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Sikh Yatees start rituals at Gurdwara Punja Sahib

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Sikh Yatees from India to attend Khalsa Janam Din and "Vasakhi Mela" celebrations on Wednesday started their rituals at Gurdwara Punja Sahib, Hassanabadal.

The main ceremony of Vasakhi Mela will be held there on Thursday (tomorrow) in which pilgrims from the country will also participate.

Additional Secretary Shrines Rana Shahid said that the pilgrims were brought to Hassanabadal under tight security as strict security arrangements were made around Gurdwara Sahib as well. The Gurdwara has been beautifully decorated with electric lamps while other arrangements have also been made for pilgrims.

Sardar Arvinder Singh Khalsa, party leader from Parbandhak Committee at Shiromani Gurdwara, told the media that: "Our religious places in Pakistan have been renovated and restored to their original condition while proper security arrangements have been made." To which, they thanked the government and

Evacuee Trust Property Board Chairman Dr Amir Ahmad, he added. A team under the supervision of Deputy Secretary of the Board Imran Gondal is working day and night for the best hospitality of the pilgrims. After the main ceremonies, the pilgrims will reach

7 dead, 972 injured in 936 road accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least seven persons were killed while 972 injured in 936 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours.

Of whom, 559 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals, whereas, 413 people with minor injuries were treated on the spot by Rescue medical teams. Analysis showed that 475 drivers, 19 underage drivers, 125 pedestrians, and 379 passengers were among the victims of road crashes.

Statistics show that 269 road accidents were reported in Lahore due to which 289 people affected placing the provincial capital at top of the list followed by 72 in Faisalabad with 78 victims and at third Gujranwala with 55 road accidents and 52 victims.

According to the data, 799 motorbikes, 60 auto-rickshaws, 104 motorcars, 24 vans, 08 buses, 33 trucks and 100 other types of auto vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in the road accidents.

Railways working hours: 8 am to 3 pm

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways has announced revised office schedule for the Holy month of Ramzan. According to the notification issued here on Wednesday, the offices will function from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm from Monday to Thursday with prayer break of 30 minutes at 1:00 p.m. While on Friday the offices will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Governor, CM discuss current political situation of country

— Buzdar calls on Governor; Cheema says party would fully support Chaudhry Pervez Elahi in election of Chief Minister



By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Omer Sarfraz Cheema and Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar met at Governor House Lahore on Wednesday.

Current political situation and the election of new Chief Minister of Punjab came under discussion during the meeting.

Talking on the occasion, Punjab Governor, Omer Sarfraz Cheema, said that Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi is the party's nominee for the slot of Punjab Chief Minister. He said that the party would fully support Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi in the election of Punjab Chief Minister. He further said that all the PTI members of Provincial Assembly and the leadership were working on a common strategy for his success. Governor Punjab said that we have to face the challenges lying ahead with political foresight. Talking on the occasion, Chief Minister Punjab, Sardar Usman Buzdar, said that our joint candidate Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi will surely succeed. "Our allies and we are all one," he said.

Sarwar Foundation starts distribution of Ramadan rations to imams, other staff of mosques

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Sarwar Foundation in collaboration with Muslim Aid has started distributing Ramadan rations to Imams and other staff of mosques in different districts of Punjab. In the first phase, rations are being distributed in 5,000 mosques, while the supply of rations will be extended to more areas in the coming days.

According to details, Sarwar Foundation has distributed Ramadan rations to Imams and other staff of mosques of various urban and rural mosques including Nankana, Sahiwal, Chichawatni, Shahkot, Sangla Hill under the supervision of former Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar led by Chairperson Sarwar Foundation Begum Perveen Sarwar.

The rations include flour, ghee, sugar, pulses, and other items and they are also being given suits for Eid. During the discussion regarding this matter, Chairperson Sar-

war Foundation Begum Perveen Sarwar told the media that in the first phase, rations are being distributed among the Imams and other staff working in more than 5000 mosques and the clothes are also been given for Eid. We would also like to thank the head of Muslim Aid, a charitable organization, Mahmoud Al-Hassan, who has always supported us in the distribution of rations during Ramadan, as well as clean drinking water and other charitable activities. Begum Perveen Sarwar said that Sarwar Foundation has become the largest welfare organization in Pakistan by providing clean drinking water in Pakistan. In Punjab, our two free hospitals and schools are also working for the poor. Besides Punjab, the Sarwar Foundation is also working on various projects to provide clean drinking water and health facilities in different areas of Balochistan and Sindh. Sarwar foundation is also providing free health care to the poor through weekly free medical camps.



LAHORE: Wrestlers try to compete each other on pits (Akhara) during 498th urs celebrations of Pir Ahmed Hasan known as a Mi-alay Shah in Jandraka Village. —Online

Shaheen, Labuschagne and Miandad feature in 39th PCB Podcast

LAHORE: Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi and Marnus Labuschagne of Australia reflect on 19 days of gruelling, exciting and high-voltage cricket between the two sides in the latest edition of the PCB Podcast.

Shaheen, who took nine wickets in three Tests, said: "This series has brought players from either side closer than ever. We visited Australia in 2019 and also met their players during the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021, but almost six weeks together has helped bridge the gap. There were tough moments in the field of play, but off field everything was easy, relaxed and friendly".

"The incident with David Warner turned out to be an amusing one. It was the last ball of the day and I came very close to David on my follow through. David has a good sense of humour, so he also stayed there and it made a great shot for the photographers. It was a light hearted incident and it stayed that way, but both David and I enjoyed the social media reaction in the days that followed."

Labuschagne, who scored 170 runs in three Tests, said: "It's been an amazing tour. The Pakistani people have really accepted the Australian (cricket) team. It was like a home game with the amount of crowd noise we've got in some of

the matches".

"It's been really an eye-opening experience as well, to what Pakistan's like, obviously when you, haven't been to a country, there's a lot of speculation. You obviously paint a picture in your mind but, the country itself as far exceeded my expectations in terms of the picture and what the people are about".

"Cricket on the field has been really hard and competitive. But there's been such great times and I've had a really good time with Shaheen Shah Afridi and Mohammad Rizwan, even Abdullah Shafique and Imam-Ul-Haq when they're batting. It's been really exciting and enjoyable that you can

play a series where it's competitive, but also friendly. Off the field, you can have a laugh about things that have happened and stuff like that."

Australia arrived in Islamabad on 27 February and departed on 6 April after playing three Tests, three ODIs and a T20I. The Test series was decided in the final session on the 15th day, the ODI series was won by Pakistan by 2-1 and in the one-off T20I, Australia overcame a late collapse to win by three wickets.

Former Pakistan captain Javed Miandad, who was inducted into the PCB Hall of Fame during the Karachi Test, also spoke with PCB Digital and reflected on his early ca-

68 power pilferers nabbed in South Punjab

LAHORE: Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) have caught 68 power pilferers during separate operations launched across the South Punjab in a single day, MEPCO official said on Wednesday.

The MEPCO teams accompanying task forces raided different places in Multan, Vehari, Sahiwal, Rahimyar Khan, Muzaffargarh, Bahawalnagar, Khanewal, and DG Khan circles and detected theft of 130,000 electricity units.

A sum of over Rs two million fine was imposed on power pilferers over their involvement in tampering with body of meters, direct supply, installing loop in meters, slowing down meters, meter dead stop and meter screen wash. —APP

Meeting approves two schemes

LAHORE: Commissioner Sargodha Nabil Javed Wednesday chaired the Divisional Development Working Party (DDWP) meeting, revised seven ongoing development schemes of roads across the division and approved two new schemes.

The meeting was attended by deputy commissioners of all four districts and officers of departments concerned.

The meeting also approved revision of estimates of two ongoing development schemes of Sargodha district, two of Khushal, one of Mianwali and two of district Bhakkar, while estimates of two new schemes for construction and repair of roads in Mianwali were also approved.

The commissioner directed the officers of the construction departments to ensure 100 per cent utilization of the released funds in a transparent manner and complete the schemes by June. —APP

AJK PM orders for close check to discourage hoarding, profiteering

MIRPUR: Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Prime Minister Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi has directed the authorities concerned to keep a regular check on profiteers and hoarders so that every single citizen of the state gets relief through the recently announced Ramzan Relief Package.

The AJK premier said this while addressing a high-level meeting to review the implementation of the Ramzan relief package in the State metropolis on Wednesday.

The meeting was attended by the Principal Secretary, Food Secretary and other officials concerned while the commissioners of the three divisions participated through video link.

Speaking on the occasion, the PM directed the authorities to cre-

ate opportunities to make people's lives easier especially during the blessed month of Ramzan. "Prices of essential commodities should be monitored on a daily basis and strict action should be taken against profiteers and hoarders," he said.

He warned that dealers should not be allowed to buy subsidized flour.

"It will not be tolerated that they will buy flour at subsidized rates in Ramzan and start selling it at high prices after Eid," the PM said, adding that the package was announced for deserving and poor people.

On the occasion, the secretary food briefed the meeting and said that subsidized flour was being distributed on the flour depots so that every person could gain ben-

efit from the subsidy given by the government.

"Complaints if any are being addressed in collaboration with the administration," he said adding that a supply of 900 to 1000 tons of flour was being provided to depots on daily basis.

He said the federal government has been contacted regarding the purchase of additional 20,000 tonnes of wheat from PASCO, which is likely to be received soon.

The AJK Premier said that the Food Department had sent a summary on April 1 regarding the increase in the price of flour by Rs 400 per quintal.

"The PM rejected the summary and instead issued directions to provide flour at the rate 400 per 40 Kg to the masses in Ramzan,"



LAHORE: A young girl rides bike without wearing helmet, which needs the attention of the concerned authorities. —Online