

IHC asks MoF to decide Veena Malik's kids custody case



ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday instructed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoF) to decide the matter of children's custody between actress Veena Malik and her husband under the law.

The court asked the ministry to hear the two sides before deciding the dispute and disposed of the case filed by Asad Khattak, the ex-husband of Veena Malik.

Chief Justice Athar Minallah heard the case filed by Asad Khattak seeking custody of his children.

Earlier, the ministry in its report had declared the stance of Asad Khattak against the facts.

Asad Khattak alleged that Veena Malik had shifted the children to Pakistan despite the orders of a Dubai court. The Pakistan's foreign office had assisted her in this act, he added.

The court subsequently disposed off the petition of Khattak with the above instructions.

BIC partners with Innovators Garage



LAHORE: The Beaconhouse International College (BIC) recently signed an agreement with the Innovators Garage aimed at fostering new ideas and encouraging students to embrace entrepreneurship as a post academic career and plan their own start-up ventures that are committed to tackling real-world problems.

The agreement was signed during a special ceremony attended by top management officials from both entities including Nassir Mahmud Kasuri, CEO of Beaconhouse International College, Imran Jattala, Co-Founder of Innovators Garage as well as other notable officials such as RizwanButtar, CIO of Zauq Group, and RaanaSarmad, Country General Manager of Beaconhouse International College. Under this partnership, Beaconhouse International College and Innovators Garage will join forces to offer entrepreneurship training programmes, panel discussions, and training workshops that aim to create direct engagement between students and industrial experts with the purpose of encouraging transfer of knowledge and professional learning. —PR



LAHORE: People buy used clothes from vendors at the Empress Road due to very high inflation rate. —Online

Additional tickets for ICC T20 World Cup to go on sale

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Monday that in a welcome boost for cricket and sports fans in Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), more tickets have been made available for all games at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021.

The tickets will go on sale via www.t20worldcup.com/tickets at 1900 GST on Monday 11 October, said the information made available here by the ICC.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) and event hosts the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have worked closely with host country authorities to ensure fans can be welcomed in a safe environment and COVID-19 protocols will apply at all venues.

Chris Tetley, Head of Events, ICC said said: "We know Oman and the UAE are packed with sports fans from all 16 nations competing at the event, so we're delighted to be able to release more tickets for all games. We've worked closely with our hosts, the venues and our partners to ensure as many fans as possible can be part of what is going to be such a fantastic event."

"The expat community in the region means every team can enjoy home support and with tickets from just 10 OMR and 30 AED, we hope to see stands full of passionate cricket fans cheering their team on."

Pinktober - Ferozsos rallies for breast cancer awareness



LAHORE: Leading pharmaceutical company, Ferozsos Laboratories Limited, organized nationwide awareness walks and illuminated the company's headquarters in pink to commemorate Pinktober as part of its "Let's Embattle Together" initiative against cancer.

Pakistan has the highest prevalence percentage in Asia. With the disease burden increasing every year, breast cancer poses a very serious public health threat. Yet, not many Pakistanis are aware of the commonality of the disease and therefore thousands remain undiagnosed.

An event was organized on Monday to kick-off the awareness initiatives. Dr. Sohail Saqlain, Member Health, Nutrition and Emergency Services of the Planning and Development Board, government of the Punjab, kicked off the event as chief guest and said that "The alarming rise in breast cancer cases should be a topic of discussion not just in October but all year round." —PR

360 sports grounds to be established at village level: CM

—Presides over a meeting for promotion of sports activities

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar presided over a meeting to review the development work on new sports grounds and promotion of sports activities across the province.

The meeting decided to hold sports activities as the corona cases have declined. The CM directed to hold Punjab games and other sports competitions and instructed to take all possible measure for promotion of sports and to extend better facilities to the sportsmen.

The CM said 360 sports grounds were being developed on village level, 105 grounds have been completed.

High performance cricket center would be established in Faisalabad and Sialkot while a high performance hockey center



would be set up in Lahore, CM added. The meeting reviewed the proposal to establish Olympic village on 600 kanals near Batapur and CM directed to prepare the master plan of the project.

Usman Buzdar further said sports complex were being established in 17 tehsils of Punjab and government would establish institute of sports science to refine talent of players.

He directed to complete the work of sports facilities within stipulated timeframe. The CM vowed to develop sports infrastructure and said Punjab government was pursuing a comprehensive policy for the development of healthy sports activities and it was our top priority to give maximum sports facilities to the youth as sports help to strengthen physical and mental abilities of the young generation.

Provincial Minister Sports Taimur Bhatti, Special Assistant for Information Hassan Khawar, Principal Secretary to CM and Secretary Sports attended the meeting.

Negotiations with Taliban boon and bane-I

Muhammad Waqar Aslam

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We restored 3500 miles of communication lines and stabilised 48000 square kilometres in a fiercely infested conflict zone that included seven tribal agency and four border districts. We established the government's writ, evacuated 2.5 million people from their homes in Swat, and provided them with smart cards to spend on basic necessities and their children's education in camps in Rustam, near Mardan. We removed Swat and restored these individuals to their homes within three months.

This is a narrative that has never been told in the annals of military his-

tory anywhere on the globe. As we moved from combat zone to battle zone, I lost so many good young men - officers and troops - that I began to doubt my own ability, methods, and demeanor.

It's difficult to encourage people to die when you know some will, much more so when areas must be taken by force and occupied spaces must be liberated and cleared of opposing soldiers.

People have forgotten how, in January 2008, the TTP declared war on the Pakistani state, vowing that they would "set the ground on fire beneath our feet." Yes, memories fade rapidly — when the KP administration pondered shifting to Abbottabad, when the Peshawar International Airport was closed, when the Kohat tunnel was closed and we were fighting for our lives — these are all events that are readily forgotten. We eventually triumphed. We carried operation like Zarb e Azab, Radul fasad against those militants to establish state writ.

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Except for the 2009 Swat peace accord, which was mediated by the ANP through Maulana Sufi Muhammad, all other settlements were reached directly between opposing groups. While the state has been in a pickle for the duration of past peace deals, its current situation is confusing. TTP was favoured in past peace deals, and its position grew stronger with each agreement. Attempts by the government to disarm tribal territories from the TTP have been futile.

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Pre-bookings in Pakistan for OPPO Reno6 Pro 5G opens



LAHORE: The OPPO Reno6 Pro 5G is one of OPPO's most exciting and innovative phones of 2021 power packed with trail-blazing features and more. The good news is that consumers can finally get their hands on the revolutionary smartphone. The OPPO Reno6 Pro 5G is available for pre-bookings from 6th – 11th October 2021. With every pre-order, customers will receive a special gift box, OPPO Enco Buds and exciting PUBG giveaways.

OPPO's latest cutting-edge smartphone promises to be a game changer in Speed, Camera Quality and AI Photographic results.

The Reno6 series was announced with much fanfare in September by OPPO's eccentric brand ambassadors Asim Azhar and Maya Ali. The OPPO Reno series have become the go-to camera phone for most users in Pakistan. Given the huge success of the OPPO Reno6 and its power-packed features, the new Pro Variant promises to be even bigger and better.

The Reno6 series is known as the AI portrait expert; packed with a plethora of image-enhancing features such as bokeh flare and AI highlight videos that offer cinematic portrait effect equal to what you can get from a professional camera.

Portrait mode is relatively common in smartphones now, but OPPO Reno6 Pro 5G has taken the feature one step further with unparalleled results that capture every moment, emotion and memory in a detailed and dynamic portrait that can fairly be compared to DSLR results. Another exciting feature in the phone is the 5G connectivity, which will be a complete game changer in terms of streaming videos, enjoying music online and sharing live videos with the world. —PR

IGP review progress of recruitment process

By Our Staff Reporter



LAHORE: Inspector General of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan expressed concern over delay in written test of physically successful candidates in second phase of new recruitments.

IGP Punjab emphasized upon announcing test date of written examination in order to avoid hassle of waiting faced by physically successful candidates. He said that remaining stages of recruitment in police force should be completed as soon as possible in a transparent manner.

He further said that the committee headed by Additional IG Establishment for selection of testing method should complete this phase and announce the date of written examination at the earliest.

He said that the remaining stages of recruitment of new personnel in the police force should be completed with complete

impartiality so that shortage of personnel in the police force could be overcome through young, capable and hardworking human resource of Punjab Police.

He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting on the progress of new recruitment process in police force at Central Police Office here today.

Ali Amir Malik, Additional IG Establishment, while briefing the IGP Punjab during the meeting, said that Corona epidemic and the choice of testing method to make the test more transparent were causes of delay in written test of new personnel and discussions with various companies are in the final stages to make the written test on

merit. He further said that the candidates who have cleared the physical test will be informed to continue preparing for the written test through social media and date of test will be announced soon.

IG Punjab further directed to finalize all stages of recruitments immediately. Supervisory officers have also been directed to complete all stages including written examination under their supervision. Addl IG Establishment Ali Amir Malik, DIG Establishment Maqsood Al Hassan, DIG Operations Sajid Kayani, AIG Inspection Shoaib Khurram Janbaz and SSP Operations Lahore, Ismail-ur-Rehman Kharak and other officers were also

REDRETAIL to offer mobile top up solutions



LAHORE: REDRETAIL, a venture of REDtone Group has recently signed an agreement to enable mobile payment services at retail stores across Pakistan in partnership with Telenor Pakistan. Under the agreement, REDRETAIL will now offer mobile top-up integration with additional value-added features at Kiryana stores.

Pakistan's retail and financial industry have grown leaps and bounds during the pandemic. Through this collaboration, consumers will have the ease to make mobile top-up related payments at their neighbourhood stores.

This initiative is in line

with the company's aim of providing next generation financial services at Kiryana stores.

Sharing her views on the agreement, Mahnoor Nadeem, Vice President, REDtone Group said, "REDRETAIL is on a mission to digitise the retail landscape and offer financial inclusion and digital services to communities across Pakistan.

With over a million retail/kiryana stores across almost every corner of Pakistan, augmenting these existing channels and turning them into financial and telecommunication services hubs is how we can evolve and leapfrog as an enabled economy. We are excited to be working with Telenor Pakistan on this front." —PR



LAHORE: Gypsy women search customers at the Band Road to sell bangles and earn daily wages. —Online