



Minimum 24°C  
 Maximum 32°C  
 Sunset 05:44pm  
 Sunrise 05:59am  
 (Today)



FAJAR .....	04:40 AM
ZOHAR.....	12:10 PM
ASR.....	4:00 PM
MAGRIB.....	05:45 PM
ISHA.....	7:15 PM

## Quick Read

### Anti-dengue drive underway in City

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** An anti-dengue drive, initiated by the district administration, is underway in full swing under which surveillance is being carried out at various points in the provincial capital. Assistant Commissioner (AC) Raiwind Adnan Rasheed Monday visited Union Council (UC) No 116, where he inspected anti-dengue arrangements and issued warning to some house owners over presence of dengue larvae. He instructed the house owners about dengue prevention. Assistant Commissioner Cantt Zeeshan Ranjha visited Cantonment Board 10 to inspect anti-dengue arrangements at under-construction plazas and commercial buildings. He issued warnings to various property owners over dengue larvae presence and also got registered FIR against a tyre shop owner over dengue SOPs violation. He checked attendance of the dengue staff. He directed the dengue teams deputed in the area to gear up pace of anti-dengue spray process. Assistant Commissioner Shalimar Tehniyat Bukhari inspected anti-dengue arrangements at Bhogiwala and ordered for speeding up anti-dengue spray process in the area. Assistant Commissioner City Fizan Ahmed visited UC-79 to monitor anti-dengue arrangements and AC Model Town visited various areas of Model Town Society and got registered an FIR over presence of larvae in under-construction house. Assistant Commissioner Cantt sealed Educators Sadar campus for not following corona related SOPs properly.

### UVAS holds condolence reference for Dr AQ Khan

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore arranged a condolence reference to pay tribute to nuclear scientist Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, here at the City Campus on Monday. The UVAS vice-chancellor presided over the reference while deans, directors, chairpersons and a large number of faculty members, administrative and support staff were present. Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that the death of Dr AQ Khan was an irreparable national loss and the gap created due to his death could never be filled. He said the extraordinary services of Dr AQ Khan for the defence of Pakistan could not be forgotten and his name would always be remembered. He said that being Pakistanis, we must follow his principles, loyalty, devotion, dedication towards work and contribution for strengthening of defense system of Pakistan. He also spoke about his memories with Dr Khan. All the staff members prayed that may the departed soul rest in eternal peace and Allah Almighty give strength to his family to bear this loss.

### 1125 Lahore policemen affected by COVID-19: CCPO

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Capital City Police Officer Lahore Additional IG Ghulam Mahmood Dogar on Monday said that all out efforts were being made to protect the employees of Lahore police from dangers of coronavirus by ensuring all possible precautionary measures including vaccination of the personnel. As many as 1225 police officers and officials of Lahore police have so far been affected by COVID-19, whereas 1210 police officials resumed their duties after recovery. However, 10 policemen affected by COVID-19 were still in quarantine in their homes, said official spokesperson. He said that three DIGs, three senior police officers of SSP rank, nine SPs, 30 DSPs, 39 inspectors, 128 sub inspectors, 98 ASIs, 18 senior traffic wardens, 200 traffic wardens along with 112 head constable and 516 constables as well as junior and senior clerks were hit by Covid-19. Ghulam Mahmood Dogar said Lahore police has been playing pivotal role for implementation of SOPs to protect citizens from this virus.



LAHORE: A view of dengue field ward at Expo Centre as the Punjab government has opened a 280-bed dengue field hospital.

## 'EU Parliamentarians to be taken in confidence over GSP plus sta-

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Pakistan to take EU Parliamentarians in confidence regarding review of GSP plus status extension. Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar will be paying a 10-day visit to Europe at the special invitation of European Parliament Vice President Dr Fabio Massimo Castaldo. According to the details, the extension of GSP Plus status for Pakistan is being reviewed in the European Union, after which Pakistan has decided to take the European Parliament in confidence on the steps taken by Pakistan in this regard. The Governor of Punjab, Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar, has left on Monday at the special invitation of the Vice President of the European Parliament, Dr. Fabio Massimo Castaldo, where the Governor of Punjab, Chaudhry Mo-

### Governor says will pay a 10-day visit to Europe at special invitation of European Parliament Vice President Dr Fabio Massimo Castaldo



hammad Sarwar will hold meetings with the Vice President of the European Union, Monitoring Commission, EU and Members of Parliament. He will also visit the European Parliament on October 13, 2021. During his visit to Europe, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar will hold meetings with European members of parliament as well as human rights organizations and discuss the Kashmir issue, ongoing

atrocities in Palestine, Indian conspiracies against peace and Pakistan's involvement in Afghanistan Peace Process. He will also highlight the role played by Pakistan for peace in the region. Talking on the occasion of his departure, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that India was spreading negative propaganda against Pakistan in the European Union but

Pakistan had thwarted India's nefarious designs in the past through its successful strategy and would continue to foil them in future as well. He said that the issue of extension of GS Plus status for Pakistan will be resolved soon, adding that the European members will also be briefed on the role of Pakistan for peace in Afghanistan and the region. Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar said that Pakistan under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan advocates peace not only in Afghanistan but in the whole world, but unfortunately India has been the biggest enemy of peace in the region from day one, adding that innocent Kashmiris are being massacred in IIOJK. He said India is involved in gross human rights violations not only in IIOJK but is also committing atrocities against Muslims living in India. We will expose India at every



LAHORE: Members of the YDA hold a protest in favour of their demands.

### Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) seminar tomorrow: Ashrafi

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Special Representative to the Prime Minister on Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi Monday said that a seminar on Seerat un Nabi (PBUH) titled "the rights of women and minorities in light of Islamic Shariah," would be held in the federal capital on Wednesday as part of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal celebrations. Addressing a news conference, he said in the seminar, Ulama, Mashaikh and religious scholars would highlight high Islamic moral values, through light on the importance of the rights of women and minorities. The main aim of organizing the seminar was to highlight the soft image of Islam, disseminate teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) across the globe. He said another such Seerat seminar has also been organized by a Lahore, church. Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is Rehmatul lil Alameen and not the Rehmatul lil Muslimeen. His Seerat was the beacon of life for the whole humanity. He said Prime Minister has already announced the establishment of Rehmatullil Aalamin Authority, which would portray before the world a true image of Islam besides carrying out research on Seerat un Nabi (PBUH). The core objective of Rehmatul-lil-Alameen Authority was not only to appraise but also inculcate the teachings of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and his way of life in the lives of kids and adults alike. Various ministries has organized programs to highlight the teachings of the holy prophet. Ashrafi said that President and Prime Minister were likely to attend the conference. At the outset of the new conference, Tahir Ashrafi and Ulama offered Fateha for the departed soul of Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan.

## Combatting the effects of climate change in Pakistan

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Pakistan like the rest of the world is bearing the consequences of global climate emergency. Climate change is not on the list of priorities for countries but due to increasing effects in Pakistan it has become a problem. Unfortunately, Pakistan has contributed only 1% to the problem, yet it faces disproportionate vulnerability because of its temperatures have risen and glaciers have melted causing a huge obstacle in Pakistan's way to reach its goals to reduce poverty and guarantee food security. Furthermore the secretary general of the united nation also visited Islamabad the capital of Pakistan where he agreed that Pakistan was facing a huge

threat due to the mistakes of other countries the reason the United Nations is giving aid to us and more than 50,000 NGOs are working in Pakistan to help this country fight climate change. Pakistan is among the ten most affected countries by climate change which has a huge effect on its economy being an agriculture-based country drought have become common which has made numerous people homeless. Moreover, for the last seven years there has been a constant drought in Thar causing low crop growth and huge loss of livestock which has affected nomadic lives forcing people to settle in such harsh conditions and have a huge rural to urban migration. In addition to this every year in the early winters a layer is formed in the sky known as

smog a mixture of smoke, fog and air pollution which forces Pakistan to shut all industries, schools, colleges, malls and nearly everything as smog makes it unbearable to breathe and see causing a huge issue to people with breathing issues like asthma and can cause lung cancer. It is high time we realize there is no Planet B where we can shift once we have destroyed our Earth wake up! "This is the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced. This not something you can like on Facebook" Greta Thunberg. Besides all this the international community is not doing anything to help this third world country as it faces all troubles while certain countries claim that there is no such thing as climate change this is only the start and the situation is already getting out of hand. Pakistan will be in a water shortage in the next 20 years and due to climate change the Arabian Sea level

has raised while the temperature is risen causing the summer to be extremely hot the highest temperature Pakistan touched was in 2017 which was 53.5°C. This causes around 70 people to die due to extreme heat waves. In 2015 more than 100 people died due to the heat wave and major dehydration as it is awfully hard to find drinkable water as Pakistan does not have proper reservoirs or numerous dams to collect rainwater which is wasted. Lastly we understand that the Paris agreement was a great step to fight climate change but it wasn't sufficient enough the reason those loopholes should be fixed or a new treaty should be formed and we believe that if the biggest funder of the agreement would back out of it after supporting it would just worsen the situation like the President of United States of America Donald J. Trump did the reason we believe this should be amended all of

us should work together for a better earth, better life and a better future as it may not be a crisis for us but it will be for our future generations. Although Pakistan faces severe drought in some areas like one of its river as nearly dried out also known as River Ravi while some of them are causing huge floods causing people to fled from their homes and abandon all rural establishments while the city's population increases day by day. The reason we believe that Pakistan does not deserve to be treated like this the reason nearly all Pakistani industries are trying to reduce pollution but it will take time as ecofriendly machines are more costly and have a high maintenance the reason we ask all Pakistani citizens and the international community to help us make Pakistan great again.

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