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## Quick Read

### 05 dead, 1,158 injured in 1,132 road traffic crashes in Punjab

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) responded to 1132 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 36 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs 05 people died, whereas 1158 were injured. Out of this, 662 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals. Whereas, 496 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (62%) involved Motorbikes, therefore effective enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce this an increasing number of Road Traffic Crashes.

Further, the analysis showed that 498 drivers, 39 underage drivers, 112 pedestrians, and 553 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes.

The statistics show that 251 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 238 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 101 in Faisalabad with 104 victims and at third Multan with 88 RTCs and 92 victims.

The details further reveal that 1163 victims were affected by road traffic crashes including 959 males & 204 females, while the age group of the victims shows that 231 were under 18 years of age, 606 were between 18 and 40 years and rest of the 326 victims were reported above 40 years of age. According to the data 965 motorbikes, 115 auto-rickshaws, 98 motorcars, 19 vans, 11 passenger buses. —APP

### Former CJ LHC Khawaja Sharif laid to rest

**LAHORE:** Former chief justice of the Lahore High Court (LHC) Khawaja Muhammad Sharif, who died on Friday after a protracted illness, was laid to rest at Miani Sahib graveyard, here on Saturday.

Khawaja Latif, the son of late Khawaja Muhammad Sharif led the funeral prayers which was attended by Chief Justice Lahore High Court Muhammad Amin Bhatti, Supreme Court Justice Ejazul Hassan, former chief justice of Pakistan Mian Saqib Nisar, President Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) Ahsan Bhoon, President, Lahore High Court Bar Association (LHCBA) Maqsood Ahmed Buttar, judicial officers, lawyers, political and social figures. —APP

### 413 bags of hoarded sugar seized

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Price Control Magistrate raided a sugar godown here on Saturday and seized 413 hoarded sugar bags.

Assistant Commissioner Malik Muhammad Afzal along with his team carried out an operation against hoarders in different areas of the district and recovered 413 bags from a godown. The godown has been sealed. A case has been registered against godown owner Rao Nadeem. Meanwhile, on the direction of Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali Ijaz, price control magistrates raided in Okara and Depalpur areas and imposed a total fine of Rs 200,000 on sugar hoarders.

## PTI govt striving to ensure provision of facilities to citizens, says Shafqat

— Minister briefed on dengue, uplift schemes, cleanliness situation in City

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Shafqat Mahmood has said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government is striving to ensure provision of facilities to citizens as much as possible.

He was chairing a meeting of the district coordination committee (DDC) here at Aiwan-e-Iqbal on Saturday. The meeting was attended by PTI Senator Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhry, MPA Malik Nadeem Abbas, Deputy Commissioner Lahore Umar Sher Chatha, while relevant officers from WASA, MCL, LWMC, LESCO, LDA, education, health, district administration and others were also present.

The federal minister said that the government would continue journey of development despite tough circumstances, adding that the fruits of public friendly development projects would yield positive result.

He directed the health authorities to enhance the number of beds in dengue wards in public hospitals.

He also issued instruction to the sanita-



tion agency and waste management company to gear up its operations and ensure clean and green environment.

He also instructed LESCO to remove hanging wires.

The meeting reviewed the pace and quality of work on ongoing development schemes in provincial capital and also re-

viewed the cleanliness and dengue situation in the district.

During the meeting, DC Lahore Umar Sher Chatha stated that the dengue crash programme had been launched in 37 union councils of the city and around 1,200 dengue workers were participating in the programme.

The LDA officials also briefed the meeting about pace of ongoing development projects, underpasses and other schemes in the city.

### Exit traffic plan finalised for Raiwind Ijtema participants

A comprehensive exit traffic plan has been finalised for the evacuation of Raiwind Ijtema participants, said Muntzir Mehdi.

He further added that during Raiwind congregation final dua, all roads leading towards ijtema will remain closed. After final dua, vehicles of ijtema participants will be driven one-way throughout Raiwind city roads.

The ijtema participants vehicles will be driven one-way on sundar road, from Raiwind road to Sundar Adda Multan Road, Raiwind Manga Road, Kot Radha Kishan

Road and on Sui Asal Road.

CTO said that no vehicle will be allowed to enter Raiwind from Motorways and Ring Road during evacuation.

He said that during evacuation first of all, motorcycle and rickshaw stands than car and wagon stands and in the end bus and truck stands will be vacated. CTPL has deployed extra force and all the office staff to facilitate public.

The traffic flow will be allowed in the normal way after a decrease in congestion, said Chief Traffic Police Officer (CTO) Muntzir Mehdi. Directions has been passed to all field officers not to allow parking of any vehicle at the end of the congregation.

The commuters can also travel from Fer-ozpur Road through Lilani Road, Chung Amar Sadhu via, Gawala Colony, Halloki to reach Jodho Railway Crossing Raiwind. He requested citizens not to travel Raiwind city during evacuation from 7AM to 12PM. He asked the citizens to call at 15 for traffic information.

Citizens will be updated about traffic situation through RASTA app and FM 88.6, CTO said.



LAHORE: Provincial Minister of Punjab for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Yasmin Rashid addresses at the seminar "Eradicating measles and others diseases" at a local hotel.

### Govt to protect people's interest, resolve problems of sugar industry: CS

— PSMA delegation calls on Chief Secretary

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal met with a four-member delegation of the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) led by Secretary-General Hassan Iqbal at his office in the Civil Secretariat on Saturday.

The delegates apprised the Chief Secretary of the problems facing the sugar industry.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary said that a plan of action would be worked out through consensus to resolve the genuine problems of the sugar industry.

He said that it is the duty of the government to protect the interest of the people and ensure the availability of essential commodities to the citizens at officially-fixed rates.

He said that the association should play its due role in stabilizing the price of sugar, adding that no one would be allowed to overcharge the consumers.

The Chief Secretary said that the government would extend full cooperation for the promotion of investment and business activities and the industrialists should work hand in hand with the government for the development of the country.

The delegates Hassan Iqbal, Mohammad Aslam, Mohammad Rafiq, and Faisal Ahmed assured that the association would extend cooperation to the government.

The administrative secretaries of the Food, Agriculture, and Industries Department and Cane Commissioner Punjab were also present on the occasion.

## Accord signed to power GCU with clean energy

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Government College University (GCU) Lahore has launched a project to power its main campus with clean energy.

In this regard, an accord was signed here on Saturday to install solar power panels across the rooftops of the University's main campus.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi and a reputed solar company, Shams (Pvt) Limited,

Chief Executive Officer Omer Malik signed the agreement for purchase of solar equipment after fulfillment of all codal formalities in collaboration with the Punjab Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency (PEECA).

Abdur Rahman, the programme manager of PEECA, and senior officials of the university, were also present.

Prof Zaidi said the project would not only reduce 50 per cent electricity cost of the uni-

versity but also help in reduction of environment pollution.

He said that the University was purchasing solar equipment on deferred payment model with net metering and for the next 25 years, all repairs, maintenance and replacement of solar panels and allied equipment would be made by the seller company.

The Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Asghar Zaidi believed the project would inspire other universities of Pakistan to shift their

electricity needs on solar energy. He asked the solar company to provide internship opportunities to the electrical engineering students of GCU, and involve them in the solar energy projects.

Omer Malik said that the empty roofs of Government College University would be converted into power houses and the University would not have to bear any installation or maintenance cost.

He said this project would be

## Media support vital for largest-ever vaccination drive for children: Yasmin

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Health Minister D. Yasmin Rashid appealed to the media to create awareness on preventive public health intervention especially vaccination here on Saturday.

In her address as chief guest at a seminar on "Role and Responsibility of Media in Measles Rubella Catch up Campaign 2021" at a local hotel, the Health Minister said that Vaccination was the most cost effective preventive intervention in public health. Prevention, she added, was always better than cure. The event was organized by the Expanded Program on Immunization with unicef support. Present in the seminar were Director Expanded Program on Immunization Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed Awan, Director CDC Dr. Shahid Magsi, Unicef Health Specialist Dr. Tahir Man-

zoor, Unicef consultant Dr. Saeed Akhtar, WHO Technical Officer Dr. Nauman Khan, Technical Focal Person BMGF Dr. Naem Majeed, health reporters and officials of the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department.

In her address, the Health Minister said, "Pakistan is going to organize the history's largest vaccination campaign for children from November 15 to 27. More than 46.6 million children of 9 months to 15 years of age shall be vaccinated with daily target of over 3.7 million children per day. Press is known as the fourth pillar of the state and it plays a pivotal role in raising awareness on health issues. I appreciate the EPI Program for engaging the media and I am thankful to Unicef for supporting the government during this campaign. Until the advent of vaccination, Corona Pandemic had played havoc, setting off the

largest ever lockdown on the planet. However, since the introduction of the vaccines, life has started returning to normal. Only in Punjab, unvaccinated people constitute more than 85% of new COVID-19 hospital admissions."

Elaborating the importance of vaccination, the Health Minister further said, "We saw a significant decline in positivity ratio in areas having high vaccination coverage. Measles and Rubella can be fatal and during my career as a doctor, I have witnessed Rubella causing lifelong complications among mothers and children. The MR vaccine was available in the private sector, yet it was expensive and only affluent people could afford it. Now we will be providing this vaccine to people free of cost. In Punjab more than 52% people have received at least a single dose vaccine."



LAHORE: Motorists drive carefully at Sagian Bridge amid heavy smog conditions. —Online