge with our 45 years of local experience to deliver programmes uniquely suited to Pakistani students, which also allow them to compete at the highest levels internationally." "The Liverpool Mechanics Institute opened in 1825," stated Mark Power, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU), "and nearly 200 years later, these institutions evolved to become the modern day School of Engineering at Liverpool John Moores University, which is now

working with Beaconhouse International College to offer its electrical and electronics and mechanical engineering degrees in Pakistan."

Jane Baker, Vice President, Higher Education Qualifications, Pearson UK, noted that Beaconhouse is famous for providing a modern, holistic and innovative learning experience. "We are confident that together both Pearson and Beaconhouse will impart the skills required to the youth to excel in their lives and help into the prosperity of Pakistan."

Saad Wasim, Regional Advisor South Asia, University of London Worldwide, said, "It is surely a great day for Pakistan to have some of the best universities offer their degrees through Beaconhouse International College in Pakistan." He also highlighted, "It seems like a dream come true, I could never have thought that an engineering programme of a foreign university could ever come to Pakistan."

Call for more taxes on sugar sweetened beverages

LAHORE: The Pakistan National Heart Association (PANAH) and the Association for Gender Awareness & Human Empowerment (AGAHE) jointly held a media sensitization session on the 'Health harms' and stressed the need for increasing taxes on sugar sweetened beverages (SSBs) to reduce their consumption.

Addressing the participants here at a local hotel on Friday, PANAH General Secretary Sanaullah Ghuman said that his Association was making efforts to create awareness among the public for the last 37 years about the factors that were

harmful to human health. He said that excessive use of SSBs was causing fatal diseases among people like heart complications, obesity, diabetes, liver and kidney problems and some types of cancer.

Prof Dr Abdul Basit, General Secretary Diabetic Association of Pakistan, said that diabetes was growing exponentially in Pakistan and according to the International Diabetes Federation, Pakistan had been ranked fourth in diabetes. As per the national diabetes survey, every 4th Pakistani was diabetic, he added.

He said that increasing tax on

SSBs was evidence-based effective strategy to reduce its consumption and increase possible revenue for the country.

Munawar Hussain, consultant Food Policy Programme, Global Health Advocacy, said that non-communicable diseases (NCDs) were on the rise in Pakistan and contributing to nearly 58 per cent of the total mortality in the country. Excessive sugar consumption was one of the major causes of obesity and its related diseases, he said and added intake of sugary drinks on daily basis increases the risk of weight gain by 27 per cent in adults