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Maximum 41:°C
Sunset 06:10pm
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Seven dead, 1,063 injured in 1,004 accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least seven people were killed and 1,063 injured in 1,004 accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours. The analysis showed that 524 drivers, 32 underage drivers, 101 pedestrians, and 445 passengers were among the victims of the traffic crashes. The statistics showed that 281 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 296 people placing the provincial Capital top of the list followed by 85 Faisalabad in with 89 victims and third Multan with 66 accidents and 67 victims. According to data, 872 motorcycles, 65 auto-rickshaws, 109 cars, 32 vans, 16 buses, 29 trucks and 112 other types of auto vehicles besides slow-moving carts were involved in the accidents.

Punjab govt crosses historic utilisation of Rs 400 billion on 22nd

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Government crossed the Rs 400 billion mark for ADP 2021-22 utilization on April 22. This is the highest ever utilization in the history of the Province by this time of the Financial Year, a credible source in the Provincial Planning and Development Board informed. The record annual utilization of ADP funds stands at Rs 411 billion which was utilized in the Financial Year 2017-18. The P&D is aiming for a new record utilization of Rs 550 billion plus by June 30, 2022. When asked, the Chairman Planning and Development Board, Abdullah Khan Sumbal, said that the Six Months Projection Framework for the second half of the Financial Year has helped considerably in this massive utilization and tracking shall be done in accordance with this Framework right down to the end of the Financial Year.

State land valuing Rs72 million retrieves on order of Ombudsman

LAHORE: In compliance with the directions of Ombudsman Punjab Maj (R) Azam Suleman Khan, the administration has retrieved two kanal state land from squatters in the graveyard of Sattu Katla area of the provincial metropolis. The total value of the retrieved land is 72 million rupees. The spokesman of the office of the ombudsman Punjab disclosed in a statement issued on Tuesday that the concerned administrations of Gujrat and Gujranwala have sealed five illegal mini petrol pumps in Sarai Alamgir while the shops involved in the illegal decanting of LPG cylinders in the Tattle Aali area of Gujranwala have been shut down along with confiscation of illegal equipment. This action has been taken in compliance with the own-motion notices of Ombudsman Punjab Maj (R) Azam Suleman Khan taken on news items about illegal decanting activities and the presence of unauthorized petrol agencies in these areas, the spokesman concluded. —APP



LAHORE: Supporters of Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf hold a protest rally against Chief Election Commission outside the office.

Punjab CM consults former ministers about political situation

Says everything would be done in accordance with law and constitution in province of Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar huddled up with former Ministers Raja Basharat, Mian Mahmood ur Rasheed, Sibtain Khan and Dr Yasmeen Rashid to discuss the political situation and important constitutional and legal issues here on Tuesday.

Talking on this occasion, the CM asserted that everything would be done in accordance with the law and constitution in the province of Punjab adding that the constitution is supreme for us. Everyone will have to play a positive role in the development and prosperity of the country; he emphasized and pointed out that they remain engrossed in public-centric politics and everything possible was done for the public welfare and development of the province. I believe in po-



litical suavity and have always followed the constitutional and the law, he further said.

CM STRONGLY CONDEMNS KARACHI UNIVERSITY BLAST: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has strongly condemned the Karachi University blast and expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief over the loss of precious human lives including foreign faculty members. He extended sympathies to bereaved heirs and prayed for early recovery for the injured. The more this incident of terrorism is condemned, the less it would be; he said and added that it is an attempt to destabilize the situation. However, the nation is united against the menace of terrorism and a handful of terrorists could not weaken the strong commitment of the nation, he further said.

IG takes plausible step for families of martyrs, issues instructions to send Eidi

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has said that brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives in line of duty to protect lives and property of citizens are the real heroes of the department. Punjab Police will not leave families of martyrs alone at any stage.

IG Punjab directed RPOs, DPOs to keep close contact with the families of martyrs and provide them all possible facilities.

Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that on

the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid gifts should be provided by the department to the families of martyrs in all the districts of the province and senior officers should also visit houses of martyrs for expressing solidarity with them. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that Punjab Police is like a family and as the Chief of Punjab Police the best welfare of the families of martyrs is my first priority for which all available resources will be utilized.

On the direction of IG Punjab, DIG Welfare Abdul Ghaffar Qaisrani has issued instructions to send Eid to the

families of martyrs in all the districts. In a letter sent to RPOs and DPOs, it has been directed that cash gifts as well as Eid gifts be given to the families of martyrs in all the districts of the province. Moreover, senior officers will also visit homes of martyrs and present them Eid gifts.

The letter further said that on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr, CCPO, all RPOs, DPOs including would visit houses of the two martyrs and meet their families and a detailed report would be sent to the Central Police Office after the distribution of Eid gifts.



LAHORE: People buy sandals from shopkeeper at Shoes Market during preparation for upcoming grand event Eid-ul-Fitr.

LUMS VC gives keynote address at 2022 Presidents' Forum of Hubei-South Asian Universities

LAHORE: Dr Arshad Ahmad, LUMS Vice Chancellor, gave a keynote address on 'Cooperation and Exchange Between Universities in Hubei and South Asia in a Post-Epidemic era', at the recently held 2022 Presidents' Forum of Hubei-South Asian Universities.

Participating at the Forum were 27 universities from many South Asian countries including Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India, and Nepal. Also in attendance were Mr. Yu Xuemin, Deputy Director-General of Hubei Provincial Department of Education, Prof. He Weijun, Party Secretary of China Three Gorges University (CTGU), Mr. Wang Junchang, CEO of Yunnan Nam Tabak Hydropower Development Co., Ltd., and Prof. Huang Yingping, Vice President of CTGU.

Dr. Ahmad spoke about the lessons one can draw from Chinese advancements and successes. "As partners in China's Belt and Road Initiative in Pakistan, we look to China's Double First-Class University Plan to provide inspiration to create and develop world-class universities and disciplines



in Pakistan. In our case, China has been a good teacher," he shared. He elaborated that regional cooperation in high-impact sectors will play a key role. "The pandemic has made it clear that educational solutions must come through collaboration and through multidisciplinary expertise. Universities like LUMS are positioned to become more relevant and contribute more meaningfully to improve the human condition." Sharing the many successes of LUMS, Dr. Ahmad noted that the University's vision for the first 35 years was to become one of the top universities in Pakistan. "Having achieved that, for the next 35 years we aim to become a top university in South Asia. With this vision, we know in our hearts that China wants us to succeed because strong neighbours are essential for mutual and reciprocal success." —PR