

Principal PGMI condoles death of Prof Syed Raza Gardezi

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Post Graduate Medical Institute Principal Prof. Dr. Muhammad Al-fred Zafar has expressed deep sense of sorrow and grief over the sad demise of Former Health Minister and Ex Principal of Allama Iqbal Medical College Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza Gardezi and said that the medical profession has lost a highly qualified and experienced teacher whose services to the Health Sector will be remembered for a long time.

In his condolence message, Principal PGMI said that late Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza Gardezi in his time trained thousands of students in the field of medicine who are still serving in various medical colleges and other departments at home and abroad. He said that Prof. Ali Raza Gardezi was a well known name in the medical world where the services of the late will long be remembered by the medical community. He further said that on the death of Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza Gardezi everyone in the medical field is in grief and considers it an honor to follow his footsteps. Prof. Al-fred further said that we all undoubtedly pay homage to the late Prof. Ali Raza Gardezi for his outstanding services to the field of medicine and his hard work and teaching skills are worthy of imitation in future especially for the medical students. Principal PGMI/AMC/LGH prayed that may Allah Almighty grant Prof. Dr. Syed Ali Raza Gardezi a place in His mercy and courage.

Maryam withdraws her plea for return of passport

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz Wednesday withdrew her application from the Lahore High Court (LHC) she had submitted for return of her passport.

An LHC division bench, comprising Justice Ali Baqar Najafi and Justice Sardar Ahmad Naeem, heard the civil miscellaneous application of Maryam Nawaz. During the proceedings, Advocate Amjad Pervaiz, on behalf of Maryam Nawaz, submitted that his client wanted to withdraw her application for return of passport. He pleaded with the court to allow the withdrawal of the application.

PU awards PhD degree to Tayyaba Sohail

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab University has awarded PhD degree to Tayyaba Sohail D/o Syed Sohail Hussain Shah in the subject of Sociology after approval of her thesis entitled 'Role of Family Social Capital a Spousal Violence in Reconciled Couples in Punjab'.



LAHORE: Women busy in shopping from a vendor at Islampura bazar during preparation of Eid-ul-Fitr. —Online

07 dead, 964 injured in 925 road traffic crashes in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service Department responded to 925 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs 07 people died, whereas 964 were injured. Out of this 595 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals. Whereas, 369 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (71%) involved Motorbikes, therefore effective enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce this an increasing number of Road Traffic Crashes.

Further, the analysis showed that 480 drivers, 30 underage drivers, 92 pedestrians, and 399 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 234 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 232 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 58 Faisalabad in with 67 victims and at third Multan with 58 RTCs and 59 victims.

91 power pilferers nabbed in a day in South Punjab

MULTAN: Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) have caught 91 power pilferers during separate operations launched throughout the South Punjab in a day, MEPCO official said on Wednesday.

MEPCO teams accompanying task forces raided different places in Multan, Vehari, Sahiwal, Rahimyar Khan, Muzaffargarh, Bahawalnagar, Khanewal, and Dera Ghazi Khan and detected theft of 147,000 electricity units.

A sum of over Rs two million fine was imposed while FIRs were registered against 10 of them over Involvement in tampering with body of meters, direct supply, installing loop in meters, slowing down meters, meter dead stop and meter screen wash. —APP

DPO holds open katchehri

BAHAWALPUR: District Police Officer (DPO), Bahawalpur, Abadit Nisar held open katchehri at his office and issued directives on 22 applications and complaints lodged by the visitors.

According to a spokesman for the Bahawalpur police, the Home Department, Government of Punjab and Inspector General Police, Punjab, Rao Sardar Ali Khan had directed all DPOs to organise open katchehri at DPO Office on a daily basis. Following the instructions of the Police Headquarters, the DPO held an open katchehri and issued directions to SDPOs and SHOs. He said, adding that the SDPOs and SHOs were advised to submit reply to DPO office as early as possible. —APP

CS expresses displeasure over sugar sale at higher price

— Warns that implementation of directions be ensured in all cases as no negligence would be tolerated in this regard

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal on Wednesday expressed his displeasure over the sale of sugar at more than Rs 70 per kg in Ramadan bazaars of some districts and sought a detailed report from the divisional commissioners.

Presiding over a video-link meeting of divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners at the Civil Secretariat, the Chief Secretary said that clear instructions had been issued to ensure the availability of sugar at Rs. 70 per kg in Ramadan bazaars but some officers did not show responsibility in compliance. He warned that implementation of the directions be ensured in all cases as no negligence would be tolerated in this regard.

The Chief Secretary said that the deputy



commissioners should go to the field to monitor the situation, adding that the sale of sugar in the Ramadan bazaars at more than Rs 70 per kg is not acceptable.

He said that administrative officers must dynamically perform their duties to provide relief to people.

Asking the officers to tighten the measures against smuggling, the Chief Secretary feared that the smuggling of wheat, flour, and fertilizer may take place during Eid days. He also issued instructions regarding action against diesel hoarders across the province.

The secretaries of different departments including agriculture, industries, food, cane commissioner Punjab and officers concerned attended the meeting while all the divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners participated through video link.



LAHORE: Labourers supply shoes to the shopkeepers, holding on their heads due to the hustle and bustle of rickshaws at the Shoe Market. —Online

Injustice with students not to be tolerated: Punjab Governor

— Cheema takes notice of case of

14,000 affected law students affiliated to BZU

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Governor Punjab / Chancellor University Omer Sarfraz Cheema has taken notice of the case of 14,000 affected law students of law colleges affiliated to Bahauddin Zakaria University.

A delegation of affected students of affiliated law colleges and the leadership of Insaaf Lawyers Forum called on Governor Punjab Omer Sarfraz Cheema at Governor House

Lahore today. During the meeting, the students apprised the Punjab Governor of various issues faced by them.

Punjab Governor Omer Sarfraz Cheema while talking on the occasion said that students were the bright future of Pakistan and injustice with them would not be tolerated.

He said that under no circumstances mafias and those who have commercialized education be al-

lowed to play with the future of students. He said that merit and transparency should be ensured in all matters including affiliation with law colleges in the universities, adding he said that action would be taken against those responsible for violating the rules in accordance with the university law.

Punjab Governor Omer Sarfraz Cheema has also summoned the Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakaria University in this regard.

Drug-peddler arrested

SIALKOT: The district police have arrested a drug-peddler with narcotics.

According to a spokesman, Sub-Inspector (In-charge of Regiment Bazaar post) Ijaz-ul-Haq of Cantt police station, along with his team, recovered 1.560kg hashish from one Abid alias Abida, arrested him and sent him behind bars after registering a case against him. —APP

Five held for gambling

SARGODHA: Police on Wednesday arrested five alleged gamblers and recovered stake money from them.

A spokesman for police said that an Urban Area police team conducted a raid at Muhammadi Colony, arrested Ghulam Abbas, Naveed, Shakeel, Iftikhar and Ahmed on gambling charges and recovered Rs 105,000 from them.

A case had been registered against them under the gambling act. —APP

Demand to take steps to curb price hike in Ramazanul Mubarak

Atif Ishaq

SAHIWAL: Ramazan is supposed to be a month of charity and blessings, but in Pakistan, it becomes a time of spiraling food prices and hoarding, with many essential items becoming out of reach. In addition to consumers, shopkeepers also complain of rising prices as extortionists continue to take billions of rupees from them.

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The grocers are getting high profits by adding higher benefits at the cost of unfortunate consumers of the district.

The grocers are selling common commodities like grains, pulses, rice, sugar and vegetables, meat, fish, chicken meat and different items of fruits on high rates.

People from different walks of life, including farmers, laborers, government employees, political workers and students, criticized the unprecedented rise in prices of common essential commodities and goods at Sahiwal district.

They deplored that dearness has made even survival uncertain adding that instead of providing some relief, the government was making the life even miserable. They vowed to join in protest movements if the in-

crease in prices of common commodities was not controlled.

They maintained that people were already suffering greatly due to the increasing unemployment, poverty and dearness.

The people also criticized the government for failing to control price hiking and termed that it would add to the miseries of common man.

The people have demanded from the higher authorities that government should pay heed to the growing profiteering and take stern measures by preventing the profiteers from selling the essential goods at high prices.

They also appealed to the government to take appropriate measures for maintaining the prices which would lead to saving at the consumers' end.

Severe shortage of diesel in Minchinabad

From Our Staff Correspondent

MINCHINABAD: The severe shortage of diesel in Minchinabad has left farmers worried.

Various crops, including fodder, are being affected due to shortage of diesel. Farmers demand that the government take practical steps to meet the diesel shortage. According to details, the shortage of diesel in Minchinabad is becoming a crisis.

The shortage of diesel is severely affecting the wheat harvesting process in Minchinabad. Due to the increase in the intensity of heat, the sugarcane crop has started drying up due to lack of water. Muhammad Yaseen, Hafiz Talha, Mahar M Aslam, Mahmood Ayaz, M Jahangir and other farmers said that if the paddy crop was not sown in time, its yield could be reduced. Anxious, farmers expressed surprise at the fact that the PML-N ministers and advisers who used to



hold them hostage over the incompetence of the previous government have now maintained silence. The present government, while fulfilling its responsibility, should take practical steps to alleviate the plight of the people. The people of Minchinabad say that they are being humiliated for diesel and petrol while nothing is being done except statements at the government level. Farmers have expressed concern over rising fertilizer

prices. The country's hoarders and profiteers have always robbed the people with both hands by creating a crisis of petroleum products and fertilizers. The public is unable to understand whether the long queues at petrol pumps are a sign of incompetence of the government or the actions of hoarders and profiteers. The people have demanded the government to make strict laws against hoarders and profiteers and enforce them.

UNWTO calls on startups to join 'Awake tourism challenge'

LAHORE: United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has launched the second edition of its global flagship competition under the name of "Awake Tourism Challenge". The competition will identify innovators who are advancing solutions to 6 different challenges, as well contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), said press release. For the 2022 challenge, UNWTO will focus on specific areas that can help the recovery of the tourism sector in a disruptive way, and which deserve extra attention right now, namely: Community involvement, Green and blue economies, Ecological and Sustainable Capital Creation, Tourism Tech for Good, Tourism Education and Women Empowerment. UNWTO Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili said: "The return of tourism is a chance to awaken its potential to transform lives.

UNWTO is calling on startups everywhere to put forward their ideas for meeting the biggest challenges our sector is facing and for making tourism a champion of the Sustainable Development Goals."

Applications are now open and will close 31 June 2022. The winning start-ups will be announced in October. To find out more and to apply, visit the webpage of the UNWTO Awake Tourism Challenge. —APP