

## PU Law College wins 2nd Annual Moot Court Competition

By Our Special Correspondent

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Law College won the 2nd Annual Moot Court Competition jointly held by Justice Project Pakistan (JPP) and Blackstone School of Law (BSOL) on Sunday. The four-day competition was a part of JPP's national public engagement campaign "Criminalize Torture".

Held from the 17th to the 20th of February, the Competition involved twenty teams from law colleges all over Pakistan.

University College Lahore and Punjab University Law College competed in the finals adjudicated by Deputy Legislative Advisor Ministry of Law and Justice Usama Malik, Barrister Ramshah Chaudhary, Barrister Mian Waheed Ashraf, Barrister Ambreen Qureshi and Advocate Usama Aqil.

After hearing arguments from both teams, the judges decided in favour of Punjab University. Global Policy Practitioner and Khwaja Sira activist Dr. Moiz Awan gave the concluding remarks during the award distribution ceremony.

The four-day event aimed to raise awareness on the issue of criminal cases involving capital punishment, torture in police custody, wrongful convictions and the importance of anti-torture legislation. It also included information on mentally ill prisoners, juvenile offenders and the rights and protections they should be accorded under domestic and international law.

Torture by law enforcement agencies is endemic in Pakistan.

## Minchinabad police launch crackdown on drug dealers

— Arrest Allah Ditta Joya with drugs

From Our Staff Correspondent

**MINCHINABAD:** Minchinabad police launched crackdown on drug dealers, Police arrested Allah Ditta Joya with drugs during the police raid. A case has been registered against the accused Allah Ditta Joya. Syed Ghulam Shabeer Shah SHO Minchinabad said that drug dealers are cankers and are not entitled to any concessions. Police cordoned off Kumran Road Minchinabad on the information of an informant and arrested a notorious drug dealer Allah Ditta of Nae Abadi Islampura. During a search, police found a plastic sheet hidden in a vest under his shirt and exported hashish weighed 1254 grams. Police registered a case of C/9 against the accused Allah Ditta Joya.

Talking to reporters, Ghulam Shabeer Shah SHO Minchinabad said that drug dealers are a menace in the society and they are spreading death among the young generation in the form of drugs.

He further said that crackdown against drug dealers was initiated on the instructions of Zafar Buzdar DPO Bahawalnagar.



LAHORE: Players of Peshawar Zalmi offer Namaz-e-Maghrib before starting PSL Twenty20 cricket match. —Online

## PRA launches Complaint Management System

By Our Special Correspondent

**LAHORE:** Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) has launched a Complaint Management System that allows taxpayers to register any complaints / suggestions and will enable the organization to obtain feedback from stakeholders to improve its services. The new system has been designed to ensure that all complaints are categorized, tracked and resolved in a timely manner. "PRA has always relied on automation to improve its performance", Chairperson PRA Mr. Zain ul Abidin Sahi said.

He added that it was a priority for the Government of the Punjab to make every department responsive to the public and ensure quick resolution of their grievances.

With an automated platform for complaint handling, the Authority will further strengthen the spirit of working in collaboration with the stakeholders.

Link for the new system is available on the PRA website (pra.punjab.gov.pk) and any person can register a complaint or a suggestion for PRA and later track the progress / outcome of the complaint.

# Language is a social gift: Punjab CM

### — Message on International Mother Language Day

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has stated that language is not only a means of expression of human emotions but also a conspicuous identity of nations.

In his message, the CM said that the promotion of the mother tongue is an important need and the importance of the mother tongue cannot be denied even in this ever changing digital world. Language gives a strong identity to the nations and protection of the mother tongue is a social responsibility of all of us, he maintained.

He said the education of the children in their mother tongue yields a positive effect on their mental development. The status of mother tongues as a national identity and a valuable cultural heritage is undeniable, he added. He observed that every word and phrase in the mother tongue contains national traditions, culture, mental and spiritual experiences.

He said language is a social gift that is passed to the next generation over time. The mother tongue is considered an effective means of preserving and promoting

cultural heritage, he said. Mother tongues create a better awareness of cultural, historical and social traditions around the world.

We have to reaffirm our commitment to take steps for the promotion of mother tongues, he concluded.

#### 8.1m released for treatment of deserving patients: CM

On the directions of Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar, Rs 8.1 million have been released for the treatment of deserving patients with cancer and liver transplant.

According to details, Rs.3 million have been released for the treatment of Muhammad Ismail of Jampur tehsil of Rajanpur district for treatment of bone marrow disease at the Armed Forces Bone Marrow Transplant Center Rawalpindi.

Another Rs.2.5 million has been given to anaemia patient Muhammad Farhan who was being treated at the same institution. Rs. 2.6 million have also been released for the treatment of liver patient Haji Ashiq Hussain of Dera Ghazi Khan from Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute Lahore.

The CM termed it a noble act to heal the

wounds of suffering humanity and vowed to provide resources for treating deserving patients.

#### Condolences death of renowned writer Maqbool Ahmad Dehlavi

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief over the death of renowned writer Maqbool Ahmad Dehlavi.

In a condolence message, the CM extended heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace. Late Maqbool Ahmad Dehlavi had penned excellent stories for children and his literary services would always be remembered, he added.

#### Condolences death of former Olympian Abdul Waheed Khan

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief over the death of former Olympian Abdul Waheed Khan who was a member of the Pak team that had won the first gold medal in hockey at the Olympics.

In his condolence message, the CM extended heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family and prayed that may Allah Almighty

grant patience to the bereaved heirs.

#### Pakistan, UAE enjoy historical fraternal relations: Buzdar

Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has said both Pakistan and UAE enjoy historical fraternal relations while the UAE's cooperation in the development of Pakistan is commendable.

In a statement, he said the government appreciates the UAE's cooperation in the betterment of education, health and other sectors. A large number of Pakistanis live in the United Arab Emirates and UAE has always cooperated with Pakistan, he noted. The agreement with Dhabi Group is welcome as it would not only create employment opportunities but also boost economic activities. Dhabi Group would make an investment of more than 60 billion rupees.

In line with the vision of PM Imran Khan, the Punjab government has provided a conducive environment for investment in the province, he added. The chief minister's facilitation centre has been set up to ensure direct access to the concerned institutions.

These measures are boosting investment in the province as impediments have been



LAHORE: An old man sleeps near the accumulated sewerage water at the Railway Station. —Online

# Entrepreneurs' Organization Lahore Chapter welcomes global chairman

**LAHORE:** The Lahore Chapter of the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) welcomed the Global Chairman of EO, David Anderson on his first ever visit to Pakistan. Established in 1987, Entrepreneurs' Organization is a high-quality support network of more than 15,600 business leaders in over 60 countries with more than 200 local chapters, that serves the unique needs of the entrepreneur. As the world's only peer-to-peer network exclusively for entrepreneurs, EO aims to help business leaders achieve their full potential by enabling transformational growth. EO members consist of entrepreneurs and founders of businesses making more than US\$1 million in annual revenue.



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EO's chapters bring together the local entrepreneurial community and connects members with thought-leaders and peers through various forums.

President Lahore Chapter, Mr. Mohsin Khawaja shared how the Organization has helped local entrepreneurs through the power of connections, collective knowledge and experience, and collaborative

He also stated, "It is a matter of immense pride for the Pakistani entrepreneurial community to see our members being recognized on a global scale.

One of our members has become the Regional Chair for Middle East, Pakistan and Africa region which is a great achievement."

During the two-day tour, Mr. Anderson met with Syed Babar Ali, renowned Pakistani businessman and philanthropist, and visited some members' company headquarters.

To showcase the rich culture of

Pakistan, the trip included a guided tour of Lahore's historic walled city and a live viewing of PSL cricket match at Gaddafi Stadium.

Dinner and Ghazal night was hosted by EO President Council Member, Mr. S.M. Imran (Ex Vice Chairman LDA) in honour of newly appointed EO MEPA's Regional Chair, Mr. Khurram Saleem.

Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar, Governor of Punjab and Mr. Shahzad Gill, Special Assistant to Prime Minister, graced the ghazal night with their presence.

Mr. Anderson said, "It is amazing to see this great chapter having a huge economic impact on the local community. I have learned a lot about the businesses of the distinguished members and also about the positive effect they are having in the community around them.

While we as entrepreneurs want to make ourselves better, we change the world everyday through the work that we do, and clearly the Lahore chapter is exemplifying the EO vision." —PR

## IG takes notice on sodomy charged of a 5-year-old child

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has taken notice of the incident of alleged sodomy of a 5-year-old child in Defense Lahore and has sought a report of the incident from CCPO Lahore.

IG Punjab directed to trace the accused and arrest them as soon as possible and said that strict legal action should be taken against the accused. Rao Sardar Ali Khan directed DIG Operations Lahore to liaise closely with the affected family and ensure that justice is provided to the bereaved on priority basis.

## 10 killed, 1,194 injured in Punjab road accidents

**LAHORE:** At least 10 people were killed and 1,194 others were injured in 1,127 road traffic accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours.

As many as 703 seriously injured people were shifted to different hospitals while 481 with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by the rescue medical teams, said a spokesman for Rescue-1122, here on Monday. The analysis showed that 522 drivers, 39 underage drivers, 131 pedestrians, and 541 passengers were among the victims of the road crashes. —APP

# Health Minister distributes Naya Pakistan Qaumi Sehat Cards in Karim Park

**LAHORE:** Punjab Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid urged people here on Monday to adopt healthy lifestyle and follow the 'healthy parks, healthy people' model.

Speaking as guest at the beautification and refurbishment of Gol Bagh Karim Park in UC 51 of NA 125 in the provincial capital, the Health Minister said that all 47 parks of NA 125 are undergoing the beautification process. The Health Minister also distributed Naya Pakistan Qaumi Sehat Cards and Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme letters among residents of the area. Present on the occasion were Additional DG PHA, Zubair Khan Niazi, Tariq Sana Bajwa, Javed Ikran Tony, Chaudhry Abdul Ghafoor Pappu, Rana Nasim, Haji Abdul Wahab, Sheikh Zulfiqar Ali, Malik Kamran and residents of the area.

The Minister took a round of the Gol Bagh area

in Karim Park and monitored the facilities. Additional DG PHA, Zubair Khan Niazi, Tariq Sana Bajwa, Chaudhry Abdul Ghafoor Pappu and Rana Nasim addressed the gathering as well. People chanted slogans for Prime Minister Imran Khan and Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid. The Health Minister said, "All 47 parks of NA 125 are being beautified and refurbished. I appreciate PHA officials and party workers for taking this initiative. We are arranging lights, plantation and water in the parks of NA 125. Hospitals would be deserted if our parks are populated. We will provide a clean and healthy environment for people in parks. Parents must encourage their children to engage in sports and healthy physical activities. Funds of Rs 1.4 billion have been approved for development work and provision of basic amenities in

NA 125. We will spend public money on the public alone. Taxpayers money was not spent on the public alone in the past. The efforts of our party workers were exemplary for completion of many development projects in NA 125.

We are making efforts for improved civic services under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan. By the efforts of the Health Department, we have not seen a polio case in the last one year. Prime Minister Imran Khan has fulfilled his promise with the nation by providing health cards to all families of Punjab. We have given 48,000 employments in the health sector so far and another 25,000 positions are in the pipeline. We are developing eight mother and child hospitals. We are serving people as workers of Prime Minister Imran Khan and Naya Qaumi Sehat Card is a step forward towards the dream of Riyasati-Madina. —APP

## Webinar discusses regulatory framework for startups

**LAHORE:** The government of Pakistan is continuously responding to the evolving needs of the country's startup ecosystem.

This was stated by Barrister Taimur Malik while addressing a webinar on 'Pakistan's Emerging Startups and their Regulatory Framework: Issues and Recommendations', organised by the Executive Development Institute (EDI) of the National School of Public Policy (NSPP), here on Monday. The webinar was officially introduced by EDI Dean Ahmad Nazir Warraich who, while highlighting the importance of the topic, told the audience that the event was being held to discuss the regulatory framework of startups and the issues in this regard and the interventions needed to improve the framework. —APP

# Carrefour launches Ramadan Donation Drive

**LAHORE:** Carrefour, owned and operated by Majid Al Futtaim in Pakistan, and Alkhidmat Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on 21 February, during a special ceremony hosted in Lahore.

The agreement sees the leading retailer and humanitarian NGO collaborate to support individuals & families in need during the holy month of Ramadan.

The MOU was signed in the presence of Umer Lodhi, Country Manager of Carrefour Pakistan at Majid Al Futtaim Retail, and Engr. Ahmed Hammad Rasheed, President of Alkhidmat Foundation.

Carrefour and Alkhidmat will be helping thousands of individuals and families in unfortunate circumstances during the holy month. Support will be lent to the entire Alkhidmat Foundation network across Pakistan.

Carrefour Pakistan will promote special Ramadan of-



fers for Carrefour customers across 10 nationwide stores. In addition, it will be promoting its Ramadan Essentials Boxes which will be donated to thousands of Alkhidmat beneficiaries through Carrefour outlets.