

**Foodpanda publishes inaugural social impact report**

LAHORE: Foodpanda released its first Social Impact Report, titled pandapurpose, highlighting initiatives the company has taken to contribute to socio-economic and environmental sustainability challenges in Asia. As the largest food and grocery platform in Pakistan and in Asia (outside China), foodpanda dedicated over US\$35 million to support communities, help Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) digitalise, train and up-skill delivery riders across the region during the continued pandemic in 2021.

The pandapurpose 2021 report showcases how foodpanda uplifted riders, merchants and customers thrive through technology across its 12 operating markets – Pakistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines. One key highlight in the report was the introduction of new digital tools that helped MSMEs expand revenue streams, while training and upskilling for riders, and programmes.

Several local programs in Pakistan successfully increased the percentage of economic participation from women entrepreneurs through the HomeChef program, while overall women ridership also increased compared to previous years. A new area of social impact focus in 2021 was the introduction of more sustainability initiatives.—PR

**Police trace blind murder of minor boy**

MULTAN: Police on Monday detained an accused involved in blind murder cum molestation case of a minor boy within 24 hours from New Multan Police Station precincts.

City Police Officer (CPO), Khurram Shahzad Haider while holding a news conference said that accused Jehanzaib alias Munna was arrested after minor boy's father Kashif reported to police on April 16 about abduction of his 7-year-old son Muhammad Ahmad.

He informed that New Multan Police registered case no 432 under Section 363 PPC on April 17 to investigate the matter, adding that taking notice of the incident, he constituted a special team under SSP Operations, Hassam bin Iqbal and SSP Investigation, Faraz Ahmed.

Police found the tortured body of Ahmad from Chah Mahar Wala, he said adding that the minor was first molested and later on strangled to death according to post mortem report, the CPO explained.

The body samples have been dispatched to Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PSFA) for further analysis, Haider said and added that it was our collective responsibility to check child abuse adding that parents should not allow their kids to be friends with people older than them.

He announced to award commendation certificates to SHO New Multan, Saeed Iqbal, In charge CIA, SI, Zafar Iqbal, In Charge PO Staff, M. Ramazan Gill, In Charge CIA IT,



LAHORE: A woman purchases bangels for her daughters in connection with upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr.

**Bilquis Edhi's unprecedented services to humanity will be remembered forever**

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Post Graduate Medical Institute & Ameer Uddin Medical College Principal Prof. Dr. Muhammad Al-freed Zafar said that Bilquis Edhi had also got nursing education which proved to be an additional qualification for her success.

She not only worked to make this world a better place but also inspired others to take up the cause of serving humanity. Her unprecedented services to humanity will be remembered forever.

Principal PGMI/LGH visited to Edhi Ambulance Center at Lahore General Hospital and expressed his heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the staff present there on the sad demise of Bilqees Edhi. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Bilquis Bano Edhi wife of Abdul Sattar Edhi, is a professional nurse and one of the most active philanthropists in Pakistan. She was known all over the world for her praiseworthy services towards suffering humanity



as she has spent decades with her husband and set a new precedent around the globe to work selflessly for a great cause. MS Dr. Khalid Bin Aslam, administrative doctors and nursing staff were also present on the occasion. He said that Abdul Sattar Edhi and his wife Bilquis Edhi had a unique position in the world regarding selfless humanitarian services which will be remembered for a long time. He mentioned that Edhi had also credit for massive ambulance service in Pakistan which served a lot to the needy ones. He added that both husband and wife also worked a lot for upbringing of destitute children and helped

them generously. He said that this couple had assisted thousands of girls for their marriage and to settle them in their homes. Burial of innumerable unclaimed bodies was also the responsibility of Edhi Foundation, he added. He said that Abdul Sattar Edhi and his volunteers were among the ever first to reach out for relief work in case of terrorism and accidents anywhere in the country.

Prof. Zafar expressed the hope that heirs of Abdul Sattar Edhi would carry forward this great mission of their parents and further develop the example set by this Foundation in serving the suffering humanity. He indicated that there is no dearth of generous and philanthropist citizens in Pakistan who donate to the Edhi Foundation and other social organizations are as well active to serve the system through which it operates. He expressed hope that workers and volunteers of Edhi Foundation will continue the mission of helping the humanity with sincerity.

**A rank pinning ceremony for police officers held at Central Police Office**

— IGP says all officers should play their role honestly

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has said that the role of supervisory officers is key in improving performance of police force therefore all officers should take best performance from their subordinates. IG Punjab said that all officers should make community and modern policing their motto and use all available resources to control crime as well as provide services and justice to the citizens. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that departmental promotion & increase in rank actually leads to increase in responsibilities of police officer and we should perform the duties associated with the new post with more diligence, dedication and commitment. He expressed these views while addressing a ceremony at Central Police Office today for officers promoted to the ranks of SSP. IG Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan and Additional IG Establishment Ali Amir Malik pinned new ranks to promoted officers. Among the promoted officers are Syed Khalid Mahmood Hamdani, Muhammad Sohaib Ashraf, Atif Nazir, Muhammad Adil Memon, Akhtar Farooq and Faisal Shehzad are included. IG Punjab congratulated all the officers on getting SSP rank promotion. Promoted officers also thanked IG Punjab and vowed to use all our capabilities to address the issues facing the citizens and provide them speedy justice.

**APSUP Chairman writes to PM for transparent appointment of HEC Chief**

ISLAMABAD: Through a letter written by Prof. Dr. Ch. Abdul Rehman, Chairman Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP), being controlling authority of Higher Education Commission (HEC), has been requested for transparent & merit based appointment of Chairman Higher Education Commission.

The letter mentions that Private Sector is playing very vital role in higher education sector of Pakistan. Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP) is an elected representative body of 92 private sector universities with 34 regional campuses across Pakistan which enroll more than 40% students in higher education sector. On the behalf of Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan, congratulated Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif for being elected as 23rd Prime Minister of Pakistan. Constituted in 2002, the HEC is the supreme body established primarily for funding, overseeing, regulating, and accrediting the higher education



LAHORE: A vendor displays watermelons to attract customers.

**Mepco recovers Rs 263.63b from S Punjab consumer in 2021-22s**

MULTAN: Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco) has recovered over Rs 263 billion from all its public and private sector consumers in south Punjab during first three quarters of fiscal year 2021-22 (July 2021 to Mar 2022), registering a progressive recovery rate of 99.3 per cent.

Mepco Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mahr Allah Yar Bharwana said in a statement on Monday that superintending engineers, executive engineers, sub divisional officers and operational staff were doing a good job in recovering revenue adding that recovery drive was still in progress to meet the desired target.

Bharwana said that exactly Rs 263.63 billion recovery has been recorded till Mar 2022 including Rs 249 billion from private consumers at a progressive recovery rate of 99.7 per cent while recovery from public sector departments stood at Rs 14.33 billion (92.96 pc).

Detailing circle wise recovery performance, CEO Mepco said that Rs 58.74 billion recovery was made in Mepco Multan circle, Rs 20.45 billion in circle DG Khan, Rs 21.75 billion in Vehari circle, Rs 32.60 billion in Bahawalpur circle, Rs 34.99 billion in Sahiwal circle, Rs 27.46 billion in Rahimyar Khan circle, Rs 31 billion in Muzaffargarh circle, Rs 16.33 billion in Bahawalnagar circle, and Rs 20.31 billion in Khanewal circle.

**DC visits various Ramazan Bazaars**

BAHAWALPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Bahawalpur, Irfan Ali Kathia inspected the Ramazan Bazaars at Melwaywali Gali, Model Bazaar, and Craft Bazaar here on Monday.

He visited the stalls of Food, Flour, Sugar, Ghee, Chicken, Mutton, Beef, Agriculture and Fair Price Shops in Ramzan Bazaars. —APP

**Muhammad Ahmad convener of FPCCI Punjab Regional Standing Committee**

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) has again honoured the President of the Gold & Gems Art Promotion Council of Pakistan & Chairman Lahore Division Sarafa & Jewellers Association Muhammad Ahmad by appointing him as the convener of the FPCCI's Punjab Regional Standing Committee on "Gems & Jewellery" for the year 2022.

It is not the first time that Muhammad Ahmad has been elevated to this coveted slot by the FPCCI but the premium chamber has reposed its confidence in the capabilities of Muhammad Ahmad and recognized his services rendered for the promotion of Gems & Jewellery trade in the country.

FPCCI Regional Chairman & Vice President



Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi handed over the appointment letter to Muhammad Ahmad in a simple but impressive ceremony held at the FPCCI Regional office here on Saturday.

Muhammad Nadeem Qureshi hoped that Muhammad Ahmad will leave no stone unturned to work for the betterment of the Gems & Jewellery trade and prosperity of the businessmen and artisans attached with this trade in the country.

Speaking on this occasion, Muhammad Ahmad paid his gratitude to the

leadership of the FPCCI and said that he will continue working for the solution of the problems being faced by the gems and jewellery sector especially withdrawal of SRO#760 which is the main hurdle in the way of export of studded and non-studded jewellery from Pakistan. He said: 'We can earn precious foreign exchange in billions of dollars if this SRO is withdrawn and replaced with one conducive to an environment which can encourage jewellery export from Pakistan'. Attachments area.

**OPPO F21 Pro kicks off in Pakistan**

LAHORE: OPPO's latest iteration in the F series, the OPPO F21 Pro goes on sale today in Pakistan. With the country's first Sony IMX709 flagship sensor, Micro lens and robust 4500mAh battery that comes with 33W SUPERVOOC Flash-charging, the OPPO F21 Pro ensures an exceptional user experience. It will come in two stunning colors including Cosmic Black and the unique Sunset Orange. It is now available nationwide and at 'Daraz' with the retail price of PKR 52,999/- . You can also avail an exciting offer, with every purchase of OPPO F21 Pro, you will get a voucher of PKR 2500 on OPPO Enco buds.

The Fantastic OPPO F21 Pro includes innovative imaging and performance aspects while incorporating a stylish modern design that features the industry's first-fiberglass-leather design. The phone has a lychee-grain leather finish which is waterproof and wear-resistant. Its exceptional flat-edged design thoughtfully crafted to transport the device to a wonderful realm. Its impressive processor, slim body, powerful cameras and exquisite appearance will prove to be popular among trend-setters and tech enthusiasts.

The phone has a powerful 4500 mAh battery that comes with 33W SUPERVOOC Flash-charging technology. Powered by a 680 4G chipset with 128GB ROM and 8GB RAM, which can be extended by 5GB, the phone promises great performance and power efficiency. The IMX709 sensor, co-developed by



by OPPO and Sony, delivers to the front camera for the first time both greatly improved and entirely new features. It includes a 32 MP Selfie camera which provides clear and vivid lighting even in low light conditions. With OPPO F21 Pro's Selfie HDR function it's now easier than ever to snap brighter and more natural-looking selfies in the presence of strong backlight. The OPPO F21 Pro is equipped with a triple rear camera arrangement for photos and videos. It has a primary lens with a resolution of 64MP, a 2MP micro sensor, and a 2MP depth camera. The first and only Micro lens, which magnifies subjects by 15 and 30 times. Micro lens, allows the OPPO F21 Pro to explore a new, microscopic universe via photo or even video. In addition, the Orbit Light that surrounds the Micro lens camera as a fill light, resulting in images that are uniformly lit and engaging. First time on OPPO F Series, OPPO F21 Pro is carrying the ColorOS 12 which emphasizes diversity with an all-new structure based on

an internationalized approach. ColorOS 12's page layouts and interactions have been redesigned to make more space. As a result, the user interface is simple and uncluttered, allowing you to concentrate on what matters most.

Browsing and consuming information has never been easier thanks to smart AI sensing algorithms and intelligent translation on F21 Pro. With Air Gestures on F21 Pro, you can mute a call with a swipe-up gesture or scroll up and down on pages within apps like YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok without touching the device.

At OPPO, we handle data privacy and information security at levels that exceed industry standards. Smart Notification Hiding helps protect your privacy when using your phone in public areas.

Over the years, the OPPO F series has made significant advancements, including the introduction of VOOC charging, an improved camera, a larger screen, and new color options and designs. —PR

**Call to beware of fraudulent ads recruiting Khadmeen-e-Hajj**

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony on Monday urged the people to beware of fraudulent advertisements recruiting for Khadmeen-e-Hajj.

The ministry's spokesman Muhammad Umar Butt, in an exclusive talk with APP, informed that there were certain overseas employment promoters that were allegedly involved in fraudulent activities in the wake of hiring staffers for the services of pilgrims in the holy cities of Makkah and Madina for four months on certain terms and conditions.

He said people should not pay heed towards such advertisements as they had no business with Khadmeen-e-Hajj recruitment. He said although it was the jurisdiction of Overseas Employment Corporation and Bureau of Immigration to take action against such fraudsters but due to a number of complaints registered on the online complaint cell of the religious affairs ministry, this statement of public interest was being issued to save their money and time. Umar Butt also pointed out an overseas employment promoter named 'Iqra Manpower' recruiting Khadmeen-e-Hajj and directing them to go through a medical process with a specific laboratory located in the garrison city. He said they, with the collusion of

laboratory, were trying mint maximum money in the garb of expensive medical process for the appointments of Khadmeen-e-Hajj.

He said the aspiring people should not follow the instructions of such mala fide advertisements and report to the quarters concerned to initiate the legal proceedings against them.

Earlier, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony had issued a public alert urging the intending pilgrims not to submit their hard-earned money to any private Hajj tour operator until the Hajj Policy 2022 was officially announced.

After taking notice of public complaints, it said some private tour operators were garnering money from intending pilgrims but it had not authorized any individuals, banks, Hajj group organizers or agents to receive Hajj applications and collect money on behalf of the ministry.

The ministry urged the masses to be careful of fraudsters, who were deceiving them in the name of Hajj. However, it cautioned strict action against those allegedly involved in this illegal practice.

Saudi authorities, in 2020, restricted the annual spiritual activities as part of stringent measures to prevent the spread