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Quick Read

South Punjab gets 10 of 14 positions in anti-quackery drive across province

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Multan district stood second while Muzaffargarh clinched third position in anti-quackery operation across Punjab, says a report of Punjab Anti Quackery Cell (PAQC).

A spokesperson for Health department South Punjab said on Saturday that Vehari district grabbed 5th, Khanewal 6th and DG Khan 7th positions in anti-quackery activities.

He stated that South Punjab districts won 10 top positions out of 14 across the province according to the report.

The department appreciated the CEOs of District Health Authorities whose performance is good and asked Rajanpur health authorities to improve their performance too, the spokesperson concluded.

16 dead, 1,273 injured in Punjab road accidents

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least 16 persons were killed and 1,273 others injured in 1,124 road accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours. As many as 776 seriously injured people were shifted to different hospitals while 497 others with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by Rescue medical teams.

The analysis showed that 559 drivers, 31 underage drivers, 124 pedestrians and 606 passengers were among the victims of the road crashes. The statistics show that 261 accidents were reported in Lahore, which affected 280 persons, placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by 80 in Faisalabad with 83 victims and at third Multan with 79 accidents and 76 victims.

According to the data, 1,003 motorbikes, 95 auto-rickshaws, 154 motorcars, 32 vans, nine passenger buses, 25 trucks and 97 other types of vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in the road accidents.

One dead, five injured in roof collapse

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A man was killed and five others were injured in a roof collapse incident at Darogha Wala, Bund Road, here on Saturday.

Police said workers were present in the factory when its roof caved and they were trapped under the debris.

On information, Rescue 1122 reached the spot and started a rescue operation.

The rescuers pulled out a body and the injured from the debris. They shifted the injured to the Service hospital.

The victim was identified as Hamza, 25 while the injured were Sarwar Maqbool, 40, Waleed Sharif, 14, Amir Siddique, 39, Shahbaz Mukhtar, 35, and Zulfiqar Amanat, 40. —APP

Punjab CM vows to promote democratic, constitutional values through reconciliation

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A parliamentary delegation of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), led by Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, called on Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz, here on Saturday.

Former prime minister and Senator Yusuf Raza Gilani, Qamar Zaman Kaira, Member Punjab Assembly Ali Haider Gilani and Hassan Murtaza were members of the delegation.

Political situation of the country and matters of mutual interest were discussed during the meeting.

The delegation congratulated Hamza Shehbaz on assuming the office of Punjab Chief Minister and presented him a bouquet.

The two sides reiterated their resolve to move forward jointly for development of the country and the nation. Punjab CM Hamza Shehbaz thanked the top PPP leadership over its full cooperation, saying that political allies were friends and brothers of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).



The chief minister said that love of humanity should be top priority as positions were temporary. He vowed that democratic and constitutional values would be promoted through reconciliation. He said that the journey of development had started where it was left four years ago, saying "We have to work day and night to serve the people of the country as time is short." He said all allies of the government would work together for development and prosperity of the country.

CCPO visits Dolphin Squad headquarters

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore Bilal Siddique Kamyana Saturday paid his first visit to Dolphin Squad Headquarters, Walton Road, after assuming charge of his office.

SP Dolphin Squad Sayyed Aziz welcomed the CCPO and presented him a bouquet.

A fresh contingent of Dolphin Squad presented 'Guard of Honour' to the CCPO, who planted sapling of Araucaria in the lawns of Dolphins Squad headquarters.

The CCPO visited various sections of Dolphins Squad headquarters. He inspected vehicles of Dolphin Squad and Police Response Unit as well.

Bilal Kamyana also presided a performance review meeting of Dolphin Squad and Police Response Unit.

SP Dolphin Squad Sayyed briefed the CCPO about the overall performance of Dolphin Squad and PRU.

The CCPO directed the SP Dolphin Squad to get repaired the off-road motorbikes of Dolphin Squad and cars of Police Response Unit. Later, the CCPO addressed to a general meeting of Dolphin Squad personnel.



LAHORE: Thalassaemia patients receive blood at a local treatment centre ahead of World Thalassaemia Day. —Online

Commissioner orders security arrangements at graveyards

MULTAN: Commissioner Multan Division Dr Irshad Ahmed on Saturday directed the officers concerned to ensure proper security arrangements at graveyards.

Presiding over a meeting at his office, the commissioner said that boundary walls and entry gates would be constructed at all graveyards of the division. He said that lights would be installed there while security and cleanliness arrangements would also be ensured at cemeteries. He said that special committees would be formed to look after the matters related to graveyards.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Amir Karim Khan said that directives has been issued to private housing colonies, local government and municipal corporation to prepare data of graveyards in their respective areas.

He said that drug addicted people and criminals would not be allowed to use these places for their purposes.

He said that guard would also be deployed at cemeteries and local watchman system would be introduced at all areas.

City Police Officer (CPO) Khurram Shahzad Haider said that a comprehensive crackdown would be launched against the people used graveyards for their evil purposes.

He said that police patrolling at all big cemeteries of the city would be launched soon. —APP

Three held with liquor, weapons

SARGODHA: Police on Saturday arrested three accused, and recovered liquor and weapons from their possession.

A police spokesman said a team of Suddar police station conducted raids at Chak No 110-NB and Chak No 98-NB, and arrested Asif, Sarfraz and Basharat besides recovering 100 liters of liquor, two pistols and a gun.

Cases were registered against them. —APP

Family of LGH late Head Nurse gets financial assistance of Rs25 lacs

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The family of Head Nurse Shamim Akhtar, who passed away while serving in Lahore General Hospital, has been given financial assistance of Rs. 25 lacs while letter of appointment for her daughter has also been issued for which necessary action has been taken.

Post Graduate Medical Institute and Ameer Uddin Medical College Principal Prof Dr Muhammad Al-freed Zafar, while handing over the appointment letter to Seerat Batool,

urged her to perform her duties in a cordial manner as the field of medicine is purely connected with the service of humanity. President YNA Khalida Tabassum and other officials were also present on the occasion.

Prof. Al-freed Zafar while talking said that the salary for the late Shamim Akhtar will continue till the age of retirement of Grade 17 as per the rules and regulations while the pension will start at the age of 60 years. He asked Seerat Batool to continue her education along with her job so that she could give practical

meaning to his family's dreams. YNA President and other nursing staff thanked Principal PGMi for this initiative that he took in time to assist her family.

In her talk, Khalida Tabassum said that the late Head Nurse Shamim Akhtar was very dutiful and good natured who is a role model for the new nurses, she always performed her duty of best service and counseling of the patients so that the patients under treatment and their families could not live without appreciating his professionalism. Prof. Al-freed Zafar added that the

Government does not leave the families of Government employees who die during service helpless while providing financial packages and employment to their children as a source of livelihood for them. Responsibilities should be assigned and they should be fulfilled in an efficient manner which not only improves the performance of the employee but also raises the graph of the organization, Prof. Al-freed concluded. On this occasion, hospital administration prayed for her that may Allah Almighty raise her ranks in heaven, Ameen.

Senior officials fail to take action against patti bahis despite clear evidence

Ichhra Police illegally detain journalist, family for hours

From Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: DSP and SHO of Ichhra Circle Police Station slammed the statement of "It is the duty of the police to help you", as the police detained the journalist for hours with his wife and seven-year-old daughter for he contacted the SHO for help. However, despite clear evidence, senior officials failed to take action against the patti brothers.

Ichhra police severely tortured the local journalist and his family and forcibly seated him in a police van for several hours injuring the self-esteem of a local journalist. "I take out your journalism," the SHO said perhaps motivated by some grudge with the journalist community.

However, the journalist and his family were released from the illegal police custody in the van.

According to details, local journalist Jahangir Hayat went to shopping with his wife and seven-year-old daughter at Ichhra Bazaar near his area on moonlit night 'Chand Raat'.

On the way back from shopping, when the motorcycle was picked up from the stand, it was discovered that the speedometer of the motorcycle was broken.

The journalist saw a police van parked on a few furlongs and asked the police for help.

Sahib Bahadur SHO of Ichhra police station Khidr Hayat Wahla was offended with the request of the journalist.

Jahangir Hayat was subjected to severe torture in front of his family and was forcibly taken to the police van and confined with his family.

The police station kept patrolling the streets of the area and while DSP Circle Ichhra Zakaria



LAHORE: File photo of DSP Zakaria Yousaf and SHO Khidr Hayat Wahla while on the other hand local journalist Jahangir Hayat and his family are illegally seated in a police van.

Yusuf, who was coming to check the roadblock at Shama Stop, also tried to snatch the mobile phone of the journalist in front of the family using vulgar language and ordered the police personnel to arrest him. "Take him to the police station and lock him up. The police arrested the journalist and his family and



take them to the gate of police station.

After receiving the information, Jahangir Hayat and his family were released on the intervention of the journalist community.

The journalist community protested against Ichhra Circle DSP Zakaria Yousaf and SHO



Khidr Hayat Wahla for their heinous act and all the journalist organisations and the journalist community are protesting and demanded from Punjab Chief Minister, IG Punjab and other senior police officers that Ichhra Circle Police Station DSP and SHO be immediately suspended and FIR

be lodged to immediately address the unbearable abuse to the local journalist.

Otherwise, the journalist community will be forced to protest on every platform.

When an attempt was made to contact DIG Operations Dr Abid Khan, his Public Relations Officer said that DIG Operations has taken notice of the day of Eid and SP City Sahib has been appointed as Inquiry Officer.

All the journalist organisations have demanded DSP Circle Ichhra Zakaria Yousaf and SHO Ichhra Khidr Hayat Wahla should be immediately removed from their posts and legal action be taken against them.

There will be protests on every platform and this protest will continue till DSP Zakaria Yousaf and SHO Khidr Hayat Wahla are removed from their posts, the announced.