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Quick Read

Uplift of livestock sector vital to boost national economy of Pakistan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore, in collaboration with In-Service Veterinary Professional Development (IVPD) arranged concluding ceremony of 7th five-day training workshop on 'Reproductive Ultrasonography in Five Species of Domestic Animals' here on Saturday.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad chaired the concluding session of workshop and distributed certificates among participants while Chairpersons Department of Theriogenology Prof Dr Amjad Riaz, Dr M Irfan-ur-Rehman Khan, Dr Talha Ashraf, Dr Sarbiland Khan, Dr Asmatullah including 24 veterinarians, farm managers and vet practitioner/professionals from public & private organisations across country were present. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad lauded organisers for arranging such an informative hands-on training workshop which was necessary for the uplift of livestock sector and boost national economy of Pakistan. The objective of workshop was to equip the participants with required knowledge and skills to diagnose reproductive issues and to improve fertility through ultrasonography in cow, buffalo, sheep, goats and dogs.

Opposition to face defeat in PA, Centre: Chohan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leader Fayazul Hassan Chohan on Saturday claimed that Chaudhry Perwaiz Elahi would be elected as Punjab Chief Minister by bagging more than 200 votes. Talking to the media outside the Punjab Assembly, he termed the no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan as suspicious. He said that those derailing country's political system should be tried under article 6. He further said that tomorrow opponents would face defeat in Punjab Assembly and the centre as well. To a question, Fayazul Hassan Chohan said that media was an independent pillar of the state and it should be allowed to work independently.

121,552 people provided emergency services in March

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service Department (PESD) rescued 121,552 victims while responding to 125,943 emergencies with an average response time of seven minutes across Punjab during the last month. A monthly review meeting, held at Emergency Services Headquarters here on Saturday, was informed that the rescue teams responded to 35,519 road traffic accidents, 72,576 medical emergencies, 1,967 fire incidents, 3,173 crime incidents, 795 animal rescue, 80 drowning incidents, 51 building collapses and 1,1782 miscellaneous incidents in Punjab. The meeting was informed that 399 people died in 35,519 road traffic crashes in Punjab during the last month. Out of these traffic crashes, the majority of traffic crashes 8,649 occurred in Lahore in which 51 people died. Similarly, 2,756 accidents took place in Multan, 2,929 in Faisalabad, 2,248 in Gujranwala, 1,281 in Bahawalpur, and 1,060 in Rawalpindi while the remaining 16,596 accidents took place in 30 districts of Punjab.



LAHORE: Former Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar arrives for participating in the Assembly Session.

-Money laundering

Court issues notice to Shehbaz on plea for bail cancellation

By Our Staff Reporter

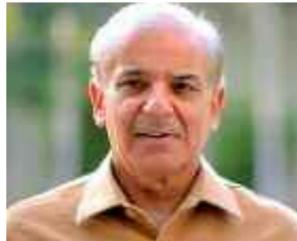
LAHORE: A special court on Saturday issued notice to Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif for April 4 on an application, filed by Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) for cancellation of his interim bail in money-laundering and sugar scam.

The court sought arguments from parties on the application, on the next date of hearing.

Special Judge Central Ejaz Hussain Awan conducted the proceedings on an application, filed by the FIA.

An FIA prosecutor submitted an application for interim bail cancellation of Shehbaz Sharif, saying that the accused was lingering the matter as he remained absent on many occasions on the pretext of ailment or political engagements. He submitted that such actions were absolutely not justified and a mockery of the law.

He submitted that the accused re-



mained absent from the court on last hearing, March 25, and filed application for exemption from personal appearance, which was accepted by the court.

The prosecutor argued that as per Islamic traditions, no one was exempted from appearance in the court whereas the Federal Shariat Court had declared the law as void, which gave exemption from personal appearance before the courts to the Parliamentarians during assembly session. He submitted that as per assembly rules, no relief of absence

was available to the parliamentarians from the court in criminal cases.

He submitted that Shehbaz Sharif's counsel did not appropriately assisted the court on March 25 for obtaining impugned orders of extension of interim bail. He pleaded with the court for recalling his orders of extending interim bail of Shehbaz Sharif and dismiss his bail application.

However, the court observed that it could not review interim bail orders, adding that the FIA could approach the high court, if not satisfied with the orders.

To which, the prosecutor submitted that if illegal orders were passed, then the court had the authority to correct the same. The court observed that it could not pass any orders on the application without hearing the other side and denied request of immediately recalling its orders of extending interim bail of Shehbaz Sharif.

Subsequently, the court issued no-

tices to Shehbaz Sharif for April 4 and sought arguments from parties on the application.

Shehbaz Sharif had obtained interim bail from the court in money laundering and sugar scam.

Earlier, the case had been transferred from the special court for banking offences to the special court (Central-I) after the question of the courts' jurisdiction was decided on Jan 14.

The FIA had filed challan against Shehbaz Sharif, Hamza Shehbaz and others in money laundering and sugar scam. The FIA nominated Shehbaz Sharif and Hamza Shehbaz as the main accused, besides benamidars and others.

Shehbaz Sharif and his sons - Hamza and Suleman - were booked by the FIA in Nov 2020 under sections 419, 420, 468, 471, 34 and 109 of PPC and 5(2) and 5(3) of Prevention of Corruption Act and r/w 3/4 of Anti Money Laundering Act. Suleman is absconding and residing in the UK.

Security plan issued to maintain law and order during Ramazan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the direction of Inspector General of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan, arrangements have been made as per security plan to maintain law and order situation in the province during Ramadan. Spokesperson of Punjab Police said that full security would be provided to all religious places and citizens of the province during the holy month of Ramadan.

In this regard, 18942 Officers and personnel will be on duty for security of 28581 mosques, 2228 imambargahs and 411 religious places across province whereas lady police personnel will also be deployed for the security of major mosques, imambargahs and minority places of worship. Spokesperson of Punjab Police said that CCTV cameras, walk-through gates

and metal detectors would also be used for the security of sensitive mosques and imambargahs. More than 4,000 private guards and more than 44,000 volunteers will also provide assistance with cooperation of mosques and Madrassas. Spokesperson of Punjab Police said that Dolphin, Peru and other teams of district police would be on duty for security and patrolling of mosques, imambargahs and other places during Sehri, Iftar and Taraweeh. Spokesperson of Punjab Police said that more than 5,000 police personnel, including ladies police would be on duty to protect mosques and imambargahs in the provincial capital Lahore.

Similarly, 110 teams of police response unit (PRU), 307 teams of Dolphin squad and vehicles of 84 police stations will be on patrol duty during Sehri, iftaar

and trahwee in Lahore. Punjab Police Spokesperson said that on the direction of IG Punjab, the supervisory officers would conduct regular field visits to check the security arrangements and additional personnel would be on duty during Iftar to maintain the flow of traffic on the busy highways. According to the spokesperson of Punjab Police, crackdown will continue in all districts along with district administration and special branch against sale and stockpiling of expensive items and search, sweep combing and intelligence based operations will be carried out in sensitive areas on daily basis. The Punjab Police spokesperson further said that an atmosphere of law and order would be maintained through effective coordination with mosques and madrassas, district administration and religious scholars.



LAHORE: Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Shafaqat Mahmood addresses press conference along with others.

Need to put a spotlight on invisible resources stressed

-UET organises conference on 'Hydrology, Water Resources'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Saturday organised the 2nd international conference on 'Hydrology and Water Resources' with an aim to enhance the efforts to make groundwater resources more visible.

Participants from various countries including Hungary, Australia, Turkey and China attended the conference, said a press release, issued by the university.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar inaugurated the conference and welcomed the guests. While sharing his views, he emphasised the theme of the conference and theme of World Water Day, 2022 Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible. He stressed

the need to put a spotlight on the invisible resources, enhance knowledge exchange and collaboration and thereby increase the awareness about the importance of taking care of water resources and come up with agenda for future research and action.

As keynote speakers, International Water Management Institute Pakistan Country Representative Dr Mohsin Hafeez, Water Director of Hungary Peter Kovacs, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) representative Dr Shahbaz Khan, UET Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Engineering (CEWRE) Dr. Ghulam Nabi, Dr. Khuram Shahzad from ISP Multan and Dr. Atiq-ur-Rehman Tariq from Australia highlighted the importance of climate resilience systems, the

water-energy-food nexus, investment in groundwater and integrated water resource management.

Twenty-two technical papers were presented in three technical sessions with the main focus on groundwater modelling, climate change, hydrological modeling and forecasting, snow and glacier impact assessment, water productivity and river regime variation.

UET Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Engineering Director Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad Khan expressed gratitude to the conference organising team in the concluding session and stated that the department would continue its efforts to train water managers and researchers in the field of water resources through classroom teaching and learning in addition to seminar and conferences.