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GCU receives Rs20m donations for new mosque, Islamic centre

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Government College University (GCU) Lahore received donations of about Rs20 million from its alumni, staff, philanthropists and students for the set up of new mosque and Islamic center in main campus.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Asghar Zaidi hosted an iftar dinner on Friday where philanthropists pledged around five million rupees more for the mosque, while donations of almost fifteen million rupees had already been received by the University, said a press release issued here on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Zaidi said that the construction of this grand Islamic Center and Mosque would cost a total of Rs. 100 million. He said the Mosque and Islamic Center would have three floors where a library, conference room and auditorium would be built besides a large prayer room. On the occasion, Naat and Qirat Competitions were also organized by the GCU Debating Society. About 40 teams from various educational institutions including Punjab University, Comsat University Lahore, University of Education, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences participated in the competitions.

ANF recovers 144 kg narcotics; arrests three

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) has recovered 144 kg narcotics and arrested three accused.

According to an ANF headquarters spokesman, ANF Rawalpindi and ANF Intelligence intercepted a truck near 'Sangjani' toll plaza and recovered 50.400 kg charras and 25.200 kg opium. The truck was transporting scrap and the drugs were professionally hidden under the scrap. He said that the truck driver namely Naqeebullah resident of Khyber was arrested on the spot. The spokesman informed that in another raid, two vehicles were intercepted on Friday near 'Jahaz Chowk in Bagh-e-Naran, Hayatabad' area and ANF recovered 68.4 kg charras from the vehicles, Toyota Corolla and Suzuki Khyber. ANF also arrested two accused namely Shehzaduddin resident of Peshawar and Naqeebullah resident of Nowshera. The spokesman informed that separate cases have been registered while further investigations are in progress.

ETPB Chairman assumes office

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Newly-appointed Chairman of the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) Habibur Rehman Gilani on Saturday assumed the charge of his office.

He was welcomed by the officers and employees on his arrival at the Board's office. Secretary Board Hamid Masood Gondal Additional Secretary Sanaulah Khan, Additional Secretary Shrinis, Rana Shahid, Deputy Secy Land Nadeem Dharjio, Deputy Secretary Property Yasir Asghar Monga, Controller of Accounts Adeel Ahmed and Secretary Education Ambassador Shah attending the introductory meeting of other officers of the Board. ETPB Chairman Habibur Rehman Gilani appreciated the significant increase in the revenue of the former Chairman.

Chief Secretary orders abundant availability of flour in markets

Says sugar to sell at Rs 70/kg in Ramzan bazaars from today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Following the direction of the Prime Minister to give maximum relief to people during the holy month of fasting, the Punjab government would provide sugar at a discounted price of Rs 70 per kilogram in Ramzan bazaars across the province from today (Sunday).

Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal presided over a meeting at the Civil Secretariat to review the implementation of the Ramzan package, wheat procurement campaign, and measures to curb smuggling.

The Chief Secretary directed the officers to ensure abundant availability of 10-kilogram flour bags at the rate of Rs 400



throughout the province.

He mentioned that providing maximum relief to people during the month of Ramzan is a priority, adding that the prices of essential commodities should be checked in the open market regularly.

The Chief Secretary asked the relevant

authorities to continue measures to control the smuggling of wheat and fertilizer and focus on monitoring of supplies of food items, especially fruits and vegetables ahead of Eid. He also lauded the performance of deputy commissioners in the wheat procurement drive.

The divisional commissioners gave a detailed briefing to the meeting through a video link.

The meeting was informed that flour and sugar were available in abundance in all the districts.

The number of check-posts in bordering districts has been increased to curb the smuggling of wheat and fertilizer.

The administrative secretaries of industries, food, information, director-general public relations, cane commissioner Pun-

jab, and officers concerned attended the meeting while all the divisional commissioners and deputy commissioners participated through video link.

Hanif Gull assumes charge of DS Lahore Division

The Pakistan Railways has appointed Muhammad Hanif Gull as new divisional superintendent of PR Lahore Division.

According to the Pakistan Railways sources on Saturday, the newly appointed officer has assumed his charge.

Immediate after taking over charge of his post, he met the officers and other staff of the division.

He also visited all branches of the divisional headquarter. He directed the officers to operate all trains on time.



LAHORE: Farmers harvest wheat in field in outskirts area of the province. —Online

BD baseball team confirms participation in South Asian Games in Pakistan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Bangladesh Baseball Federation has confirmed that its national team would feature in the South Asian Games, to be held in 2023 in Pakistan.

In a letter addressed to the Pakistan Olympic Association and Pakistan Federation Baseball, Secretary General of the Bangladesh Baseball Federation Amin-ul-Islam Liton confirmed the participation of the Bangladesh baseball team and congratulated the POA & PFB on hosting the mega baseball sports event.

Pakistan Federation Baseball President Syed Fakhar Ali Shah said here on Saturday that India, Sri Lanka and Nepal had already confirmed their participation in the competition. He said: "Pakistan baseball teams (men and women) are number one in South Asia and Insha'Allah we will win both gold medals of the Games for Pakistan." He said that the representatives of Pakistan Federation Baseball in Islamabad have met the Director General of Pakistan Sports Board Col (ret'd) Asif Zaman in connection with holding of Pakistan teams' training camp. "DG SBP said that the training camp of Pakistan baseball team for Asian Games and South Asian Games will be held at Pakistan Sports Complex, Islamabad very soon".

11 dead, 951 hurt in 919 road accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least eleven people were killed while 951 injured in 919 road accidents in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. Of whom, 571 people sustained serious injuries who were shifted to different hospitals, whereas, 380 people with minor injuries were treated on the spot by rescue medical teams. Analysis showed that 464 drivers, 44 underage drivers, 91 pedestrians, and 407 passengers were among the victims of road crashes. Statistics show that 251 road accidents were reported in Lahore due to which 262 people were affected, placing the provincial capital at top of the list followed by 86 Faisalabad with 94 victims and at third Multan with 65 road accidents and 65 victims.

DG Nursing Punjab urges upon nurses to set goal of "specialisation" in life

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Director General Nursing Punjab Kausar Tasneem has urged upon the nurses to set the goal of "specialization" before them in life for the continuous enhancement of their professional skills and keep themselves abreast of the changes taking place in the medical field so that they can help the suffering humanity in a better way and get their prayers.

She expressed these views during a meeting with a delegation led by President Young Nurses Association of Services Hospital Ms. Shamshad Niazi. Chairperson Lubna Yasmeen, Kishwar Shafi, Fehmida Haider, Fauzia Tasawar, Aaster Tasneem, Ruqia Bano, Zahra Akhtar and Fauzia Tabas-



sum were also present.

DG Nursing Kausar Tasneem assured the delegation that she also basically considers herself a nurse as this relation is of utmost importance to her. Therefore, she is well aware of the problems of women in this field and will try to resolve their issues as soon as possible under the Government policy.

DG Nursing Kausar Tasneem told the officials of YNA that from this platform they should send a message to the nurses across the province that my doors are always open for them and every nurse will be honored during my appointment. She asked them to identify

their problems in writing instead of coming herself and in return they will be informed by timely solution of their grievances and this step will also save nurses from severe weather and travel expenses. The delegation of nurses congratulated DG Nursing Ms. Kausar Tasneem on assuming her office and said that a head like you is a role model for new nurses as you have always adhered to discipline and merit since your student days. They added that in this Holy month of Ramadan, it is no less than an honor to take charge as the head of the nursing department.

They said that such a responsibility falls on the fortunate people and In Sha Allah she will be able to fulfill these requirements in an efficient manner.

Air Quality ideal in Capital as air pollutants ratio declines persistently

ISLAMABAD: The air quality of the federal capital on Saturday was recorded healthy as damaging air pollutants were far below the permissible limits in the atmosphere due to reduced vehicular traffic.

The air quality data has been collected by the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) that monitors air pollutants ratio for 24 hours based on three intervals of eight hours data collection from different locations.

The Pak-EPA data revealed that the air quality throughout the three intervals of data monitoring remained low as the pollutants were far less than the permissible limits of national environmental quality standards (NEQS).

The hazardous air pollutant particulate matter of 2.5 microns (PM2.5) which was a lethal atmospheric contaminant remained 16.78 micro grammes per cubic meter on average which is below the NEQS of 35 micro-grammes per cubic meter and denotes the air quality healthy.

The PM2.5 is generated through combustion of an engine, industrial emissions, burning garbage or inflammable material, and dust blown up by fast moving cars plying on non-cemented patches of the roads.

However, a slight jump in previous days was mainly due to congestion of automobiles plying on the roads owing to Ramzan timings during the peak working hours, he

added.

The nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and sulphur dioxide (SO2) were recorded below permissible ratio as it were recorded 8.64 and 18.16 microgrammes per cubic meter in past 24 hours in the atmosphere against the NEQS of 80 and 120 microgrammes per cubic meter respectively. These effluents were mainly produced during the operational activities of industrial plants and factories that were already under control, he said. He urged the masses with respiratory diseases and other critical heart or lungs diseases to avoid prolonged outdoor visits and wear face coverings and goggles when the air quality is unhealthy while venturing outdoors. —APP



LAHORE: A view of site of Aik Moria Bridge as the construction work is kept gradually. —Online