

### Steps afoot to improve tax recovery: SAPC

MULTAN: Special Assistant to Chief Minister (SAPC) Punjab for Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control, Syed Razaqat Ali Gillani, said on Thursday that all possible steps were being taken for the improvement of tax recovery, prompt issuance of smart cards and number plates.

He expressed these views while talking to media persons during his maiden visit to Excise Directorate office here.

On the occasion, Director Excise Multan Division Abdullah Khan Jalbani and Director Bahawalpur Division Jam Siraj Ahmed were also present.

Syed Razaqat Ali Gillani said to solve the problems of people related to excise set-up would be installed in South Punjab like Upper Punjab to ensure easy excess of smart cards and number plates to people. He said excise department had inked an agreement with Pakistan Post Office and delivery of smart cards, number plates and other documents was being ensured at consumer's doorsteps.

The Special Assistant said, it was his first visit to the city and added that he would pay visit to every district across South Punjab. He said despite shortage of staff and lack of facilities, tax collection of the three divisions of South Punjab was satisfactory.

Syed Razaqat said recommendations would be sent to the Punjab Chief Minister for new recruitments in excise department to meet the shortage of staff, new building and other missing facilities. He said consultation about establishment of excise police stations was underway and implementation would be done soon.

Replying to a query, he said tax ratio of South Punjab was low as compared to Lahore and Rawalpindi but there were less resources and more problems.

However, the incumbent government was paying special focus on the uplift of South Punjab to counter these issues. He said establishment of University and Mother and Child Hospital in district like Layyah showed interest of the Chief Minister in the region. To another question about inflation, he said inflation was an international issue and added that the provincial government was taking measures to overcome it.

Earlier, Syed Razaqat Ali conducted meeting with three divisional officers of South Punjab in which officials briefed him on tax recovery and other issues and assured them that their problems would be resolved soon. —APP



ISLAMABAD: People suffer at G-9 bus station as due to strike of Petroleum Dealers Association.

## CM announces district status for Alai, inaugurates uplift projects in Battagram

BATTAGRAM: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mahmood Khan on Thursday announced the status of district for Alai tehsil besides inaugurating uplift projects including 500KW mini macro hydropower Biyari Alai project to provide low cost and uninterrupted electricity to the locals.

The Biyari Alai project would help provide inexpensive electricity to around 600 households, schools, health units and mosques. The Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed building of Government Degree College Bana Alai, which was completed with an estimated cost of Rs272 million.

Addressing a big gathering on the occasion, the Chief Minister said presence of so many people in today's gathering was proof that people support policies of Pakistan Tehrik e Insaf (PTI). Prime Minister Imran Khan and PTI, he said, were the center of hope for the people of Pakistan. During last 70 years, the Chief Minister said incompetent political parties spoiled almost all the sectors of life and

badly damaged the economy by obtaining heavy debts. These politicians, he said, even put the burden of debts on our coming generation adding during past two regimes heavy debts of Rs 23000 billion were acquired. This amount, he said, was not spent for people's welfare but went into the pockets of corrupt politicians who bought expensive properties abroad. Earlier, he said it cost Rs 200m to construct just one kilometer of motorway due to involvement of corrupt practices, adding, the incumbent government was bearing the brunt of the corrupt practices of the past regimes.

The CM continued that people got rid of such corrupt politicians by joining hands with the Prime Minister Imran Khan. The country, he hoped, would be freed of foreign debts under the leadership of the Prime Minister. "We will leave a better and prosperous Pakistan for our next generations". He said Prime Minister Imran Khan, rather than thinking of next elections, was concerned for the future of our coming generations and his government

was trying the best to provide maximum relief and facilities to its people.

The incumbent government, he said, despite difficult times initiated several people welfare programs including Sehat Card and Kissan Card, adding, soon Education Cards would also be issued to the people. The Federal Government, would soon introduce Naya Pakistan Card, he said adding, under Ehsas Ration Program registration of deserving families was underway.

The provincial government would provide Rs 13.5 billion for this program. The Chief Minister expressed the resolve that not a single penny of the nation would be wasted and pledges made with the people would be honored. Elimination of corruption from the society was our prime focus, he said and urged people to support the government by identifying the corrupt elements. The Chief Minister said with the consent of the people, Malakand and Hazara divisions would be divided in two zones to improve service delivery and administrative affairs. —APP

### Common antacids may hinder lung cancer treatment

ISLAMABAD: A common medication used to treat reflux, heart burn and ulcers could lessen the effectiveness of lung cancer immunotherapy drugs, according to a new research.

Researchers at Flinders University in Australia investigated the impact of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) on patients undergoing treatment for non-small cell lung cancer, the most common type of lung cancer, accounting for 85 percent of cases. Patients received either chemotherapy or were treated with a combination of chemotherapy and atezolizumab, an immune checkpoint inhibitor drug, designed to boost the immune system into killing cancer cells, Medical Daily reported.

The results published in Nature's British Journal of Cancer, showed that PPI use was associated with worse survival in patients with advanced cancer treated with atezolizumab plus chemotherapy, but not in those that received chemotherapy alone, with the study showing PPI use was linked to a significant decrease in the benefit of the immune therapy treatment. Stomach issues and reflux are common in cancer patients so the use of antacids and PPIs is common. Nearly 30 percent of cancer patients use them, and usually for extended periods of time," said lead author Ash Hopkins from the Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute.

"Of concern is that the medication is often overused or used inappropriately, as it is seen to cause little harm, however our research could indicate a need to change this approach," Hopkins added. PPIs treat a number of stomach issues by reducing acid production in the wall of the stomach. Recent studies have shown the medication can cause significant gut microbiota changes, which could lead to its impact on cancer immunotherapy.

"Immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) drugs help the immune system by switching on T-cells, allowing them to kill or control cancerous tumours but the gut microbiota also plays an important role in regulating our body and its immune function," said Hopkins. When this gut microbiota is impacted it can stop the ability of ICIs to activate the immune system, meaning the drugs simply won't work as well to fight off the cancer." While further studies are needed, the researchers noted it could be time for oncologists to reconsider indiscriminate use of PPIs for their patients. —APP

## UAE announces \$10 billion fund for investments in Turkey

Announcement comes after Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed holds talks with Turkish President

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates announced on Wednesday a \$10 billion fund for investments in Turkey, state media reported. "The UAE announced the establishment of a \$10 billion fund to support investments in Turkey," the official Emirati news agency WAM said.

The announcement comes after Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed held talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara on Wednesday, opening a new chapter in relations between the regional rivals.

WAM said that the move was "to support the Turkish economy and boost bilateral cooperation between the two countries". It added that the main focus will be on "strategic



investments", especially in sectors including energy, health and food. Sheikh Mohammed's visit was the first high-level UAE trip to Turkey since 2012 and comes a day after the Turkish lira crashed. The groundwork of the rapprochement was laid out with a visit in August by a UAE delegation, as well as a phone call between Erdogan and Sheikh Mohammed, UAE's de facto ruler. The UAE and Turkey have backed opposing sides in the Libyan conflict and have diverging opinions on other regional issues such as gas exploration in the eastern Mediterranean. Relations were particularly tense after a Saudi Arabia-led blockade on Qatar by Arab countries including the UAE in 2017. Doha is one of Ankara's closest allies. —AFP

### Sweden's first woman PM resigns hours after election

STOCKHOLM: Sweden's Prime Minister-elect Magdalena Andersson handed in her resignation hours after being appointed by parliament, after her budget failed to pass and the junior Green Party quit the coalition government.

While her stint was unexpectedly brief, Andersson made history by becoming the first woman elected to the post of prime minister in Sweden — she was to formally take over. The 54-year-old economist who has served as finance minister for the past seven years said she hoped to be elected to the position again soon as the head of a minority government made up of only the Social Democrats. "There is a constitutional practice that a coalition government should resign when one party quits," Andersson, a Social Democrat, told reporters. —AFP

### Gaddafi's son disqualified as presidential candidate by Libya election commission

TRIPOLI: Libya's top electoral body said that the son and one-time heir apparent of the late Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi is disqualified from running in presidential elections that are supposed to take place next month. According to a list of barred candidates issued by the country's High National Elections Committee, Seif al-Islam Gaddafi is ineligible because of previous convictions against him. He can appeal the committee's decision in court within the coming days. Seif al-Islam was sentenced to death by a Tripoli court in 2015 for use of violence against protesters who were calling for his father to step down, but that ruling has since been called into question by Libya's rival authorities. He is also wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of crimes against humanity related to the 2011 uprising against his father. Libya is set to hold the first round of its presidential elections on Dec 24, after years of United Nations-led attempts to usher in a more democratic future and bring the country's war to an end. —AP

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Loss OF Intimation Letter**  
 Intimation Letter Of Plot No.241 Sector KH Measuring 1 Kanal Phase 4 Issued by Defence Housing Authority Lahore Cantt in the Name of  
 Nazam Ahmad S/O Nazam Muhammad R/O House No 330-N Phase 1 Defence Housing Authority Lahore Cantt  
 I hereby hereby declare that I am not the Secretary Defence Housing Authority, Near Office Complex Phase 5, Lahore Cantt. With all the facilities on the same.  
 UAN:042-111-342-547 Fax:3810

## US prices rose five percent in October 2021: Commerce Dept

Incomes last month rose by a more-than-expected 0.5%, while spending similarly exceeded analysts' forecasts with a 1.3% gain

WASHINGTON: Prices across the United States rose by five per cent last month compared to October 2020 as the wave of inflation accelerated, the government reported. The year-on-year increase in the Commerce Department's personal consumption expenditures price index was its largest since November 1990 and above the 4.4% change reported in September. Incomes last month rose by a more-than-expected 0.5% while spending similarly exceeded analysts' forecasts with a 1.3% gain. The report indicates that Americans are continuing to shop and see their incomes grow even as inflation rises at record rates, with the data showing energy prices up 30.2% from October 2020 while food prices were 4.8% higher. The inflation acceleration occurred at the monthly level too, with the price index rising 0.6% compared to September, in line with analysts' forecasts.



### COURT NOTICE

In the court of Nazia Ali, Civil Judge, Sialkot Suit for declaration Ghulam Abbas VS Province of Punjab etc Ad for: Province of Punjab Through Deputy Collector, Sialkot, Tehsildar, Pasroor, Patwari Pindi, Bhago Tehsil Pasroor, Khalid Mahmood S/O Nazir Ahmad, R/O Bhalor Tehsil, Pasroor, Amjad Ali S/O Nazir Ahmad, R/O Bhalor Tehsil. The court has called you again and again, but the implementation seems difficult, therefore this ad is being issued for you to appear in this court on 27-11-2021 at 9:00 am. Otherwise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would be accepted. This ad is being issued with stamp and signature of this court.

### CORRECTION OF FATHER'S NAME

I Muneeb Ul Hassan passed the Secondary School Certificate Annual Examination 2021 under Roll No 529536 from B.I.S.E. My father's Name is Mansab Khan whereas on certificate my Father's name has been mention as Malik Mansab Khan which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's Name from Malik Mansab Khan to Mansab Khan. If any person/organization/agency has any objection, then the same may be intimated in writing to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education, Near 49-Tail Faisalabad Road, Sargodha within 15 days.

### COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Shahbaz Hussain ADJ Jhelum Appeal Under Order 43 CPC, Case Title Khalil Ahmed etc vs Zulfikar Ali etc To, Muhammad Anees son of Zaheer Ahmed R/o Dhok Rahim Bakhsh Tehsil & Dist Jhelum Presently Residing at Taiwan, Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned Respondent cannot be served in the ordinary way, it is, therefore, proclaimed under order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said Respondent will/shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 09:00am on 26-11-2021, the proceeding will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and the seal of this court.