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CS orders strict action over violation of dengue SOPs

-2,711 confirmed patients, 4 deaths this year

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Alarmed at a rise in dengue cases, Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal on Tuesday issued directions to the relevant authorities to take stern action over the violations of standard operating procedures (SOPs). He issued these directions while presiding over a meeting at the Civil Secretariat. The meeting reviewed the dengue situation and medical facilities for the patients. The Chief Secretary said that the protection of the health and lives of the people was of utmost importance to the government. He asked the officers not to show any leniency over the violation of dengue SOPs. He directed all the divisional commissioners to act against those who are not adhering to the precautions.

The Chief Secretary said that all the departments are required to ensure the implementation of the instructions regarding the prevention of dengue. He also ordered a timely response to the cases being reported from private hospitals and laboratories. He directed the health department to pay attention to the larviciding through micro plans in the districts which are at higher risk of the dengue outbreak.

The secretaries of the health departments gave a detailed briefing to the meeting. The participants were informed that 2711 confirmed dengue patients and four deaths have been reported this year. After Lahore, dengue cases are also increasing in Rawalpindi and Sheikhupura. The health department has set up a 340-bed dengue field hospital at Expo Center Lahore.

The deputy commissioner Lahore apprised the meeting of the details of the action taken against the violators of SOPs. He said that the district administration got arrested 16 persons and registered 783 cases in Lahore during the last month. The secretaries of health and industries departments, Chairman PITB, Director-General Public Relations, and officers concerned attended the meeting while all the divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners participated through video link.

Saudi Arabia Tourism Development Fund launches digital lending service

LAHORE: The banking software company, announced that Saudi Arabia's Tourism Development Fund (TDF) has gone live with a digital lending service on Temenos in just 60 days.

The new service provides investors and businesses in the tourism sector with rapid access to financing solutions from TDF. The SAR 15 billion (USD 4 billion) fund was established to enable private sector tourism investments and develop the tourism sector as part of plans to diversify the Saudi economy. In the face of unprecedented global challenges due to the ongoing pandemic, the new digital service makes it faster and easier for local and international tourism investors to access financing solutions for tourism development projects.

The service currently offers corporate lending and treasury investment products with seamless digital onboarding and origination. The solution is powered by cloud-native Temenos Infinity digital banking platform and Temenos Transact next-generation core on the Oracle Cloud datacenter in Saudi Arabia. With Temenos' ready-to-go features, modern microservices architecture, and a low-code environment, TDF benefits from speed, agility, and rapid time-to-market. With support from local implementation partner NdcTech, TDF was able to build and launch incrementally, going live with the first phase of the digital service in just two months.

TDF provides tailored financing solutions for investors in the tourism sector with attractive financing rates. Leveraging the pre-built country-specific functions and integration of Temenos Infinity helped the Fund to shorten implementation timelines. Tourism is one of the main pillars of Saudi economic reforms. The country has opened up to international tourists and foreign investors and hopes the sector will contribute more than 10% of gross domestic product by 2030, up from 3% currently.

Qusai AlFakhri, CEO, Tourism Development Fund, commented: "With Temenos, we have been able to build a greenfield digital service to serve our investors in record time. The first phase of the project was live within 60 days, and funding is already beginning to flow to tourism projects across the Kingdom. —PR



LAHORE: A roadside vendor displays bread cloth at his set-up.

Pak, Saudi Arabia share strong and historic relationship: Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia share strong and historic relationship. Relations between both countries have been strategic and are strengthening with the passage of time.

According to details, he was talking to the media and Pakistanis living in Saudi Arabia after his visit to Masjid-e-Nabawi at the special invitation of the Saudi Government. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that relations between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are based on cooperation in economic, political, security and military spheres. The relations between the two brotherly countries are time tested and are getting stronger with the time, adding that whenever a difficult time comes to Pakistan, the Saudi government and its people extend full support to Pakistan.

Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Saudis and Pakistanis share fraternal ties, adding that

-Ch Sarwar says relations between both countries strategic and are strengthening with passage of time



Pak-Saudi relations are deep and historic and the hearts of the people of both the countries beat together. Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Pakistan has a heartfelt spiritual bond with Saudi Arabia and both the countries have always stood by each other in difficult times. He said that Pakistan would always stand by Saudi Arabia to safeguard its integrity and sovereignty.

He said that Pak Saudi relations have grown strong under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan having no precedent in the past.

Appreciating the role of Overseas Pakistanis for the development and stability of the country, Governor Punjab said that the federal and Punjab governments are taking practical steps to solve the problems of Overseas Pakistanis, adding that for the first time in the history of the country, special judges have been appointed in Lahore High Court and in the lower judiciary to hear the cases of overseas Pakistanis. He called upon all sections of the society to work together to make Pakistan strong and prosperous.



LAHORE: A volunteer female teacher teaches the gypsy children at an open air set-up at the temporary shelters homes of gypsy people along the Ravi River.

Pakistan players bag six bronze medals in Asian Wushu C'ship

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistani players clinched six bronze medals in the 2nd Asian Virtual Wushu Kung Fu Championship which was held in Malaysia under the Wushu Federation of Asia.

According to Pakistan Wushu Federation (PWF) President Malik Iftikhar Ahmed only six Pakistani athletes participated in the mega event and all of them won bronze medals.

In the junior category Malik Abdul Rahim Ahmed bagged a bronze medal while in youth category Miss Mehreen and in the category of over 18 years Mohammad Dawood, Waleed Ajmal, Mohammad Shoaib and Mohammad Arsalan each grabbed bronze medals.

The competition was held from September 10 to 15 in Malaysia in which junior category of 34 countries participated. A total of 161 athletes chipped in the youth category and over 18 years of age. PWF Secretary General Mrs. Ambreen extended her warm wishes to the medal winning athletes and hoped that Pakistani athletes would also make the country proud by winning laurels in the World Wushu Championship. It may be mentioned here that the winning medals were named after martyred Amanullah Khan Achakzai, President Pakistan Wushu Federation and former Executive Member Pakistan Olympic Association.

Lahore Police, Punjab Safe Cities Authority join hands



Introduce tablets equipped with modern technology integrated with criminal record of proclaimed offenders, e challan data, stolen and black listed vehicles

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lahore Police in collaboration with Punjab Safe Cities Authority has introduced Tablets equipped with modern technology integrated with criminal record of proclaimed offenders, e challan data, stolen and black listed vehicles and other necessary information to maintain law and order and curb crime in the provincial metropolis.

Capital City Police Officers (CCPO) Lahore Additional IG Ghulam Mahmood Dogar on Tuesday, inaugurated the information technology based tablets in eight vehicles of Police Response Unit in a ceremony held at Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA). Chief Operating Officers PSCA Kamran Khan, DIG Operations Capt(R)Sohail Chudhary, CCPO Muntazir Mehdi, SP Dolphin Squad/PRU Rashid Hi-

dayat, SP Coordination PSCA Asim Jasra and other police officers were present on this office. CCPO Ghulam Mahmood Dogar inaugurated the Tablets in eight vehicles of Police Response Unit (PRU) as a pilot project. Experts of Punjab Safe Cities Authority briefed CCPO Lahore and other officers regarding the facilities provided in the Tablets. These tablets have been installed in eight vehicles of PRU including Shahdara, kahna, sherakot, Chung and Harbanspura.

This facility has also been provided to the LTE handsets of traffic police to track the stolen, e challaned vehicles as well as criminals with record. While talking with media persons, Ghulam Mahmood Dogar expressed the significance of latest technology in operational and strategic policing to serve humanity and curb crime.

Lahore Police have increasingly realized the need for high performance connectivity, providing real-time access to applications required to check the identity and record of suspected persons and vehicles, he added.

The CCPO Lahore said that these Tablets have been linked with the Punjab Safe Cities Authority and the officers and officials of PRU teams could get all necessary information available at PSCA during their patrolling, snap and surprise checking as well as monitoring of the processions and other law and order related activities through live view cameras installed on their vehicles. The scope of these

tablets will be expanded to all the remaining vehicles of the PRU after analysing the out put and further improving the performance of these Tablets based pilot project, Ghulam Mahmood Dogar apprised media persons.

The team members of PRU vehicles have also been imparted necessary training to use these Tablets in sync with PSCA data. He said technological support and advancement of PSCA is the bone bone of Lahore police particularly in promoting citizen centric IT based policing.

Ghulam Mahmood Dogar further said that Lahore Police has improved and rationalized its human resources as well as logistics in accordance with the needs of present era by introducing latest technology.