

Cricket association coaches assessment, review begins today

By Our Staff Reporter

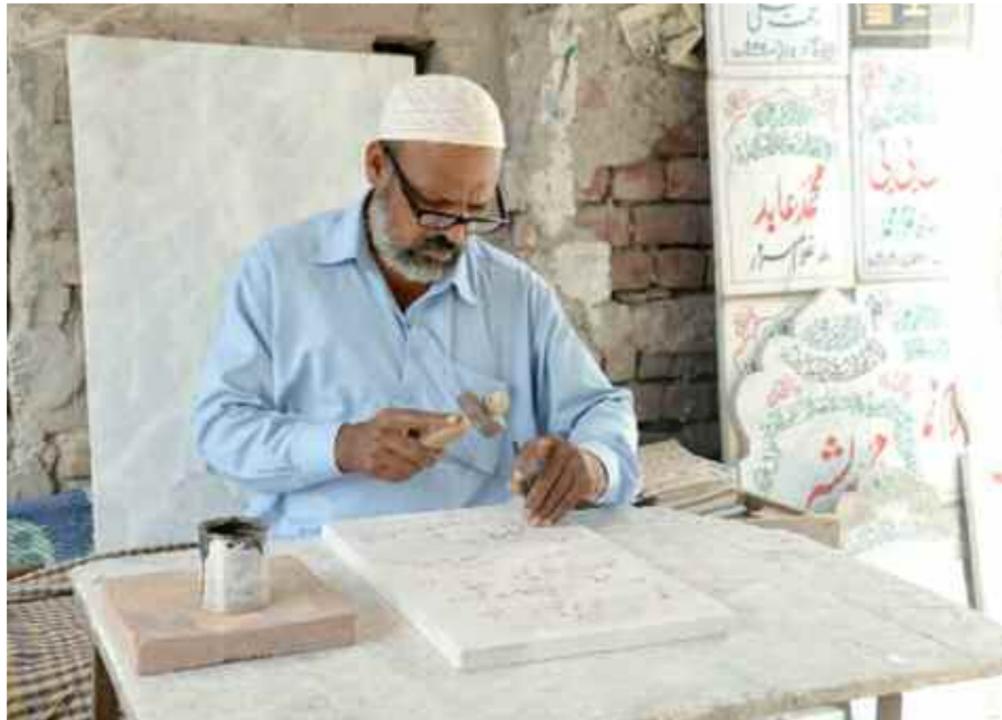
LAHORE: Coaches of six cricket associations will undergo a three-day review and assessment process will start at the National High Performance Centre, here today (Monday). A total of 24 coaches will undergo the review; they include first and second eleven head and assistant coaches. On the first two days, coaches will be interviewed individually in 30 minute sessions by a committee which includes NHPC coaches Umar Rasheed, Shahid Mahboob and Sajjad Akbar. During the interviews the committee will review each of the 24 coaches' 2021-22 domestic cricket season. The three-hour long seminar on 27 April, Wednesday will aim to both review the season while also focusing on the targets for the 2022-23 domestic cricket season. The seminar will be attended by the 24 Cricket Association coaches, NHPC coaches and Director High Performance Nadeem Khan.

4,500 wheat bags recovered from two godowns

KHANEWAL: The district administration on Sunday launched a comprehensive crackdown against wheat and flour stockers across the city under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Iqra Mustafa. The team along with city administration raided at stara mill situated at Lahore road and Khadim mill while 4500 stocked wheat bags were recovered from these two mills. The city administration registered the case against the owner of the mills under hoarding act. —APP

Youngster drowns into river while boating

MUZAFFERGARH: A youngster drowned while boating in river during picnic here in a mishap on Sunday. According to rescue 1122 sources, jaam Farooq s/o jaam Nawaz resident of Gopang chowk, shehr sultan area was boating in the river on Sunday, all of a sudden his feet slipped and he fell into the river and drowned. The Rescue divers reached the spot and recovered the body from the river after efforts of hours. The body has been handed over to heirs, rescue sources added. —APP



LAHORE: A worker busy in carving name on marble gravestone at his setup outside a graveyard.

Quality food items available at low prices in Ramazan Bazaars: DC

-Inspects food stalls, flour, sugar, chicken and agriculture fair price shops

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LAHORE: Deputy Commissioner Lahore Umar Sher Chattha on Sunday visited Ramzan Bazaars at Township and Johar Town and inspected the arrangements and quality of fruits, vegetables on others items.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shahid Khathia, AC Raiwind Hamid Rashid, AC Model Town Sonia Sadaf, Metropolitan Corporation Lahore (MCL) Chief Executive

Officer, officials of market committee, and other relevant staff were present

on the occasion. The Deputy Commissioner inspected food stalls, flour, sugar, chicken, and agriculture fair price shops in Ramazan Bazaar.

He said that food items would be sold at low rates in Ramazan Bazaar. He added that food items had been subsidized at fixed rates by the government in Ramazan bazaars. He said that price control magistrates should work actively throughout the district. The deputy commissioner said that a 10-kg bag of flour was available at subsidised rate of Rs 400. He added that subsidy was being given at the rate of Rs 12 per kg on

chicken and Rs 6 per dozen on eggs in Ramazan Bazaar. He said that 13 items including apples, bananas, dates, lemons, okra, pumpkins, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, garlic, lentils, and gram flour had been subsidized in the agriculture Fair Price Shop to provide relief to people.

He maintained that prices of food items should be displayed properly and cleanliness arrangements should be made properly in Ramzan Bazaars. Umar Chattha directed the incharge of Ramzan Bazaar and other staff members staff to perform their duties properly.

WASA authorities directed to take strict action against defaulters

RAWALPINDI: The authorities concerned of Water and Sanitation Authority (WASA) Rawalpindi have been directed to take strict action against defaulters without any discrimination. According to a WASA spokesman, WASA RWP on the directives of Managing Director, (MD) Raja Shaukat Mehmood had launched a crackdown against the defaulters.

WASA teams under the supervision of Director Revenue WASA, Irfan Ahmed, Deputy Director Revenue, Rana Shams-ur-Rehman and Deputy Director Revenue, Chaudhry Akmal launched operations in different areas and took action in accordance with the law against the defaulters.

The revenue inspectors and staff took part in the operations which were conducted in Commercial Market, Seventh Road, Chandni Chowk, Raja Bazar, Mohanpura and other areas. In the operations, 22 water connections were disconnected and 11 water pumps were confiscated. The teams also recovered over Rs 700,000 during the operation, he added.

Several defaulters on assurance that the outstanding dues would be cleared within one week were issued final notices, he added. He informed that the operation against the defaulters would continue and action would be taken against defaulters as per law. He appealed to the consumers to pay the bills immediately to avoid any legal action.

Two children die in house fire

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LAHORE: Two children of a family suffocated to death in a fire incident, taking place at a house in P-DHA near National Hospital, here on Sunday. Police said that the ill-fated children, identified as Ayesha (8), daughter of Babar, and Shahmeer (5), son of Babar, were asleep in a room when the fire erupted suddenly. Both died due to heavy smoke. On getting information, Rescue-1122 vehicles reached the spot and started rescue operation. The firefighters succeeded in controlling the fire. Later, the bodies were shifted to General Hospital by the rescuers.

Garment factory catches fire: Garments and other items worth thousands of rupees were reduced to ashes when a fire erupted in a Netware factory in Gajjumatta area, here on Sunday. On receiving information, Rescue-1122 vehicles reached the spot and started rescue operation. The firefighters succeeded in controlling the fire after hectic efforts. However, no loss of life was reported. The cause of fire could not be ascertained immediately.

Police fails to curb incidents of gas meters theft

ISLAMABAD: The residents of Islamabad have complained against a sudden surge in the incidents of gas meters' theft alleging that the activity was being carried out in connivance with the relevant department's racketeers. Gas meters of government officials' houses have been stolen in residential areas of Islamabad. A resident of sector G-6 whose meter was stolen, said when his daughter woke up for preparing Sehri, there was no gas in the stove.

He said our family thought it was load-shedding but they were astonished to know that their gas meter was lifted in the darkness of night. He said 4-5 more meters in a day light were also ripped-off from the locality and one of the journalist in his neighborhood was also among the victims.

He also complained for police's sluggish attitude in tracing the culprits who only lodge report instead of making efforts to expose those involved in this crime. Another victim of the gas meter theft, who resides near Melody, said he was not the only victim but many people are deprived of their meters in a quick succession of time. He said people are now installing steel cages around their meters to lock them to ensure their safety. "Once a meter is stolen it is herculean task to get a new-one installed to restore the facility", he remarked.

The victims said that they contacted relevant office of SNGPL to inform about the incident but of no use. They said that hefty fee is charged for re-installation of the meter and the consumers have to face the entire financial burden in case of such loss. One of the gas consumer said that an ordinary thief

cannot dare to sell the state's property because nobody is willing to buy it even a rag dealer. He termed it concerned department's black sheep's' activity, who he said, may be reinstalling them for new subscribers in some other areas of the country to make money. An official of the Sui Gas Northern Company, requesting not to be named, said there had been the possibility of under the table involvement of some racketeers in this illegal trade from within the department. He also regretted for some serious flaws in the system which were encouraging these vicious and earning bad name for the organization. These lifted meters may have been reused or reinstalled in some specific areas of the country after tempering, he informed.

According to the victims, people are also being rounded up at the Sui Gas Department office and a fee of Rs 6,000 has to be paid for allotment of new gas meters. ASI Mehboob of Aabpara police station, investigating such cases, told that a number of cases of meter theft were registered with them in previous days but no recovery has been made yet. With pessimistic approach, he said that consumers after such incident should contact the relevant gas office and police is so far unable to trace any person involved in this incident.

However, the victims have appealed the high-ups of SNGPL to launch investigation into such cases with the help of police. They said it would not be a difficult task to trace the allotted meters of consumers but a serious approach is essential to expose those involved in such criminal act.



LAHORE: People purchase vegetables and fruits during Holy fasting month of Ramazan.

Counterfeit pesticides worth Rs2.9m seized, four outlaws

MULTAN: The agriculture department seized counterfeit pesticides worth Rs 2.9 million and also got case registered against four outlaws, here on Sunday.

According to official sources, Assistant Director Pest Warning Shahid Hussain and other officials, working on tip off, successfully raided a factory located at Chah Ali Wala, Mouza Kotla Abul Fateh and recovered counterfeit pesticides and other materials.

Malik Rasheed Ahmed son of Malik Mohammad Ramzan Chief Executive of Unregistered Pesticides Company Haq Agro Chemicals and another three accused were booked under Pesticides Ordinance, with Muzaffarabad Police Station. They were found involved in fake labelling.

The seized labels contained fake information about importer, manufacturer, formulator, distributor, date of manufacture, expiry date, batch number, registration number and packer. The accused were causing irreparable damage to the national economy by illegally packing and formalizing counterfeit pesticides

and supplying these to different parts of the country. —APP

37 professional beggars arrested

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Police, in its crackdowns on professional beggars, arrested 37 beggars to discourage the menace of begging and avoid risk of road accidents due to jaywalking of tramps.

On the directives of the in-charge Beggars Squad, along with their respective teams, took action against the professional beggars, and detained them in different police stations of Rawalpindi city, said the Rawalpindi Police spokesperson.

On this occasion, SSP Operations Waseem Riaz said the special beggar squad was working hard to overcome the increasing number of professional beggars. "The professional beggars stand on various highways and squares of Rawalpindi city and not only affect the flow of traffic but also increase

risk of accidents. Therefore, the public is also requested that do not serve alms to them as discouraging such factors will not only improve the society but also the flow of traffic," he said. —APP

3 arrested in rape-cum-murder case of minor boy

SARGODHA: Police have arrested three accused who allegedly murdered a minor boy after raping him. A police spokesman said that Saddar police had received information that the body of a six-year-old boy was lying in a kinnow garden of Chak No 27-NB. The police team reached the site and shifted the body to DHQ Teaching hospital for post-mortem. The police initially arrested two suspects, who confessed to their crime and on their pointation, the third accused was also arrested.

A case has been registered against Rizwan, Omar Abbas and Waqas on the complaint of victim's father, Muhammad Akbar. —APP



LAHORE: Labourers busy in rehabilitation work on the tomb of historical Jain mandar.