

# Modern courses for muharri, IOs and other staff should be conducted on priority: IG

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has said that modern professional training of police force in accordance with modern requirements is my first priority for improving process of protection of citizens life. In this regard, upgradation of training courses along with supply of modern resources to all training colleges will remain continued.

He directed RPOs, DPOs to start refresher training courses for capacity building of Muharrir, investigating officers and other staff in every district so that they could protect lives and property of people in better way. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that best facilities should be provided to trainee officers and personnel in all training colleges of the province.

IG Punjab said that interrogation system should be further improved for enhancing performance of police and special attention should be paid to effective use of



modern technology and practice to secure evidence during the training. IG Punjab said that officers and officials working in field should also be imparted modern training refresher courses. He also directed to invite experts from different departments to training colleges for delivering special guidance lectures to officials based upon their experiences.

He issued these directions while giving instructions to officers on

occasion of his visit to Police Training College, Chung today. Commandant Police Training College Chung briefed IG Punjab about recruitment courses, training curriculum, investigation school and other professional matters. IG Punjab reviewed facilities available for investigating officers in the School of Investigation. During visit to the hostels, IG Punjab directed that best facilities be provided to trainee officers in accordance with standard hygienic measures so that trainee officers and staff could focus on training with full attention. He said that if there is a need to upgrade curriculum then it should be upgraded in line with requirements of modern times and effective use of information technology in policing process must be ensured. IG Punjab further said that by improving quality of training of the force, we can better perform our duty of service and protection of citizens and supervisory officers will have to play their role effectively in this regard.



**HYDERABAD:** Students perform in a tableau on Kashmiri songs during top ten BDS position holders award ceremony organised by the Faculty of Dentistry LUMHS Jamshoro.

## Electronic Voting Machine: A trend changer

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**E**lectronic voting machine also known as EVM is a voting machine that uses electricity or any other power source to operate and is used in casting and counting votes. Electronic voting, or e-Voting, is the use of modern technologies in the process of marking or casting a vote during elections.



Electronic voting systems for elections have been in use since the 1960s when punched card systems debuted. Their first widespread use of EVM was in the USA where seven counties switched to this method for the 1964 presidential election. The idea of using EVM was presented by our present Prime minister of Pakistan and Chairman Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Imran Khan as a part of his election campaigns back in 2018 and beyond. His main focus and emphasis was a fair and fine election in Pakistan. PM believed that it will carry many more benefits as it will enable overseas Pakistanis to cast their votes. On August 7, 2021, Federal minister of Science & Technology, Shibli Faraz and Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) jointly presented and briefed the use of EVM to Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Shibli Faraz clearly stated that the new EVM's are very easy to understand for not only surveying staff but also the voters. The plus point of this device is that it couldn't be messed with or hacked as it has no working framework and would not be associated with a web as it will be operated without internet.

He also appreciated the engineers and other staff of the ministry who were involved in the making of this machine within the assigned time of 12 weeks, which was itself a very short period. He likewise mentioned the last machine presented in 2014 only fulfilled 20 percent specification of ECP but this one is on the particular criteria.

These machines are designed and will be developed in Pakistan with the help of University students. Therefore, they will cost less as compared to imported ones. Their ink will not fade away until five long years and results can be tally by just pressing a button.

November 17, 2021 was a big day for Pakistan as National Assembly of Pakistan's Joint session passed a bill related to use of EVM in next elections. So it is expected that the next election of Pakistan would be on the Electronic Voting Machine. It is expected that the next election would be totally genuine as no fake votes can be cast as it happens in all previous election in our country. The two-way record saving will be the perfect way for this problem. Well, now one thing is confirmed that the electronic voting machine is now available in Pakistan which can be used in the next general election.

With all its benefits, practically this machine will bring operational cost also. Estimatedly, to operate the EVMs on election day, Pakistan will need to train 300,000 to 500,000 people. The cost for this will come to about Rs1 billion, assuming the government incurs a cost of about Rs2,000 per head on training.

There will also be a need for technical support, in case a machine malfunctions on polling day.

Providing tech support in all 130 districts of Pakistan will carry a price tag of Rs250-500 million, approximately, assuming about 10 mobile units with three engineers each are assigned to each district. Going by this estimate, the ECP will need 1,300 mobile units and 4,000 engineers/technicians to provide tech support. The cost of operating each mobile unit is estimated to be Rs350,000-400,000. But these expenses will not be a burden on Nation if this machines proves it's worth by providing a fair and fine general election. Let's hope that this new innovation helps to uplift the electoral system of Pakistan. PAKISTAN ZINDABAD!

## Unvaccinated persons cannot offer prayers in mosque: Sindh govt

**KARACHI:** Home Department Sindh has ordered that only vaccinated persons will be allowed to offer prayers in the mosques.

According to home department Sindh steps are being taken once again by provincial government to counter spread of corona virus in the province. Under the directives of NCOC home department Sindh has issued new orders to curb the spread of corona virus.

It has been said in the new orders that unvaccinated persons would not be allowed to offer prayers in the mosques and only vaccinated persons will be permitted to offer prayers. Wearing mask will be compulsory for attending religious gatherings and offering prayers.

The Home Department has issued

order that carpets from all the mosques be removed.

**IHC dismisses contempt plea against Maryam, Khaqan**

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has dismissed the contempt petition against Maryam Nawaz and Shahid Khaqan Abbasi declaring it non-maintainable. The petition was filed against Maryam Nawaz and Shahid Khaqan Abbasi for allegedly scandalizing the judiciary.

Chief Justice (CJ) IHC Athar Minallah remarked no one is sacred including judges. The judges should demonstrate broadmindedness. No contempt in respect of retired judges takes place no matter he is chief justice or someone else. A female lawyer has filed petition in IHC taking the plea what has been

said against Saqib Nisar in press conference were contempt of court. The court remarked it is too affected. He can file defamation case. No contempt plea can be made in respect of retired person. No matter he is chief justice. The petitioner said show cause notice in respect of Ansar Abbasi too is with you.

The court remarked that is a separate case. It should not be mixed with that case. First thing is this the judges are open minded in the perspective of criticism. The court further remarked the judges are on higher position. The criticism should be welcomed. After hearing the arguments of the counsel for the petitioner the court rejected the contempt petition declaring it non maintainable. —Online

## KP Chief Secy orders Health Dept, others to speed up vaccination campaign

From Our Staff Correspondent

**PESHAWAR:** Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr Shehzad Bangash has directed the Health Department and other relevant administrative departments to take immediate steps to expedite corona vaccination campaign.

The Chief Secretary issued this instruction while presiding over a meeting on ongoing Covid-19 vaccination campaign, held here on Friday at the Civil Secretariat Peshawar. The meeting was attended by Muhammad Tahir Orakzai, Secretary Health, Shah Fahad Mohmand, Focal Person for NCOC, Director General Health Services Dr. Niaz Muhammad and other senior officials.

The Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was briefed about the ongoing Corona Vaccination campaign by the Health Department. Secretary Health Tahir Orakzai apprised the meeting

that government employees across the province have been vaccinated and vaccination of the general public is underway. He said that the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has fully coped with the major challenges including corona pandemic and polio, where all government and semi-government institutions are fighting against various challenges with the cooperation of people in vaccination drives.

On this occasion, the Director General Health informed the participants of the meeting that vaccination of three million citizens will be completed by December. The Chief Secretary Dr. Shehzad Bangash, while issuing instructions, said that process of corona vaccination should be further expedited.

He said that vaccination of children and students above 12 years of age is the top priority of the government and district administrations should take steps to speed up vaccination. He said that access to various facilities

should be made conditional with vaccination certificate, under "Obligatory Corona Vaccination Regime".

He stressed that all district officers should ensure full co-operation with health department for the success of vaccination campaign. Chief Secretary said that vaccination campaign should be intensified in educational institutions and legal action should be taken against institutions that refuse vaccination.

He said that the deployment of District Health Officers would be on performance basis. Giving instructions to the health department, the chief secretary said that a plan of action should be prepared for the areas affected by the corona pandemic. On which Director General Health responded that, smart lockdowns are imposed across the province where spikes appear frequently, and added that other necessary steps are also being taken to control the pandemic.

## China condemns the violence in Solomon Islands

**BEIJING:** China said it condemned rioting in the Solomon Islands and would ensure the safety of its citizens there, after a third day of protests against the Pacific nation's pro-Beijing leader.

"China ... condemns the violence that has caused severe damage and property losses," foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told reporters, adding Beijing will "safeguard the safety and legitimate rights and interests of Chinese citizens and institutions".

The explosion of violence is partly a result of frustrations at Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare's government, as well as long-running animosity between residents of the country's most populous island Malaita and the central government.

Malaita residents have long complained that their island is neglected by the central government - and divisions intensified when Sogavare abruptly switched diplomatic recognition to Beijing instead of Taiwan in 2019. The struggle for influence between China and Taiwan in the Pacific has long been fought out on the islands, which have a small Chinese community. Chinese businesses have been attacked by rioters and looters in the past, and the capital's Chinatown district was targeted this week.

Zhao said on Friday that the "establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the Solomon Islands conforms to the trend of the times and is a correct choice that can stand the test of history".

Since diplomatic ties were established between the two had made "remarkable progress" while "practical cooperation in various fields has yielded fruitful results".

A night-time curfew entered into force in the Solomon Islands' restive capital Honiara on Friday, after the prime minister's home came under attack and swathes of the city reduced to smouldering ruins. Police fired warning shots and tear gas to scatter rioters who marched on the house of Sogavare in the east of the usually sleepy

seaside capital. The mob set fire to at least one nearby building before being driven back towards the city centre, AFP reporters witnessed. Later, freshly arrived Australian police and soldiers moved to restore order, protecting critical infrastructure and providing a highly visible and heavily armed presence on the streets. The roughly 100 Australian peacekeepers arrived overnight, just



hours after Sogavare begged neighbours for urgent help. As rain fell in the early evening, local authorities moved to stamp out the embers of violence, declaring a night-time curfew in Honiara that will remain in force "until revoked". In an address to the nation Sogavare told citizens the Solomons had been "brought to its knees" by the rioting, but vowed to resist calls for his resignation. —Reuters

**Egypt revives ancient road connecting Luxor and Karnak:** LUXOR, Egypt: A restored road connecting two ancient Egyptian temple complexes in Karnak and Luxor. —AP

## Europe moves to curtail travel from South Africa over virus



**BERLIN:** Germany and Italy joined Britain in banning most travel from South Africa as governments scramble to prevent the spread of a new COVID-19 variant with a large number of mutations.

In a sign of the growing alarm, the European Union separately proposed prohibiting travel from southern Africa.

The EU's executive "will propose, in close coordination with member states, to activate the emergency brake to stop air travel from the southern African region due to the variant of concern B.1.1.529", EU chief Ursula Von der Leyen tweeted Friday. Germany's new travel restrictions, starting Friday night, will affect South Africa and "probably neighbouring nations", Health Minister Jens Spahn said, with only German nationals allowed

entry. They must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival even if vaccinated. "The last thing we need now is an introduced new variant that causes even more problems," Spahn said, with Germany in the grip of a ferocious fourth wave of the pandemic. In Rome, the government on Friday announced it was banning entry to those who have been in South Africa, Lesotho & Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia or Eswatini in the past fortnight. Health Minister Roberto Speranza said scientists were studying the new B.1.1.529 variant, "and in the meantime, we will follow the path of maximum caution". Britain announced that all flights from South Africa and its same neighbours would be prohibited starting 1200 GMT on Friday. —Reuters

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