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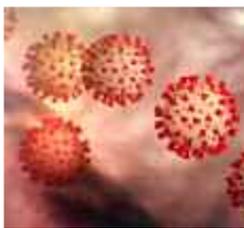


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## Quick Read

### 1,456 new cases of coronavirus reported in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter



**LAHORE:** As many as 1456 new cases of coronavirus were reported on Saturday, whereas 4 people lost their lives to the pandemic during the last 24 hours. According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare

Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 460,381 while total deaths were recorded 13,097 so far. The P&SHD confirmed the maximum number of coronavirus cases were reported in Lahore with 974 cases while 3 cases of coronavirus were detected in Attock, 20 in Bahawalpur, 9 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 47 in Faisalabad, 5 in Gujranwala, 1 in Gujrat,

2 in Kasur, 1 in Khanewal, 2 in Lodhran, 2 in Mandi Bahauddin, 3 in Mianwali,

41 in Multan, 1 in Muzaffargarh, 2 in Nankana Sahib, 1 in Narowal, 5 in Okara, 2 in Pakpattan, 255 in Rawalpindi, 21 in Rahimyar Khan, 7 in Sargodha, 13 in Sheikhpura, 2 in Vehari and 37 in Sialkot district during the last 24 hours. The Punjab health department conducted 9,342,009 tests for COVID-19 so far while total recoveries were recorded as 431,097 in the province. The Punjab health department has urged the masses to follow SOPs for their protection and cover their faces with masks. The people should wash their hands with soap several times in a day to protect themselves from COVID-19. Contact 1033 immediately on symptoms of coronavirus, the healthcare department urged the citizens.

### CTP starts cracking down improper number plates, applied for vehicles

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** City Traffic Police Lahore started cracking down on non-standard, having improper number plates and applied for vehicles. CTO Muntazir Mehdi along with representatives of Excise and taxation Department started crackdown in Liberty Market on Saturday. On this occasion, CTO said that cases would be registered against those who tampered with bogus, non-pattern number plates. Talking to media persons, he said that for the last one week, vehicles without and non-patterned number plates were being warned.

A door-to-door awareness message was delivered during the awareness and warning campaign. Warning and awareness notices have been issued to more than 0400 number plate manufacturers during the awareness campaign. More than 200,000 citizens were warned during the awareness campaign. Muntazir Mehdi has said that the cases would be registered under the Motor Vehicle Ordinance Ordinance 97A, under which there would be two years imprisonment and a fine of up to Rs 200,000. Manufacturers will face up to a year in prison and a fine of up to Rs 100,000. Joint 17 teams of City Traffic Police and Excise Department have been formed, cases will be handled only by those teams while rest wardens will continue chalking as usual. Teams have been deployed at entrances and exits of the city including Mall Road, Canal Road, Ferozepur Road, Jail Road, Gulberg, MM Alam Road, Maulana Shaukat Ali Road, Walton Road, Wahdat Road and other major highways. The Chief Traffic Officer Lahore said that there was no excuse for tampering with number plates, fake and not having clear numbers. All vehicles with number plates as per excise pattern will not be challaned.



LAHORE: A man rides a bike with one hand as he holds an umbrella during heavy rainfall.

## CS reviews preparedness ahead of snowfall in Murree

- Says people must follow SOPs and refrain from travelling to Murree

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal visited different areas of Murree on Friday night before the snowfall and reviewed the arrangements including removing snow from roads and maintaining traffic flow. He also inspected the control room set up for monitoring and issued necessary instructions to the authorities.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the arrangements made by the administration, police and security agencies and said that all preparations for relief activities during the snowfall were complete and the control room was fully operational.

The Chief Secretary said that the co-operation of the intending visitors is of key importance, adding that the people must follow SOPs and refrain from travelling to Murree when traffic police advise them not to do so. The Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi and officers concerned were also present on the occasion.

## Anti-polio drive kicks off

-DC says UC monitoring officers and area in-charges to perform duties in field to make polio drive a success

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Deputy Commissioner Umer Sher Chatha formally inaugurated anti-polio drive by administering polio vaccine to children at the Mian Mir Hospital here on Saturday. During the five-day drive starting from January 24 to 28, as many as 1.87 million children under five years of age would be administered anti-polio drops and for this purpose, 6326 teams had been formed. Talking on the occasion, DC Umar Sher said that Union Council Monitoring Officers and Area In-charges would perform duties in the field to make polio drive a success. He maintained that all district officers and assistant commissioners would monitor the drive in their respective tehsil. He urged the parents to get their children administered anti-polio drops to protect them from lifelong disability. "Polio free Lahore is our mission", he added. Assistant Commissioner Cant Zeeshan Ranjha and hospital administration were also present.



### Pakistani start-up wins first place across South Asia in maiden Stanford SEED Spark Programme

**LAHORE:** National Incubation Center (NIC) Lahore at LUMS nominated start-up Code-school.pk has won top laurels and a cash prize in the capstone business pitch competition in the Stanford Seed Spark Program for high-achieving entrepreneurs across South Asia. This was the inaugural cohort from Pakistan, and was introduced by NIC LUMS. "Our partnership with Stanford SEED Spark reflects our confidence in Pakistani entrepreneurs and their ability to compete with the very best talent globally," said Saleem Ahmad, Chairman NIC LUMS Lahore and Quetta at the graduation ceremony of Stanford SEED Spark's inaugural cohort in Pakistan. "Our conviction is reinforced by the fact that all of NIC LUMS mentored start-ups made the top 20 finalists and have brought home much pride in also winning the top position across South Asia." 83 ventures participated in the program, from across 17 collaborating institutions such as IIT Bombay, TiE Chennai and CII-Young Indians. The competition selected only the top 20 graduates as finalists. After a rigorous scoring process, the top three start-ups were selected to win a cash prize as well as a virtual showcase feature in the global Stanford SEED Spark gallery. "Our collaboration with NIC LUMS for Spark's maiden cohort in the Pakistan start-up ecosystem has been a great experience," said P. R. Ganapathy, Regional Director, Stanford Seed South Asia. "We are thrilled to see the energy and enthusiasm that NIC LUMS nominated entrepreneurs brought to the program. —APP

### Muzaffar knocks out Afghanistan's Samir to claim Arabian Sea title belt

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan's Muzaffar Khan claimed the Arabian Sea Title Belt, knocking out his opponent Ahmad Samir Dawrani of Afghanistan in the fifth round of the 10-round high-voltage super welter bout at the Liaquat Gymnasium of Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad on Saturday. In the first round, Muzaffar seemed somewhat in defensive mood as his opponent exhibited great aggression and agility. The 27-year-old Muzaffar kept on utilizing left punches more while his 29-year-old opponent made fine use of both right and left punches. At the end of second round, Muzaffar hit a powerful blow to Samir, rendering him senseless for a few moments. In the third round, Muzaffar hit another powerful punch that unsettled Samir but he was quick enough to come back to his feet again. In the fourth round, both the men exhibited great spirit as they fought with more vigor and prowess, keeping fans at the edge of their seats. —APP

## HBL PSL 7 commentators unveiled

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Pakistan Cricket Board on Saturday unveiled the commentators for the upcoming edition, which will commence at Karachi's National Stadium from 27 January.

Former England cricketer Nick Knight and Mike Haysman, the former first-class cricketer and now one of the most credible voices in world cricket, will mark their HBL PSL commentary debuts.

This will be Haysman's third visit to Pakistan in a year, after his stints in South Africa's tour of Pakistan and the National T20 last year.

Former England captain David Gower returns for his second consecutive stint after the legendary commentator made his appearance in the Karachi-leg of the 2021 edition. Former New Zealand and Zimbabwe pacers Danny Morrison (Lahore matches only) and Pommie Mbangwa (Karachi matches only) also join the HBL PSL commentary roster once again.

The Pakistan contingent of the commentators includes former Pakistan cricketers Bazid Khan, Marina Iqbal, Sana Mir, Urooj Mumtaz and Waqar Younis, along with Urdu commentator Tariq Saeed.

The action will be called in both English and Urdu languages to bring both international and local audiences closer to action. Thirty High-Definition cameras along

with buggy and drone cameras will embellish the viewing experience of the fans of the league in Pakistan and around the world. The Spider Cam will once again bring up and close experience with in-match chats between the players and commentators. Presenter Erin Holland also marks a return to the league. Sikander Bakht and Zainab Abbas will host the pre- and post-match shows. Cricket fans in Pakistan will be able to watch the HBL PSL 7 in high-definition on A Sports and PTV Sports, while viewers around the world can watch the action live on Willow TV (North America), Flow Sports (Caribbean), Sky Sports (United Kingdom), Sky Sport (New Zealand) and Super Sport (Africa).

### COMMENTATORS



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