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## Quick Read

### Bismah Maroof retained Pakistan women cricket captain for 2022-23 season

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Pakistan Cricket Board on Thursday confirmed Bismah Maroof will continue to lead the national women's limited-overs teams in the 2022-23 season.

Pakistan are gearing up for an action-packed bumper



season in which they will play, at least, 25 matches with the schedules for the ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup and ICC Women's T20 World Cup to be announced. Their season begins by hosting Sri Lanka in Karachi for three T20Is and three ODIs in what will be the first instance of ICC Women's Championship matches being staged in Pakistan from later this month. Bismah's team will then head for Belfast to play hosts Ireland and champions Australia in a T20I triangular series from 12-24 July before they move to Birmingham for the Commonwealth Games to be held from 25 July to 8 August.

Like the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022, Bismah will travel to Belfast and Birmingham with her daughter Fatima and mother with the Pakistan Cricket Board sharing the travel, lodging and boarding expenses in line with its Parental Support Policy. In October, Ireland women will make their first-ever visit to Pakistan for three T20Is and as many ODIs, also ICC Women's Championship matches, after which they will feature in ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup. They then travel to Australia for three T20Is and three ODIs, Pakistan's first away ICC Women's Championship fixtures of the cycle, at the start of 2023 and play ICC Women's T20 World Cup in February in South Africa. Pakistan captain Bismah Maroof said: "It is truly an honour for any cricketer to captain their country and it is a great privilege for me to continue in this role. The 2022-23 cricket season is the busiest for Pakistan women's side and we are excited and geared up for the challenges it presents.

"Every match in the upcoming season is important for us as a team as bilateral ODIs will determine whether we qualify for the next ICC Women's Cricket World Cup and the T20Is provide us opportunities to prepare for the all-important T20 World Cup in February next year. "I want to thank the Pakistan Cricket Board for its immense support throughout my career and especially in helping me strike the right work-life balance after the birth of Fatima. There was a time when I contemplated giving up on my passion of playing cricket, but the PCB ensured it never came to that with the introduction of the maternity policy, which has made the game as inclusive as it can be for the women



LAHORE: Gypsy women pull camels sitting on the donkey cart at Baghbanpura area as they are searching customers to sell camel milk.—Online

## CM orders to ensure provision of water to tail ends of 19,000 canal outlets across Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz has ordered the relevant authorities to ensure provision of water to tail ends of 19,000 canal outlets across the Punjab.

According to official sources here on Thursday, the CM was taking revolutionary measures for providing canal water to tail-end farmers and a mechanism had been prepared in this regard.

Hamza Shehbaz said the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) would evolve a system for establishing telephonic connection with farmers. He said that CM office cell would take feedback from farmers with regard to provision of water up to tail ends. The CM said quick action would be taken in case water would not reach tail ends. Tail-end farmers thanked the chief minister for taking the farmer-friendly step.

**CM announces to launch vigorous anti-dengue campaign:** Chief Minister Punjab Hamza Shahbaz has announced starting a vigorous anti-dengue campaign adding that Rs.90 would be charged for dengue tests across the province. While presiding over a meeting at his office on Thursday, the CM asked the health department to ensure the conduction of tests at a fixed rate. Similarly, line departments should remain vigilant and anti-dengue committees should be reanimated at union council, tehsil, district and division levels. Meetings of these committees be held at the earliest



while ensuring strict implementation of SOPs; he said and reiterated that a zero-tolerance policy would be followed in this regard. No negligence would be tolerated and all departments would have to show results before monsoon, he added. The CM further directed to devise an effective surveillance system and anti-dengue teams should be reactivated along with arranging timely arrangements of quality spray and pesticides. The line departments should ensure implementing the devised plan as their performance would be daily monitored, he further said.

MPAs Kh. Salman Rafiq, Kh. Imran Nazir, health secretary, Dr Wasim and others attended the meeting.

**Hamza announces to restore speedo bus service on Bahawalpur-Lodhran route:** Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz chaired a meeting of the transport de-

partment at his office which reviewed the proposal of providing a free travelling facility to students on orange line metro train and the start of feeder buses. The CM directed to early submit comprehensive proposals and added that the Punjab Masstransit Authority board should be completed soon. He also directed to immediately restart the speedo bus service on the Bahawalpur-Lodhran route to provide a comfortable travelling facility to the commuters. He also directed to restore the dysfunctional metro bus stations in Lahore and Rawalpindi-Islamabad adding that non-functional accelerators should also be operationalised without delay. The washrooms should be neat and clean along with functional lights as I would soon make surprise visits to the orange line metro train and metro bus project, he announced. The Punjab Masstransit Authority should submit a report about the overall situation of metro bus stations after necessary repair and maintenance; the CM said and emphasized that steps should be taken to increase the number of passengers at orange line metro train as these facilities are a great boon for the common man. Kh. Ahmad Hasaan, Mehr Ishtiaq Ahmed, Imran Goraya, transport secretary and others attended the meetings.

**Hamza condoles loss of lives:** Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz has expressed a deep sense of sorrow over the loss of lives in a road accident on the Indus Highway and extended sympathies to the bereaved heirs.

## Chinese team willing to collaborate with UVAS in buffalo research

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Six-member Chinese delegation from Guangxi Buffalo Research Institute China and Royal Cell Biotechnology China/Pakistan led by Director and Professor Jinghua Shang visited the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore on Thursday called on Vice-Chancellor Prof DrNasim Ahmad here in City Campus.

Meanwhile a detailed meeting was held in syndicate room with Chinese

delegation. Prof DrNasim Ahmad chaired the meeting while Chairman Department of Theriogenology Prof Dr Amjad Riaz and Prof Dr Rizwan Yousaf, other members of the Chinese delegation Prof Guangsheng Qin, Prof of Ovum Pick up Unit Mr Jian Huang, Director Qin JunJie from Guangxi Buffalo Research Institute China and Admin Officer Mr Zhou Jian and Technical Manager Qaiser Shahzad from Royal Cell Biotechnology China/Pakistan were present. During meeting they discussed the areas of

collaboration for the learning and training of students and faculty members regarding buffalo reproduction latest technology to boost production of Pakistani local breed by adoption of new technology ovum pick up, dairy animal breeding & genetics improvement, feeding and nutrition and embryos transfer technology, sharing know knowledge, experiences with each other. The Chinese delegation willing to collaborate with UVAS in buffalo research for the learning of professional skills, train human resource and

exchange scientists. Earlier, Vice-Chancellor Prof DrNasim Ahmad briefed the delegation on UVAS academic and research projects and national and international collaborations and history of university through UVAS video documentary.

He said Pakistan is blessed with best breeds of buffalo and joint venture between China and Pakistan is the key way to boost buffalo production. He said in future with the help of Chinese experts we need to set our new targets for the further improve-

## 06 dead, 1,103 injured in 1,049 road traffic crashes in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service Department (PESD) Responded to 1103 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs 06 people died, whereas 1103 were injured. Out of this 610 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals. Whereas, 493 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals. The majority (69%) involved Motorbikes, therefore effective enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce this an increasing number of Road Traffic Crashes. Further, the analysis showed that 583 drivers, 34 underage drivers, 109 pedestrians, and 437 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 276 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 272 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 74 Faisalabad with 85 victims and at third Multan with 71 RTCs and 78 victims. The details further reveal that 1109 victims were affected by road traffic crashes including 931 males & 178 females, while the age group of the victims shows that 210 were under 18 years of age, 546 were between 18 and 40 years and rest of the 353 victims were reported above 40 years of age.



## PHP promotes 19 head constable to ASIs

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP) police promoted 19 head constables to assistant sub-inspectors (ASIs). A ceremony was held at the PHP office here Thursday in which SSP Mirza Anjum Kamal pins rank badges to the promoted officers. District DSP Patrol Malik Muhammad Amin, DSP patrol Jhang Mazhar Farooq also participated. Zaheer Iqbal Gill, Khawar Abbas, Tanveer Ahmed, Naveed Shakoor, Afzal Tanveer, Muhammad Aslam, Qamar Abbas, Imran Khan, Ghulam Fared, Kashif Nawaz, Shahbaz Khan, Shahid Nadeem, Amir Saeed, Rana Muhammad Usman Babar, Wajid Ali, Mudassar Khan, Waqas Ahmed and Naveed Amjad were promoted. ASI Hamid Naseer Warraich had lost his life during an encounter with dacoits the last month.

**Five held with drugs:** Police arrested five drug-peddlers on Wednesday and recovered narcotics and weapons from the.

In a crackdown on drug pushers, teams of different police stations conducted raids and arrested Imran, Mumtaz, Rehmat, Amir and Fahad. The police recovered 1.5-kg hashish, 50-litre liquor and three pistols (30-bore) from them. Cases have been registered against the accused