

IG Punjab sacks 3 DSPs for corruption, abuse of power

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has issued orders for dismissal of three deputy superintendents of police (DSPs) on the charges of abuse of power and corruption.

As per details, the process of departmental accountability in Punjab Police has been tightened further and black sheep involved in illegal activities are being expelled from the department, a spokesman said.

The IGP dismissed DSP Saifullah Bhatti and DSP Ahmed Sajjad Cheema on corruption charges. Both allegedly used to provide shelter to oil-thief gangs. Some accused disclosed the involvement of these officers during the interrogation on arrest of a gang. DSP Saifullah Bhatti was currently posted in Chiniot while DSP Ahmed Sajjad Cheema was posted in Faisalabad. The IGP fired both the officers after allegations of corruption were proved.

The IGP also dismissed DSP Ziarat Ali Khan for misusing his powers. While posted in Nankana Sahib, he forged the signature of Chairman District Standing Board and changed the investigation of murder case from forgery. Ziarat Ali is presently posted as DSP Traffic Police Headquarters. The IG Punjab said citizens should contact 1787 if they have any complaints about police officers and personnel.

Commissioner chairs meeting to review illegal billboards

BAHAWALPUR: A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Capt (ret) Muhammad Zafar Iqbal to review the elimination of illegal billboards in all the three districts of the division Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan.

Commissioner said that steps should be taken to install legal billboards and eliminate wall chalking.

The video link meeting was attended by the administrative officers of the three districts.

The meeting was informed that 607 billboards were installed across the division, out of the 270 billboards were found to be illegal and were immediately removed. The installation of the remaining 337 billboards was done considering human safety. The meeting was further informed that out of 407 union councils across the division, wall chalking has been completely eliminated in 391 union councils. The steps are being taken to eliminate wall chalking in the remaining union councils. The cases will be registered against all who were found involved in wall chalking. Commissioner Bahawalpur Division directed that no negligence will be tolerated in the public welfare works. Measures should be taken to provide the uninterrupted supply of all possible facilities and also provide relief to the people so that the people do not face any difficulty. —APP



LAHORE: Waste Management Company worker loads debris of dry grass in truck to clean the surrounding area of Shimla Pahari Chowk. —Online

Directive to submit inquiry report about damage to 6 bio-matric machines

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: Secretary Prosecution Nadeem Sarwar has directed to submit an inquiry report regarding inflicting damage to 6 bio-matric machines in Lahore and Gujranwala divisions to hinder the bio-matric process. He said this while presiding over a high level meeting in his office here on Thursday. Additional Secretary Prosecution, Deputy Secretary Prosecution and other concerned officers were also present in the meeting. Nadeem Sarwar reviewed the performance of case flow management system across the province and directed to upload record of all the cases in 36 districts of Punjab. It was told that record of cases upto 2021 has been uploaded till the end of this month. Record of the registered cases of first six months of 2022 would also be uploaded to case flow management system. On this occasion, Secretary Prosecution said that in order to monitor the performance of prosecutors, bio-matric system was being further modernized and a strategy was also being devised through mobile app to monitor the attendance and location of the prosecutors which would help to make the attendance of the prosecutors hundred per-

No compromise to be made on national self-respect: Punjab CM

-Inspects development work, meets with people during his visit to Taunsa Sharif

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar visited Taunsa and the tribal areas of Barthi and Manka (Fazla) in Dera Ghazi Khan where he inspected development schemes; listened to the public problems and issued directions for the solution of public issues.

Talking on the occasion, Usman Buzdar asked the nation to get ready as new elections are not far and made it clear that no compromise would be made on national self-respect.

Imran Khan has received a tremendous public response in his mass-contact campaign as the nation firmly stands with him, he added. Meanwhile, the PTI-led government has done record development work in the province. I have done public service with sincerity and my conscience is satisfied; he stated and added that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf has always represented the nation and would continue to do so. No vindictory act



has ever been taken by me, he asserted.

While addressing a gathering of locals at Buzdar House in Taunsa, the CM announced that the provincial cabinet has approved making Taunsa a district. I had promised to make Taunsa a district that has been fulfilled, he added. My government has the honour of making Taunsa a district and I would continue to serve the people, he said. I have worked with sincerity to reduce the deprivation of the backward areas. There is no per-

sonal enmity with anyone and my conscience is satisfied as we have always shared love and not done anything wrong to date.

The development package would prove the record development work done by my government, he added. By the grace of Allah Almighty, I have fulfilled my job and my relationship with the people has become stronger than ever, he further said. In Sha Allah, our joint candidate for the post of chief ministership, Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi would be successful and the development work will be continued after his success, concluded Usman Buzdar. He also went to the grave of his father to offer fateha along with Kh. Dawood Sulemani MPA.

Buzdar felicitates Sikh community on Vaisakhi festival
Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has congratulated the Sikh community on the occasion of the Vaisakhi festival.

In a statement issued on Thursday, the CM noted that Vaisakhi is a traditional festival of

the Sikh community and remarked that participation in each other's joys fosters societal norms of brotherhood and unity at the grassroots. Pakistan belongs to all of us and, together, we have to make it strong and great; he emphasised and mentioned that a number of holy places of the Sikh community exist in Pakistan. It is a collective responsibility to protect the fundamental rights of minorities, including the safety of their lives and property and provide them with equal opportunities for development, he added. Believers of all religions, including the Sikh community, have complete freedom to live according to their beliefs. Usman Buzdar noted that special attention has been paid to the care, renovation and security of Sikh Gurdwaras in Pakistan. All facilities have been provided to the Sikh community for performing religious rites; he added and concluded that the Punjab government has taken concrete steps for the welfare of all minorities including the Sikh community.



LAHORE: Volunteers distribute food among people to break their fast during Ramazan.

Target killing at Islamabad's busiest highway

ISLAMABAD: Unknown assailants reportedly opened fire at a vehicle on one of the busiest highways of Islamabad in broad daylight earlier on Thursday, resulting in the death of one individual.

According to details, the incident occurred under the bridge of Zero Point Interchange, the converging point of Faisal Avenue and Islamabad Expressway.

Rescue teams along with Inspector General (IG) Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police, Muhammad Ahsan Younas, and other senior officials reached the spot immediately.

While the victim's body was shifted to the nearest hospital where he was confirmed dead, forensic teams of ICT Police gathered evidence from the crime scene.

The capital police chief in a news release said an FIR has been registered against unidentified attackers and further investigation is underway. The IG reiterated to use all available resources to trace the attackers at the earliest.

Incidents of targeted killing such as this one are rare in Islamabad. Certainly, today's incident has raised a lot of questions on the operational readiness of the patrolling squads of ICT Police.

PM urged to resolve issues being faced by business community

— FEBR President felicitates Shahbaz Sharif

for becoming Prime Minister of Pakistan
By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: Friends of Economic Business and Reforms (FEBR) President Wednesday felicitated Mian Shahbaz Sharif for becoming the 23rd prime minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and hoped that under the dynamic leadership Pakistan will make headways on all fronts especially economic front.

In a joint press statement issued here on Thursday, Kashif said that it is an acknowledged fact that Mian Shahbaz Sharif praised home and abroad for his exclusive skills for running affairs of state. Kashif who is also a former vice president of Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) said that said Shahbaz Sharif has been the former president of LCCI which is an honour for the business community of Lahore. "Surely the business community is proud of on this Mian Shahbaz Sharif's immensely great achievement of being elected as the in...Mian Shahbaz PM," he stated, adding that after assuming the office of PM, Shahbaz Sharif will work to resolve issue being faced by the business community especially by the business community of Lahore.

The unprecedented growth and development of the province of Punjab

during his tenure as Chief Minister is a testimony of his integrity and credibility, he said, highlighting that the rapid development of the province speaks the volume of clear vision.

He said that so far as the economy of the country is concerned, Mian Shahbaz Sharif will take all possible measures to put the ever weakening economy back on the track restoring the confidence of foreign and local investors.

"Various sector including trade, industry, agriculture need urgent attention of the authorities for exploiting the untapped potential.

After the breakout of Covid-19 all the sector have been crippled and are not able to give full scale productions slowing down the overall progress and prosperity momentum in the country," Kashif pointed out, suggesting that far-reaching comprehensive economic policy needs to be devised without waiving of any movement.

He underscored the need to open regional trade, strengthening bilateral ties with the countries within the region.

The Friends of Economic Business and Reforms president hoped that PM Shahbaz Sharif will take such the strong measures that would create opportunities for both local and international investment, increasing production and enhancing exports and generating employment that would enable the country overcome inflation and eradicate poverty.

Officials' complaint redressal efficiency to be monitored at South Punjab level

MULTAN: South Punjab officials' performance on the yardstick of their efficiency in public complaint redressal that was earlier used to be reviewed at Punjab level would now be checked by Additional Chief Secretary south Punjab onwards.

This was stated by deputy secretary Rana Shahzad, the focal person Prime Minister's Performance Delivery Unit (PMPDU) at a training session on PM Portal and Chief Secretary Task Management System (CSTMS) held at the Committee Room of Additional Chief Secretary South Punjab Secretariat here Thursday.

Focal persons and IT persons from all departments of South Punjab Secretariat participated in this session.

The Focal Person of the Prime Minister's Performance Delivery Unit (PMPDU) and Chief Secretary Task Management System briefed the participants on the various fea-

Bahawalnagar CEO Education helpless in front of public and private educational institutions

From Our Staff Correspondent

MINCHINABAD: Secretary School Education Punjab's notice has failed to stop the public and private educational institutions of Minchinabad Tehsil about educational academic session.

Madam Shahida Hafeez Chief Executive Officer Education Bahawalnagar looks helpless in front of public and private educational institutions. Despite the constant news coverage in the media, no school education officials responsible for the academic session and failed to take any practical action against the educational institutions which did not follow the orders of Secretary Education Punjab.

According to the details, the partners of Punjab Education Foundation recently sent written requests to the Secretary School Education Punjab and Chief Executive Officer Education Bahawalnagar demanding that the Secretary School Education ensure imple-

mentation of the orders issued by them.

It is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer Education Bahawalnagar to issue a plan of action to monitor public and private educational institutions through proper check and balance. But she acquitted herself by issuing only one letter. Public and private educational institutions of Minchinabad have continued their arbitrariness without heeding the orders issued by the Secretary School Education Punjab regarding the academic year. While the District and Tehsil Education Officers are sitting at home reporting everything is fine. According to the letter issued by Secretary Schools Education Officer Ghulam Farid, the new academic year was to start from August 1 across Punjab. Despite the notice of Secretary School Education Officer, chief Executive Officer Education Bahawalnagar, looks helpless in front of public and private educational institutions. Public and private

educational institutions of Minchinabad, refusing to follow the policy of Secretary School Education, have put up new admission pamphlets in the name of Pre-Nine outside the schools, which is a violation of Punjab Government and Secretary Schools Education Policies. The academic sessions of the students who have been admitted in these institutions are being admitted without completion and without examination stage. As a result, the concept of exams is disappearing among the students. Regrettably, private educational institutions are not adhering to any legal code of conduct to collect heavy fees. Chaudhry Mohammad Anas, Shakeel Ahmed Sukheera, Mohammad Yaseen, Mohammad Hassan Kanwal, Syed Irfan Ahmed Shah and other partners have also appealed in writing to the Secretary Education Punjab for such educational institutions which are toying with the future of students and scattering government orders.

ISSCA, GSCG partnership with a local hospital to develop autologous bone marrow stem cell

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The international Society for Stem Cell Applications (ISSCA) and Global Stem Cells Group (GSCG) announced a new Partnership with a local hospital to develop autologous bone marrow stem cell and exosome-based cell therapies and advance new therapeutic options for patients in the region.

Regenerative medicine is a fast-paced field that is growing exponentially every year as more and more research is being conducted and products are being used in clinics and doctors' offices worldwide, - Said Benito Novas Managing director of the ISSCA.

This is the first time the ISSCA and Ramazan Ali Syed Hospital join Forces for a stem cell certification course in the country.

This collaboration was born out of a desire to bring new technologies and cutting-edge treatment to patients throughout the country" Said professor Dr. Mehmood Shaukat, Head of Ramazan Ali Stem Cell Center.

To Stay abreast of Current research, Ramazan Ali Syed Hospital partners with Organizations like ISSCA



and Global Stem Cells Group to provide Continuing education opportunities for the doctors and specialists in Pakistan. The first ever physician two days workshop and training course was held in Lahore.

With Pakistan's Ramazan Ali Syed Hospital as the newest member of the ISSCA Community, we look forward to strengthening our relationship with the country and offering more Support within the region. Said Benito Novas, CEO of the Global Stem cells Group and Managing Director of ISSCA USA. The International Society for Stem Cell Application (ISSCA) is a multidisciplinary community of scientists and physicians, all of whom aspire to treat diseases and lessen human suffering through advances in science, technology, and the practice of regenerative medicine.