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Maximum 42°C  
Sunset 06:10pm  
Sunrise 05:30am  
(Today)



FAJAR .....04:20 AM  
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MAGRIB.....07:00 PM  
ISHA .....8:45 PM

## Quick Read

### Reema Khan's 'Chandra Beqadra' hits 2 million views on YouTube

By Our Staff Reporter



**LAHORE:** Bollywood superstar Reema Khan's latest song 'Chandra Beqadra' in Kashmir Beats Season 2 crossed 2 million views on YouTube. Director, producer and television host, Reema Khan after entertaining the audience with hit movies, has now taken the mic to amuse fans. Recently, Reema Khan appeared in Kashmir Beats Season 2 and left audience in awe by singing 'Chandra Beqadra' which instantly got attention of her fans.

Shortly after the release, fans showered love on Reema and bombarded the comment section on YouTube with comments appreciating the star.

Netizens also praised Reema for being natural on stage as well as for singing a song that suited her charming personality. According to the official YouTube channel of Kashmir Beats Season 2 "A sweet and cheeky ballad condensed in a love tale 'Chandra Beqadra' featuring the gorgeous Reema Khan that gives life to a soulful connection between two people." 'Chandra Beqadra' was produced and directed by none other than the very talented Haris Qadeer while the composition and lyrics were done by Shani Arshad. The melodious voice of Reema has made this song even more mesmerizing.

### ANF recovers 144 kg narcotics; arrests one

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) Peshawar and ANF Intelligence on Tuesday recovered 144 kg narcotics besides, netting an accused. According to an ANF Headquarters spokesman, ANF Peshawar and ANF Intelligence conducted a raid near Arbab Niaz Cricket Stadium on Eidgah road, Peshawar and recovered 132 kg charras and 12 kg opium from a car. An accused namely Shahid Khan, resident of Charsada was also arrested during the raid. A case has been registered against the accused while further investigation is underway.

### Highway police arrest 1,836 'criminals' in 2022 so far

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP) police arrested 1,836 alleged criminals including six proclaimed offenders and 12 court absconders during first four months of 2022. SSP Patrolling Police Faisalabad Region Mirza Anjum Kamal said in a statement on Wednesday that the PHP police were implementing a comprehensive strategy to weed out crime on roads. In this connection, the PHP jawans were ensuring regular patrolling on all main roads of Faisalabad. The PHP police also recovered four Kalashnikovs, one rifle (244-bore), one rifle (222-bore), two rifles (223-bore), 30 pistols (30-bore), six pistols (9-mm), four guns (12-bore), 554 gullets, 53 cartridges, 3.264 kilograms (kg) of charas, 1.24-kg opium and 422 litres of liquor from them and got registered 1,832 cases. The patrolling police also arrested 1,027 drivers on the charge of rash driving whereas 687 cases were got registered over the use of fake number-plates and unapproved gas cylinders in the vehicles. The PHP police also removed encroachments from 28 sites on various roads in addition to reuniting 15 missing children with their parents and family members during this period, he added.



LAHORE: Women visit different stalls during 2nd Environmental Conference held at a local hotel. —Online

## Every possible support to be extended to water scarcity-hit areas, vows CM

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz chaired an emergency meeting to deal with water shortage in South Punjab, specially Bahawalpur and Cholistan. The Irrigation Secretary briefed about the inflow and outflow of water in rivers and canals.

The CM directed to start relief operations on a war-footing basis and asked the administration and political team to supervise relief activities in affected areas. Temporary ponds should be produced and water should be immediately arranged through water bowsters in remote outback; he said and vowed to support the affectees.

The situation was monitored 24/7 and instructions have been issued for regular monitoring of relief activities and ground situations in affected areas, he said. Every possible support would be extended and water scarcity hit areas are mostly focused, said Hamza Shahbaz.

The CM asked the administration and political team to estimate damages in affected areas and submit a report to him.

He also directed a crackdown to overcome the theft of canal water. Cases should be registered against those involved in water theft and no pressure should be tolerated, he emphasised.

MPAs Sardar Awais Ahmad Leghari, Yawar Zaman, chief secretary, IG police, secretary agriculture and others were present.

**CM inspects Punjab Safe City Authority head office:** Chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz visited the Punjab Safe City Project where he was briefed about the city's CCTV monitoring system. The meeting was attended by Sen. Rana Maqbool Ahmad, Imran Goraya, chief secretary, IG police, ACS (Home), chairman P&D, COO Punjab Safe City Authority and others.

The CM directed to set up a separate cell for managing Lahore's traffic and ordered that the problems of safe city project employees should be resolved soon. He further directed to initiate action against vehicles plying with unauthorised number plates adding that roads' lane marking should be completed on a priority basis. The safe city

project is very important to safeguarding the people's lives and the credit for launching this flagship program goes to the PMLN, he added. The CM directed that all the CCTV cameras be made functional without delay and regretted that there is no justification for what has been done with this 17.5 billion rupees project during the last two years. We are answerable to the people and no further delay should occur; he emphasised and instructed that matters should be settled early with the Chinese company according to relevant rules and regulations.

**Hamza seeks report from Commissioner and RPO about loss of lives:** Chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz has directed the commissioner Lahore and RPO Sheikhpura to investigate the loss of lives due to the falling of a roof after an oil tanker's explosion in Sheikhpura and directed to submit a report to him. He further directed to provide the best medical facilities to the injured and extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs. Chairs meeting about traffic management Chief Minister Pun-

jab Hamza Shahbaz chaired a meeting about managing traffic in Lahore and directed that a comprehensive line of action should be devised to deal with the issue. He demanded a plan within 7 days for traffic management in Lahore and other major cities.

The CM said that the inconvenience caused to the citizens due to traffic jams is inexpressible. No urban planning has been done in Lahore which is causing traffic problems; he regretted and directed the IG police to early provide a feasible plan for the promotion of traffic wardens. He also tasked commissioner Lahore to formulate recommendations for improving civic matters and the flow of traffic as an organized traffic system is a conspicuous symbol of civilized society. Line departments are duty-bound to save the citizens from traffic issues and they would have to deal with the traffic challenges arising due to the increase in population, he further said.

Sen. Rana Maqbool Ahmad, IG police, CCPO, commissioner and DC Lahore, secretary transport, DG LDA, CTO Lahore, journalist Iftikhar Ahmad

## LDA auctions six plots in City

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Lahore Development Authority (LDA) on Wednesday auctioned its six commercial plots in Jubli Town and Quad-e-Azam Town.

According to a LDA spokesperson, the authority had auctioned a plot Number 804/3, Block B, for Rs 8.384 million, auctioned plot No 804/4, Block B, for Rs 8.327 million at Jubli Town. The LDA auctioned plot number 1 corner-2, Sector C-II for Rs

8.325 million, auctioned plot number 2-II, Sector D-I for Rs 8.325 million, auctioned plot number 5-III, Sector D-I for

Rs 6.052 million, auctioned plot number 6-III, Sector D-I for Rs 6.052 at Quad-e-Azam Town. During the auction, the auction committee members, including the additional director general Housing, director finance, director estate management and director land development were also present.

**10 lucky LDA employees to**

**perform Haj:** The Lahore Development Authority (LDA) on Wednesday organized a ceremony of Haj draw for its employees here at the LDA office. Additional Director General (Headquarters) Farqalit Mir announced the names of 10 successful employees and congratulated them who were winners of the draw. Syed Hassan Raza Hamdani, senior enforcement inspector, Ishtiaq Ahmed, teacher, Sarwar Hussain, enforcement supervisor, Salahuddin, sub-engineer,

Wazir Khan, deputy director, Tahir Mehmood, assistant director, Khwaja Zinoorian, staff officer, Muhammad Faizan, naib qasids Muhammad Usman and Ismat Javed will perform Haj. Speaking on this occasion, Farqalit Mir said all employees should perform their duties honestly and enhance prestige of the LDA by working according to expectations of people. LDA Chief Engineer-I Israr Saeed, officers and union officials were also present.



LAHORE: A woman rides a scooty with pillion rider at busy Canal Road without wearing helmet. —Online

### Punjab PDWP approves three development schemes

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) Tuesday approved three development schemes of various sectors with an estimated cost of Rs3,805.155 million.

These schemes were approved in the 76th PDWP meeting of current fiscal year 2021-22 presided over by Chairman Planning & Development Board Abdullah Khan Sumbal.

The approved development schemes included construction of metalled roads and Pile Foundation Bridge on Sanghar Nallah for Tehsil Complex, Shah Suleman Stadium, Mini Zoo and TEVTA Centre etc, Length 4.00 Km, Tehsil Taunsa Sharif, District D.G. Khan at the cost of Rs1,159.067 million, Dualisation of road Jandiala Sher Khan, Hiran Minar Road to Chichoki Malian via Allama Mashriqi Park along Railway Line, Length 11.15 Km, District Sheikhpura (Revised) at the cost of Rs750.393 million and Rehabilitation of Trimmu Sidhani Link Canal (Controlling Seepage / Water Logging along Trimmu-Sidhani Link Canal) (Revised) at the cost of Rs1,895.695 million.