

Profiteers unchecked as chicken price reaches Rs700 in country

QUETTA: Chicken price has reached Rs700 per kg in parts of country as government fails to check profiteers. As per details, in Quetta price has risen to Rs700 after Rs200 hike, Karachi Rs600 with Rs150 increase while Lahore recorded per kg price at Rs458. Meanwhile, price of flour has also shot up and 10kg flour bag price jumped by Rs100 in Punjab after Food Department failed to formulate a policy. Prices of other commodities have also risen at Utility Stores after Ramazan package ended. According to the notification, the price of 50 grams of cardamom has been increased by Rs.18, red chili by Rs.18 per 200 grams, shampoo by Rs.14 and 100 grams of turmeric by Rs.4. The price of pulses was increased by Rs.10 per kg and cooking oil of various brands up to Rs.20 per liter, as per the notification. —APP

Clearing highways of crime top priority: SSP

Violators of law and order situation being dealt with severely

From Our Staff Correspondent

VEHARI: Clearing highways of crime is my top priority and violators of law and order situation are being dealt with severely, said by Superintendent of Patrolling Police Huma Naseeb, on Sunday. According to Multan (Petroling Police) Report, 516 cases of various types were registered in April 2022, 15 cases were registered against hundreds of accused, vehicles using LPG and substandard cylinders, two cases were registered against liquor and drug dealers. Hundreds of litre of liquor was recovered and 11 cases were registered against those possessing illegal weapons and three Kalashnikovs, 08 pistols and 96 bullets were recovered. About 414 cases were registered against negligent drivers. 1500 kg of unhealthy meat and 158 illegal encroachments were removed while 07 missing children were searched and handed over to their parents. Huma Naseeb, Superintendent of Patrolling police, Multan Region said that providing protection to those traveling on highways is one of the top priorities of Patrolling Police. Mobile Education Unit conducted six road shows and road safety campuses, six workshops and seminars. Nearly 17 educational institutions 21 public places 22 taxi rickshaw bus and truck stands 22 commercial markets 05 different villages 05 hospitals and yogurt centers 15 petrol pumps and 15 banks. Over 100 speeding vehicles, trolleys and tractor trolleys, rickshaws, reflectors stickers were affixed on the road. Awareness was also raised through cable operators for the promotion of Patrolling Police Helpline 1124.



LAHORE: Ladies purchase shoes from a roadside vendor at Bohar Wala Chowk.

Sindh, South Punjab wilting without water

LAHORE: Sindh and South Punjab are confronting serious problem of water scarcity that is threatening crop harvesting and endangering lives of both the humans and livestock. The water shortage is assuming alarming proportions in Sindh as agricultural economy is on the verge of annihilation. The harvest is withering away due to closure of canals. The water scarcity has put a seriously damaging impact on the habitat conditions as people are compelled to migrate to other places due to non-availability of water. The situation is scarier in the riverine area of Sindh – district Sajawal – where crops have wilted owing to non-availability of water. It's giving nightmares to the growers whose produce is ruining. For the last three months, water has not been released to the canals in Sajawal. Not only the crops are dying but it has become difficult for humans and cattle to quench their thirst in the face of drought-like conditions in the district. Livestock has started perishing here and people have started migrating to other areas. The Sajawal residents have appealed to Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah to immediately solve water problem in the area in order to save lives of both humans and livestock. Sindh CM Shah complained on Saturday that there was unjust distribution of water resources between the federating units and Sindh was not getting its due share. He said he would talk to the federal minister on the issue. He, however, admitted that there was a water shortage in the entire country, and Sindh was no exception. He even suggested to growers not to sow rice crop this time round in order to preserve water. There is an extreme water shortage in the water flow at Kotri Barrage of River Sindh. According to control room at Kotri Barrage, the upstream water flow at the barrage was recorded 4,900 cusecs and downstream flow was recorded just 200 cusecs. The Kotri Barrage is giving a spectacle of vast expanse of sand now. The South Punjab dwellers are also facing the similar problem of water scarcity. Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz took notice of the situation and directed the authorities to ensure water provision to the parched areas of the province. He vowed to help the growers saying he would not leave them alone in this time of crisis. —DNA

International Mother's Day

Apex academia declares Bilquis Edhi 'Mother of Humankind'

LAHORE: While marking the International Mother's Day, the Asia-Oceania Post-Doctoral Academia (AOPDA) and SAARC-ASEAN Postdoctoral Academia conjointly adopted a resolution on May 8, 2022 to posthumously proclaim two prestigious titles 'Epitome of Motherhood' and the 'Mother of Humankind' simultaneously, on Pakistan's towering humanitarian Bilquis Edhi to honour her paramount triumph against infanticide. According to a press release, issued by the AOPDA Secretariat, it was the triumph of Bilquis Edhi against infanticide that made her the mother of hundreds of thousands of unwanted children and the mother of the thrown-away, and took her to the status of the planetary mother. "Neither it's ordinary nor simply the extraordinary that a single person makes clear divides in the course of history. But now, in the case of infanticide, the future historian and the history itself has to be

divided and demarcated into the two: Pre-Bilquis Edhi era, and the Post-Bilquis Edhi era, and it's a rare phenomenon - in fact very rare, even in the thick and thin of the centuries and millenniums... Now the whole battlefield has to build its cuts and marks on the very foundations that have been laid by Ms Bilquis Edhi -- the 'protector mother' of the unwanted babies," reads the AOPDA resolution of the International Mother's Day 2022. The resolution was consented and duly ratified by post-doc academics under the patronage of Justice (R) Dr. S. S. Paru, the Chancellor Emeritus of AOPDA from Indonesia. It was moved and drafted by AOPDA P.I. Prof. Dr. Aurangzeb Hafiz of Pakistan, who was the co-recipient of the Bidecadal Merit Award with Ms. Bilquis Edhi. Prof. Hafiz is not only a co-recipient of the 1st of the 21st century's Bidecadal Merit Award with Bilquis Edhi but he also holds the

singular privilege of being considered as her third son by the great humanitarian, alongside her two biological sons – Faisal Edhi and Qutub Edhi. Bilquis was awarded the Hilal-e-Imtiaz by Pakistan, the Lenin Peace Prize by Russia, the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for Social Justice, as well as the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service. The planetary mother Bilquis Edhi's services were categorically recognised by the world in 2021, when she was declared the 'Person of two Decades', along with UN rapporteur on human rights Prof. Yanghee Lee, and the US ethicist Stephen Soldz, by an international organisation in the course of the 1st bidecadal round-up review of the 21st century. As per the domino effect verdict, announced by the Britain-based Impact Hallmarks [IH] in January 2021, Bilquis Edhi was declared the most impactful



LAHORE: A lady vendor along with her sister sell toys at roadside set-up.

Doctor shot dead inside his house in Lahore

LAHORE: A doctor was murdered when unidentified attackers sprayed him with bullets at his home in Lahore on Sunday. The 36-year-old orthopaedic consultant, Fayyaz, was targeted inside his house in Gulshan Ahab Housing Society in Kot Lakhpat area of Lahore. He received 10 bullets. The gunmen escaped from the scene easily. Police and forensic teams rushed to the area following the murder and started investigation into the incident. CCPO Lahore Bilal Siddique Kamyana took notice of the murder and sought a report from the SP Model Town. The CCPO vowed to bring the culprits to book very soon. —DNA

ITP intensifies crackdown against CNG cylinder-fitted vehicles

ISLAMABAD: The details Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has taken special measures to ensure safety of lives and property of motorcyclists and other citizens and to keep them safe from any mishaps. It has been decided to intensify legal action more strict and effective against the vehicles without fitness certificates and gas fitted cylinder public service vehicles, in order to reduce accidents as much as possible and keep traffic flow smooth. SSP Traffic Rai Mazhar Iqbal has strictly directly in-charges of all zones to take strict legal action and imposed heavy fines against vehicles without fitness certificates and gas fitted cylinders public service vehicles. He also directed them to lock the illegals

Vehicles at police stations and no concessions should be made in this regard. He also said that special enforcement teams from Islamabad Traffic Police have been formed to take effective and intensify action against vehicles without fitness certificates and gas fitted cylinders public service vehicles at lorry depots, bus stops, wagon stops and various places in the jurisdiction of Federal Capital. On this occasion, SSP Traffic said that safety of life and property of the citizens and providing all possible transport facilities are the foremost priorities of Islamabad Traffic Police, strict legal action will be taken against those violating traffic rules and affecting the flow of traffic in order to reduce acci-

dents as much as possible and keep traffic flow smooth. **Mufti Ali Haqqani dies in road accident** Renowned religious scholar of Nowshera Mufti Sardar Ali Haqqani alias Toju died in a road accident near Adamkhel Pass on Sunday. Six other people including Mufti Ali Haqqani's driver and guard were injured in the accident. An officer of Pakistan Army and his two daughters were among the injured, who were shifted to CMH while other wounded people were taken to a nearby hospital. Mufti Ali Haqqani's dead body arrived at his ancestral village in Nowshera in an ambulance. There had been an assassination attempt on Mufti Ali Haqqani in Swabi in the past. —DNA

Water shortage bound to cause extensive damage to crops

SUKKUR: Sindh is facing an acute shortage of river water, which has dropped by 51 percent than normal at Sukkur Barrage. The water shortage is bound to cause extensive damage to crops across the province due to record shortage of water, water officials apprehend. The inflow and outflow of water at Tarbela Dam has been 60,800 cusecs and 60,000 cusecs respectively. The inflow and outflow of water at Kalabagh has been recorded 77,741 and 71,241 cusecs respectively. Water inflow and outflow at Chashma Link Canal has been 96,423 and 80,000 cusecs respectively, while

at Taunsa water inflow and outflow recorded 61,645 cusecs and 57,515 cusecs, according to the water officials. Water inflow and outflow at Guddu Barrage recorded 33,462 cusecs, while at Sukkur Barrage water inflow and outflow has been 27,180 and 8,350 cusecs respectively. The water inflow at Kotri Barrage has been 4,900 cusecs, and only 200 cusecs going downstream to the Indus delta, according to the water officials. Sindh's Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali, in a telephonic conversation yesterday discussed acute water shortage in the province with Federal Minister for Water Resources Syed Khurshed

Ahmed Shah. Sindh is facing shortage of irrigation water as recently local people blocked the National Highway and staged protest sit-in over the water scarcity issue in Thatta. "The canals are dry and water is unavailable for irrigation of crops as well as for drinking," protesters complained. Sindh's information minister Sharjeel Memon had earlier appealed the federal government to provide Sindh's share of irrigation water. He called the federal authorities to take notice of the shortage of water in Sindh. Sharjeel Memon urged the government to ensure enforcement of the river water apportionment accord 1991. —DNA

Air Blue launches direct Lahore, Riyadh flights

LAHORE: Air Blue has announced to operate direct flights between Lahore to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The airline will operate two flights weekly and the first flight will be operated on May 14 from Allama Iqbal International Airport. More flights, more convenience. Now fly twice a week between Lahore and Riyadh. Air Blue has opened the ticket booking for the flights between Lahore and Riyadh. —DNA

Banned outfit activists arrested in Bannu; arms recovered

BANNU: Acting on a tip-off regarding presence of the activists of a defunct organization in Tehsil Baka Khel, the security forces on Sunday launched a raid and arrested members of the banned group, besides seizing weapons and explosives in a large quantity from the area. The sources informed that the security forces were tipped about the presence of the saboteur elements in the general area of Baka Khel Wazir where they came masquerading as the Internally Displaced Persons. The security forces launched a combined search operation with the help of Bannu CTD police to track down members of the outlawed organisation. —DNA

PFC offers free skilled wood training to jails convicts

LAHORE: The Pakistan Furniture Council (PFC) had offered free specialised training to convicts in Punjab jails to produce the best quality skilled wood workers. Talking to Inspector General of Prisons Punjab Mirza Shahid Saleem Baig on Sunday, Chief Executive Officer Pakistan Furniture Council Mian Kashif Ashfaq offered totally free training package and discussed its modalities and scope of enhancement of cooperation between public and private sector. He said that at present Pakistan is facing acute shortage of highly skilled wood workers so we decided in principle to meet this alarming scarcity of artisans by training the convicts on modern scientific lines to meet market driven demands. He further offered that on successful completion of proper training, all convicts after release, will be absorbed in furniture manufacturing factories with good pay packages. Dr Waqar Ch Advisor PFC present on the occasion said "PFC may also consider offering reasonable good monthly stipend to all convicts trainees to attract maximum number of participants". Mian Kashif Ashfaq said initially 6 months short duration course will be lunched in Central Jails of Lahore, Bahawalpur, Faisalabad and Rawalpindi and PFC will provide the top class trainers. He said special lectures will also be delivered on the importance of growing more and more useful trees to offset the hovering threat of climate change and meet wood needs of the country. Mirza Shahid Saleem Baig appreciated the goodwill gesture of PFC and constituted a high level committee headed by Assistant Inspector General of Prisons Punjab (Industries) Ahmad Naveed Gondal to further discuss the feasibility of this generous offer and work out a joint strategy to give final shape with the consultation of senior Superintendent Central Jail Kotlakhpat Saqib Nazir Ch, senior Superintendent Central Jail Bahawalpur Shahram Sarwar, senior Superintendent Central Jail Addilia Rawalpindi Asad Javed Warraich and senior superintendent Central Jail

Quake relief operations underway in Balochistan's Wadh Tehsil

QUETTA: Relief operations have been underway in Wadh, a tehsil of Khuzdar district in Balochistan after Friday's magnitude 5.2 earthquake. According to the district administration, relief items being provided in Aranjji and other villages affected in the earthquake. The Levies Force and the district administration, involved in the relief work, have so far provided tents, blankets and edible items in over 150 affected families. Around 200 houses were damaged in the earthquake in tehsil Wadh, scores of houses were thor-

oughly demolished in the quake tremors. The earthquake jolted Lasbela and other parts of Balochistan province on Friday, the National Seismic Monitoring Centre (NSMC) reported. The NSMC said that the centre of the earthquake was 80 kilometers north of Bela city of Balochistan. The tremors that struck Wadh tehsil of Khuzdar resulted in damage to several houses in the region. The jolts caused panic among the population, sending people fleeing their homes in panic. Earlier, in October last year, a 5.9-magnitude earth-

quake in Balochistan province was resulted in 22 deaths while over 200 were injured. The deadly earthquake had struck parts of Balochistan including Quetta. According to National Seismic Monitoring Centre, Islamabad, the epicenter of the quake was located in Harnai at the depth of 15 kilometres. According to Deputy Commissioner Harnai Anwar Hashim, roofs and walls of more than 100 houses collapsed in Harnai and Shahrag, trapping several people under the debris. Dozens of public and private buildings were damaged. —APP