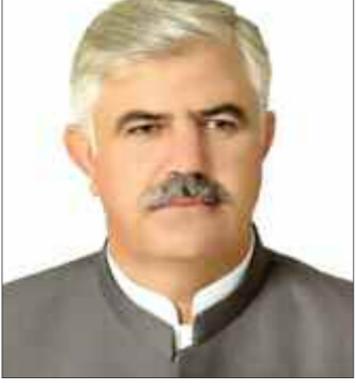


### Safe City Project to make Peshawar secure from all aspects: CM



**PESHAWAR:** Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mahmood Khan Monday said that Peshawar Safe City Project was a prerequisite to make the city completely safe from all aspects.

The provincial government would provide all needed assistance and resources for this purpose, the Chief Minister said, adding that adherence to all relevant laws and maintaining transparency would be ensured at all cost in this connection.

The Chief Minister was presiding over a high level meeting regarding proposed Peshawar Safe City Project here wherein cabinet members including Taimur Saleem Jhagra, Barrister Muhammad Ali Saif, Chief Secretary, IGP and officers concerned were present.

The meeting was told that tangible development has been made in Peshawar Safe City Project as its pilot project has been initiated from Hayatabad and within one week of time the plan would be given final shape to implement the pilot project. The meeting was further told that for implementation of the pilot project process of consultancy would be completed within one month of time.

The meeting decided that execution of the project would be carried out through open tendering and its pilot project would be completed by the end of the current year. The meeting was informed that a survey of the Hayatabad has also been carried out for this purpose. —APP

### ACE recovers Rs4.6m from defaulters

**SARGODHA:** Anti Corruption Establishment (ACE) recovered Rs 4.6 million from defaulters of Auqaaf department in terms of rent of shops.

ACE authorities on Monday said that in a drive, ACE Circle officer Muhammad Akram along with officers of Auqaaf department recovered Rs 4.68 million from defaulters and de-



LAHORE: Workers prepare bangles in a local factory for Eid-ul-Fitr. —Online

### 'Betterment in health sector a top priority', says Commissioner Multan

**KHANEWAL:** Commissioner Multan Dr Irshad Ahmed on Monday paid a surprise visit to Basic Health Unit (BHU) to review the basic health facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the incumbent government was utilising all possible resources for the betterment of health sector and steps were under way in this regard.

Deputy Commissioner Suleman Khan Lodhi accompanied him during his visit and checked the facilities at different wards to review the status of patient care. —APP

### PFA confiscates 8,400-litre 'dirty' oil in city

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) Monday impounded a vehicle loaded with 8,400-litre 'dirty' oil, extracted from the filth of chicken, during a raid in Gulberg area under the supervision of Director General Shoaib Khan Jadoon.

A PFA spokesperson said that hazardous oil was to be supplied to different local food points in the metropolis. He said that the enemies of public health usually purchase sub-standard oil at less rate for frying food items.

The director general said that the dirty/ rancid oil could be used in preparation of biodiesel as per the PFA law. He requested the public to inform the food authority on its helpline number or social media account in case of observing any oil extraction unit in their surroundings.

### ANF recovers 30 kg charas; arrests three accused

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) in two different operations managed to recover over 30 kg charas (Marijuana) and arrested three accused.

According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, ANF Sindh and ANF Punjab on Monday conducted two intelligence based operations in Lahore and Karachi and recovered 30 kg charas besides netting three accused.

ANF Sindh in an operation foiled a bid to smuggle drugs and recovered 12 kg charas concealed in auto parts sent from Quetta to Karachi through Al-Hikmat Cargo Bus Service. An accused namely Azhar was arrested on the spot.

In another operation conducted at Lahore Railway Station, ANF recovered 18 kg charas from a consignment of auto parts, sent from Quetta to Lahore through Railway Cargo.

Two persons namely Faryad and Amjad who received the consignment were arrested.

## LHC suspends notification for first phase of local govt elections in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Monday suspended a notification for schedule of first phase of local government elections in the province.

A division bench comprising Justice Shujaat Ali Khan and Justice Shahid Jamil Khan passed the orders while hearing a petition filed by Mehdi Hassan and others against Punjab Local Government Ordinance 2021. The bench also sought reply from Election Commission and other respondents till May 25, besides seeking assistance from advocate general Punjab. The petitioners' counsel argued before the court that the Election Commission had issued a notification for holding local governments elections in 17 districts of the province on June 9. He submitted that the notification was illegal as the Local government amendment ordinance

would expire on June 10, whereas, the official results would be announced on June 14. He pleaded with the court to set aside the notification for being illegal. The court, after hearing initial arguments, suspended the notification and sought reply till May 25.

### LHC issues notice to NAB on Maryam Nawaz plea for passport

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** A Lahore High Court (LHC) division bench Monday issued notices to National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and others for April 26 on a civil miscellaneous application filed by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz for return of her passport.

The bench also sought exit control list (ECL) rules, on the next date of hearing. Justice Ali Baqar Najafi and Justice Farooq Haider heard the civil miscellaneous application. Advocate Ahsan Bhoon, on behalf of Maryam Nawaz, submitted that her client's plea was related to return of her passport only. The government will review the situation about inclusion of her name in the ECL, he added. He also submitted that her client wanted to perform Umrah and requested the court for directions to return her passport.



LAHORE: A worker keeps stock after preparing vermicelli at a Badami Bagh factory for Eid-ul-Fitr.

### Three more diagnosed with deadly corona in Pindi

**RAWALPINDI:** Three more people were diagnosed with fatal coronavirus during the last 24 hours, raising the district's tally of confirmed cases to 46,542.

As per the new data released by the District Health Authority here Monday, the total infected cases included 43,039 from Rawalpindi and 3,503 from other districts.

Among the new cases, one of each case was reported from Gujjar Khan, Potohar town and Rawal town.

"Presently, three confirmed patients are admitted to Fauji Foundation, District Headquarters and Holy Family Hospital," the report said.

In addition, the report informed that 15 were quarantined, including 12 homes and three isolation.

The report further said that 6,847,282 people, including 44,737 health workers, had jabbed themselves against the lethal coronavirus (COVID-19) across the district since the vaccination administering drive launched on March 10, 2021.

District Health Authority updated that during the last 24 hours, 512 samples were collected, out of which 510 were declared negative, while the positivity rate was recorded at 0.39 per cent. —APP

## Punjab CM reviews law and order situation across province

— Directs to ensure foolproof security of mosques, imambargahs and other worship places

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a meeting to review the law and order situation in the province. Chief Secretary, IG police, ACS (Home) and chairman P&D were present.

The CM directed to ensure foolproof security of mosques, imambargahs and other places of worship along with indiscriminate action against

criminals and protection of life and property of people. The CM was also briefed about progress on development schemes.

The meeting reviewed steps for providing relief to the masses including the execution of the Ramadan package. The chief minister directed to ensure the provision of eatables to buyers at affordable rates, adding that the benefits of the Ramadan package should reach the general public. No leniency in the provision of quality edible

to consumers would be tolerated and the relief process will be continued with full vigour. The CM asked to ensure smooth execution of affairs in government offices and reiterated that no leniency would be tolerated in the solution of public problems. Similarly, qualitative and timely completion of ongoing projects should be ensured and no compromise would be made on the standard of development projects, he concluded.

### RDA demolishes four illegal under-construction structures

**RAWALPINDI:** Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) on the directives of Director General (DG) RDA on Monday demolished four illegal under-construction structures.

According to a RDA spokesman, the Metropolitan Planning and Traffic Engineering (MP&TE) Directorate carried out an operation against illegal and unauthorized residential cum commercial buildings and demolished four under-construction structures on Adyala Road. He said the MP&TE Directorate staff including Deputy Director Planning, Ch Atif Mahmood, Assistant Directors, Building Inspectors and others carried out operations and demolished two at Adyala road near Taj Marquee, one commercial building in Gulshanabad housing scheme and one in Kekkashan Town housing scheme.

He said the DG had directed the authorities concerned to take strict action against the rules violators.

He informed that the owners of the aforesaid properties had violated approved plans/maps violating the Punjab Development of States Act 1976 and RDA Building and Zoning Regulations, 2020 and constructed illegal residential cum commercial buildings without prior approval and NOC.

The DG RDA had directed the MP&TE Directorate to take strict action against illegal and unauthorized constructions, encroachments and commercial activities without any discrimination, he added. —APP

## 'Bilquis Edhi wanted to set up special schools for Edhi Home children'

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The 'Mother of Pakistan', Bilquis Bano Edhi, wanted to set up special higher secondary schools for the Edhi Home children, as their self-respect was very dear to her, and she wanted them to achieve all goals in their lives.

Prof. Aurangzeb Al Hafi, who claims to holding the singular privilege of being considered as her third son by the great humanitarian, says that Bilquis Edhi had expressed this desire many a time in the family gatherings, regretting that her children had to face discrimination, and sometimes insults, at the hands of their classmates for being coming from the Edhi Home. In a special talk with APP, the research scientist and arch-phenomenologist, Prof. Hafi said that over 42,000 unwanted babies had been provided with their right to live through the jhoola initiative of Abdul Sattar Edhi and his wife Bilquis Edhi. The initiative was launched in Karachi in 1950s initially, to help those parents, who could not afford raising their babies, or did not want to keep them for any reasons.

However, when the incidents of discovery of newborns' bodies from roadside garbage dumps, dark alleys and other such points, increased in



Karachi and other major urban centres in the 1990s and afterwards, the Bilquis Edhi also intensified her war against infanticide with her 'jhoola deterrent'. She got placed hundreds of jhoolas at Edhi Foundation centres across Pakistan. "The sight of bodies of such infants, eaten by dogs and rats, always caused intense pain to me," Prof. Hafi quoted Bilquis Edhi as having said.

The campaign against infanticide by the mother of orphans did not go unnoticed by the world. She was awarded the Hilal-e-Imtiaz by Pakistan, the Lenin Peace Prize by Russia, the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice, as well as the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service. The great humanitarian's services were recog-

nised by the world again in 2021 when she was declared the 'Person of two Decades', along with UN rapporteur on human rights Prof. Yanghee Lee, and the US ethicist Stephen Soldz, by an international organisation in the course of the 1st bi-decadal round-up review of the 21st century.

As per the domino effect verdict, announced by the Britain-based Impact Hallmarks [IH] in January 2021, Bilquis Edhi was declared the most impactful person of the first two decades of the 21st century. Prof. Hafi shared the honour with Bilquis Edhi, as he was also awarded 'Top of the Top Ten' award by the Impact Hallmarks for his scientific discoveries. He was listed amongst the 10 most impactful persons of the world. Like Bilquis Edhi, who campaigned for protection of unwanted babies throughout her life, the researcher had been pursuing his cause of protection of unborn babies, who develop numerous disabilities because of use of medicines by mothers during pregnancy. Prof. Hafi hopes that Faisal Edhi, the new chairman of Edhi Foundation, would carry forward the legacy of his mother – the mother of the neglected and unwanted children, Bilquis Bano Edhi – the definitive champion of the 'war against infanticide'.



LAHORE: Jubilee Life Insurance organises iftar dinner at Kiran Foundation for its children and staff during Ramadan.