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### 11 killed, 1,148 injured in 1,082 accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** At least 11 people were killed while 1,148 others injured in 1,082 road traffic accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours. as many as 698 seriously injured people were shifted to different hospitals, while 450 with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by the rescue medical teams, said a spokesman for Rescue 1122 here on Monday.

The analysis showed that 486 drivers, 25 underage drivers, 163 pedestrians and 510 passengers were among the victims of the road traffic crashes.

The statistics showed that 244 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 269 persons, placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by 82 in Faisalabad with 80 victims, and at third Multan with 77 accidents and 78 victims.

As many as 972 motorcycles, 92 rickshaws, 143 cars, 22 vans, five buses, 24 trucks and 85 other vehicles and slowmoving carts were involved in the road traffic accidents.

#### 165 child beggars taken into protective custody

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Child Protection and Welfare Bureau (CPWB) rescued more than 165 beggar children from across the provincial capital and took them into protective custody during a week-long operation.

In a press statement issued here on Monday, CPWP Chairperson Sarah Ahmed said that child rescue operations were carried out at various points of the city on daily basis, which resulted in a clear decrease in child beggary on the main roads. She added that around 130 beggar boys and 35 beggar girls were taken into custody during the operation.

The chairperson said that a total of 756 beggars, destitute and neglected children were taken into custody from other districts during April.

The detained children would be produced in the child protection court for legal custody of the destitute and neglected children.

The CPWB chairperson said that due to continuation of rescue operations, the number of begging children was declining. She added that rescue operations were under way in the limits of all district offices of CPWB in Punjab. The public could report child beggary on the helpline 1121 of the Child Protection Bureau, she added.

#### Ex-director FIA passes away

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Former Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Director Dr Rizwan passed away on Monday due to a heart attack. According to his family, Dr Rizwan suffered a heart attack and was immediately taken to Lahore Services Hospital, where doctors pronounced him

His funeral prayers will be held today (Tuesday) at 10am.

# Imran Niazi will have to be answerable for all his sins very soon: Punjab CM

## Hamza says no one should take liberty to say anything offensive about institutions

**By Our Staff Reporter** 

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Punjab Muhammad Hamza Shahbaz has asserted that those involved in scurrilous attacks against the state institution will have to be answerable. No one should take the liberty to say anything offensive about the institutions according to his own desire and will. A defeated person is ridiculing the state institutions, constitution and the security of the country.

While talking to the media at the residence of Mian Naveed MPA in Pakpattan, the CM argued that the steps and statements of Imran Niazi are against the security of the country. Even the friendly countries have become a victim of his vitriols and as a result, they have distanced themselves from Pakistan due to Imran Niazi, he regretted and pointed out that Imran Niazi, who claimed to become an advocate of Pakistan and Kashmir cause, has miserably failed to fulfil his commitment.

Imran Niazi will have to be answerable for all his sins very soon, he stated. Imran Niazi will have to be answerable even in the court of the public, he added.

To a question, the CM explained that Imran Niazi is trying to play with the constitution

and pointed out that doors of the Supreme Court were opened to uphold the constitution. There would have been no constitution in the country if the doors of the Supreme Court were not opened in the dead of night, he added. What has been done during the last four years, except taking revenge, and creating chaos in the country while fake promises were made with the youth about employment and a circus going on in Punjab? The Punjab governor has played havoc with the constitution, he commented. To another question, the CM maintained that the price hike has made people mentally sick.

The government is trying to create ease in the lives of the common man and a public welfare agenda would be brought out within the next few days.

A decrease in the prices of edibles would be the first part of this agenda; he disclosed and added that the murder of the father of Mian Naveed would be investigated and criminals would be taken to task.

Earlier, the CM visited the residence of PMLN MPA Mian Naveed Ali Arain and condoled with the bereaved family. He offered fateha for the departed soul and assured that the requirements of justice would be ful-

filled. Senior politician Ata Manika, MPAs namely Kh. Salman Rafique, Kh. Imran Nazir, Majid Zahoor, Imran Goraya and party workers were also present. The CM also went to the shrine of Hazrat Baba Fareed-Uddin Masood Ganj Shakar (RA). He laid the floral wreath and prayed for the welfare and propensity of the country. The CM also offered Nawafil in Masjid-e-Aulia and inspected various sections of the mausoleum. Talking on this occasion, Hamza Shahbaz pointed out that the promotion of brotherhood, harmony and tolerance was the gist of the teachings of various Sufi Saints.

There is a need to promote their traditions as Islam was spread in the Indo-Pak sub-continent through Sufi Saints and religious leaders. The religious leaders have further promoted the message of Islam and one feels spiritual contentment at the shrines of Sufi Saints, he added.

Hamza Shahbaz inspected various sections of DHQ hospital Pakpattan and inquired the patients and their attendants about the facilities

He directed to move a little girl, sitting in the waiting area, to the emergency ward for treatment without delay.

Talking on this occasion, the CM disclosed that the 2nd shift of the hepatitis clinics would be started soon. Provision of the best medical facilities to the people is my mission and I have inspected hospitals in various districts during their visits. I have issued instructions to provide free medicines and every hurdle in the provision of the best healthcare facility in hospitals would be removed, he vowed. The cleanliness and other arrangements would be improved and no leniency would be tolerated in the provision of the best medical facilities in hospitals; he added and emphasized that free and best treatment is the right of every citizen. Kh. Salman Rafique, Kh. Imran Nazir, Mian Naveed Ali Arain, Imran Goraya and others were present. The CM held meetings with parliamentarians and party workers to discuss the political situation and development projects. He assured that the problems of Pakpattan and adjoining areas would be resolved. Emergent steps are being initiated to provide relief to the masses and good officers would be posted on merit, he concluded.

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LAHORE: A view of the massive traffic jam at the Mal. —Online

# PR initiates special master level classes for railway engineering staff

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways has started special master level classes in railway engineering department in collaboration with Pak-Austria Fachhochschule Institute of Applied Sciences (PAFIST) to enhance the capacity of its engineers and technical staff.

The special master level classes have been organized through the Pakistan Railways Training Academy Walton, Lahore, an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP.

The special cell for foreign training has also been set up at the Ministry of Railways, the official added.

"A policy for transfer of technology and indigenization of railway rolling stock manufacture in Pakistan Railways facilities is being pursued in closer collaboration side by side with undergoing procurements from the People's Republic of China," he added.

To a question, the official said Pakistan Railways was trying to improve the punctuality of the trains He said to facilitate passengers a mobile application 'Pakrail live' has also been launched for real time tracking of trains and due to close monitoring of trains at divisional, headquarters and ministry level, the punctuality of

trains has improved.

The official said outsourcing of freight trains has also been initiated under Pakistan Railways Freight Transportation Company (PRFTC) to earn more revenue for the department.

He said outsourcing regime for passenger sector was being followed through Pakistan Railways Advisory & Consultancy Services (PRACS) to improve service delivery as per modern day requirements and to derive maxi-

mum revenue potential.

The official said to improve service delivery and modern techniques handing over of railway hospitals, schools and colleges on public private partnership mode was in progress. He said Pakistan Railways was also handing over its residential colonies to DIS-COs/K-Electric for direct billing in order to minimize impact of difference of tariff and line losses on electricity bills.

### IG takes notice of murder of husband, wife by Gujarat firing

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Punjab (IGP), Police Rao Sardar Ali Khan has taken notice of the incident of killing of a couple in a firing incident in Gujarat and demanded a report from RPO Gujranwala.

IG Punjab directed that the facts of the incident be brought to light and accused be arrested at once. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that senior officers should keep close contact with the affected families and ensure justice to the bereaved families on priority basis. IG Punjab further said that the ruthless accused would be arrested and punished.

#### Security further beefed up in City

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Operations Lahore Dr Abid Khan Monday ordered for putting security on high alert in the provincial metropolis, particularly at entry and exit points.

In this regard, he issued directions to all divisional SPs to review security arrangements in their respective divisions and set up pickets for thorough checking of suspected people. He directed the officials to properly check all vehicles at entry and exist points of the city. He said that police would conduct search operations on daily basis in every division to maintain the city's law and order situation. "All divisional SPs have been directed to brief policemen about the sensitivity of duty and security threats," he added.

The personnel of Dolphin Force and Police Response Unit (PRU) have also been directed to conduct patrolling on important thoroughfares. The DIG said that police officers would review security arrangements at all important spots to avoid any untoward incident. They have also been directed to keep a vigilant eye on suspected elements and their activities,

## Murder of a doctor loss of whole society, says Prof Al-

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: In mourning of the brutal murder of Dr Fiaz Hussain, Orthopedic Consultant of Lahore General Hospital, "Gaibana Nimaz e Jinaza" for late doctor offered in the LGH where Principal Post Graduate Medical Institute & Ameer Uddin Medical College Prof Al-freed Zafar, Head of the Department of Orthopedics Prof. Mian Muhammad Hanif, President Young Doctors Association Dr Ammar Yousuf, faculty members of the Institution, young doctors, Provincial President Health Support Association Rana Pervez and employees and a large number of people attended this special prayers and prayed that may Allah Almighty rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage and strength to bereave family to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude.

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Moreover, the doctors continued



to treat the patients with black ribbons on their arms and demanded early prosecution of culprits.

Later talking to the media, Principal PGMI Prof. Al-freed Zafar said that the murder of Dr. Fiaz is a matter of great concern for all of us. He added that the preparation of the doctor takes a long time and a lot of money is spent by the parents and the Government as well.

Therefore, the killing of the doctor is not a personal loss of any family but an irreparable loss to the whole society. Prof. Al-freed further said that he is in touch with the higher authorities and they have assured that the killers cannot remain

hidden from the clutches of the law for long and they will be brought to book very soon. On this occasion, YDA President Dr. Ammar Yousuf said that doctors' community would not remain calm till the arrest of the accused and the investigating officers, realizing the seriousness of the matter, should use all modern technology for quick arrest of the culprits. If the killers of Dr. Fiaz are not found in three days, then the doctors will be forced to protest in this regard. He appealed to the Government to take all necessary measures and legal steps to bring the accused to law so that they could be brought to justice.



LAHORE: A vendor seals sides panel stuff of air cooler along the roadside in Shahdara. —Online