

1,766 corona patients died in RWP, 46,777 cases reported

RAWALPINDI: As many as 46,777 coronavirus cases having positive symptoms had been recorded, while 1766 had lost their battle of life since the pandemic from April 2020 to June 26, 2022, in the district.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) District Health Authority Dr Lubna Ishaq told APP that 13 more were diagnosed with the deadly virus during the last 24 hours.

Among the new patients, eight arrived from the Potohar town, three from Rawalpindi Cantonment and two from Rawal town, she added. Presently, the number of active cases was 96 and quarantined in home isolation, while no patient was admitted to any health facility in the district.

She updated that 45,346 patients had been discharged after recovery.

Dr Lubna informed that among people who died from this fatal disease, 1,335 were Rawalpindi's residents, while 431 belonged outside districts.

In addition, the CEO told that as many as 6,913,145 people, including 44,797 health workers, had so far been vaccinated against the fatal disease since the start of the vaccination drive from March 10, 2021.

During the last 24 hours, 1,013 samples were collected, out of which 1,010 were declared negative, while the positivity rate was recorded at 1.29 per cent. —APP

Five flour mills get show cause notices

SARGODHA: District Food Controller Sargodha Muhammad Khalid on Sunday issued show-cause notices to the owners of five flour mills for supplying substandard flour to the market.

According to official sources, the DFC issued show cause notices to New Pak Food Products Shahpur, Zamzam Flour Mills Ferozpur, Awami Flour Mills Bhalwal, Bhalwal Flour Mills and Rehman Flour Mills Shahpur for supplying substandard flour and short measuring and imposed a fine of Rs 1.9 million to national flour mills Sargodha for not providing flour to the market despite receiving quota.

The DFC said that wheat was being provided to all flour mills under a quota for cheaper flour. He warned that corruption in this regard would not be tolerated at any cost. —APP



LAHORE: A worker prepares room coolers at his workplace.

'Implementation of a power-saving plan to help save electricity, petrol'

KHANEWAL: On the special direction of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif and vision Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz and Deputy Commissioner Shahid Farid, the business centers are notified to be closed till 9 pm to deal with energy crises.

In this regard under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner Saifullah Javed Joint action has been launched in Khanewal tehsil.

AC Saifullah Javed while talking to media-men has said that "Implementation of a power-saving plan will help save electricity and petrol," he added under the first phase of the power-saving plan, the restrictions have been imposed for two months.

AC Saifullah said that the administration would not have to carry out any operation if the traders and civil society fulfill their responsibilities and shutdown markets as per notified schedule.

The Assistant Commissioner added that while proving to be a good citizen of the society and patriot, every one have to support the power saving campaign as national cause, otherwise strict action will be taken against the violators.

AC clarified that pharmacies, medical stores, hospitals, laboratories, hotels and dairy shops will remain open on Friday, while shopping malls, grocery and journal stores, bakeries, ready-made garments and clothing stores will remain closed on Friday, he added.

Explaining the details, the Assistant Commissioner said that so far dozens of traders have been fined thousands of rupees for violating the power saving campaign has been realized from the violators. —AFP

Govt of PML-N reviving country's economy: Goraya

Says PTI's poor economic policies have brought country to this miserable stage

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Deputy Secretary Information PML-N Punjab Imran Goraya has said that PTI has drowned the country economically and financially.

Now under the leadership of Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, government of PML N and its allies has started revival of the country's economy. Meanwhile, under the leadership of Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz, implementation of public welfare program has been started in Punjab. In a statement, Imran Goraya said that that CM Punjab Hamza Shahbaz is fully aware of the difficulties being faced by the people

regarding the increase in prices of petroleum products and he has completely abolished the official petrol allowance of the ministers.

Now the Chief Minister and members of the Cabinet will not take official petrol while performing their duties. Imran Goraya further said that PTI's poor economic policies have brought the country to this miserable stage. Now the government of PML-N and its allies is clearing landmines laid by PTI, it will take some time to clean up the stench spread by PTI.

200 kites confiscated during crackdown
Police have confiscated 200 kites and 2 strings and arrested two kite-seller during

crackdown here on Sunday.

According to police spokesman, Sadiqabad police recovered 200 kites and 2 strings from Tahir and Nasar ul Hassan. Police have registered cases against them under kite flying act.

SP Rawal appreciated performance of police team adding that crackdown against kite flyer and kite sellers would be continued. He directed to take strict action against violators without any discrimination. Meanwhile, Cantt police arrested a proclaimed offender involved in cheque dishonor case. Police have registered a case against Illyas and further investigation was in progress.



LAHORE: Secretary General Idara-e-Qaumi Tashakhus Shehar Yar Asghar Mirza presents a book of Akhtar Ali to Chairperson Hamdard Majlis-e-Shoora to Nasira Javed Iqbal.



LAHORE: Labourers pack tomato in crates at vegetable market.

Two lady operators of police front desk suspended

MULTAN: SSP operations Hassam Bin Iqbal suspended two lady operators of police front desk over absence from duty during separate surprise visits on Sunday.

The SSP operations conducted surprise visits of Jailabad and Qatabpur police stations to check cleanliness, record and front desk of the police stations.

During the inspection, he ordered confiscation of two year service each of Muharrar of both police stations over poor cleanliness and incomplete record. He also suspended lady operators of front desk at both police stations over absence from duty.

Hassam Bin Iqbal issued show cause notices to station house officers (SHOs) of both police stations and also sought explanation from SDPOs Cant and Muzaffarabad circles.

He directed officers concerned to complete record of the police stations and ensure best cleanliness arrangements otherwise strict action would be taken over violations.

District admin launches special inspection campaign against profiteering

Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Tahir Wattoo said that a special inspection campaign has been launched by the district administration against illegal profiteering across the district.

Circle against big hoarders and illegal profiteers mafia will be tightened during the campaign.

Price control magistrates have imposed over Rs 0.5 million fine during checking to ensure implementation on government rates and issued warning to dozens of stores and shops for not displaying the official rates.

Deputy Commissioner Tahir Wattoo said that the administration was in contact with stakeholders including traders traders community on the price mechanism.

He, however, said that extraordinary fluctuation in prices of any items including chicken, flour and ghee will not be tolerated.

Tahir Wattoo said that checking

of auctions and supply in the markets was being carried out on daily basis and added that pickets were set up to control smuggling of wheat and fertilizer.

42 traders arrested over profiteering: Commissioner

Commissioner Sargodha Irshad Ahmad informed a group of journalists on Sunday that the district administration had arrested 42 traders over profiteering and hoarding of commodities.

In a meeting with a delegation of the Punjab Union of Journalist (Dastoor Group) at his office, he said that cases were registered against the traders under the Hoarding Act and Rs 230,000 fine was also imposed on them during the last one week.

The commissioner said journalists were the eyes and ears of the government. He said the media should highlight ill-practices of traders involved in hoarding and overcharging. President Union of Journalist Zulfiqar Hashmi and others discussed with the commissioner the issues facing the media persons.

Samadhi Maharaja Ranjit Singh: Inspiring generations of Sikh nation

LAHORE: A young Sikh girl reciting the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Scriptures) in rapt attention with consciousness stable and focused on the creator at the Samadhi of Maharaja Ranjit Singh — she was performing 'Akhand Path' with religious solemnity to commemorate the 183rd death anniversary of the founder of Sikh empire Maharaja Ranjit Singh at the Samadhi here on June 27.

The Samadhi of Maharaja Ranjit Singh stands in celestial peace and tranquility and the site wears truthful depiction of the word 'Samadhi' — connoting 'fixing one's mind and soul on God' in the Sikh etymology.

Samadhi provides a meditational space for the followers of Sikh religion at the very site where Maharaja Ranjit Singh's cremation was performed. Four Hindu wives and seven concubines of the Maharaja performed Sati (A Hindu tradition in which a wife immolates herself in the funeral pyre of her husband) in pursuance of Hindu religion. Maharaja Ranjit Singh's funerary ashes were partly immersed in a body of water while the remaining were preserved in a lotus urn and placed at the very site where Maharaja breathed his last. The urn, surrounded by smaller urns of four queens and seven concubines, is placed in a marble pavilion inlaid with pieta dura and the pavilion presents an image of a monarch sitting his court. The Samadhi is erected 18 feet above the ground and carries the Nis-

han Sahib — a symbol of functionality of a gurdwara in Sikh traditions. The construction was started by his son and successor Kharak Singh and completed by his younger son Duleep Singh in the year 1848.

Ranjit Singh provided the Sikhs identity as they ruled the 19th most populous (3.5 million population) country in the world as per the records of 1831. The Sikh empire's frontiers spread over Khyber Pass in the West to Tibet in the East, and Mithankot in the South to Kashmir in the North.

The rise of Sikh empire (also known as Punjab empire) started with the capture of Lahore by Maharaja Ranjit Singh in 1799 and culminated with the defeat of the Sikhs at the hands of the British forces in the Second Anglo-Sikh War of 1849. The Samadhi, with its front wall encroaching upon the Roshnai Gate, one of the entrances to the Lahore Fort and meandering along the Northern wall of the majestic Badshahi mosque, overlooks the Hazoori Bagh which was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh in 1818 to mark the capture of Kohi e Noor. The Hindu deities Brahma, Shiva and Ganesh are etched on the stair-case entrance to the Samadhi while the architecture is a synthesis of Hindu, Muslim and Sikh motifs. The Samadhi presents a look of a palace of a living king with its twelve doors symbolizing the twelve gates of Lahore and giving it an om-

nipresent view of a King's court where the subjects come for supplication. The Jharokas on the upper storey of the Samadhi make one believe the queens may come any moment to sit and watch the proceedings outside.

Najam us Saqib, Director Conservation and Planning, WCLA, believes that the Sikh architecture is an extension of the Mughal architecture and the additions in the Shish Mehal of the Lahore Fort have been replicated in the Samadhi of Maharaja Ranjeet Singh. He believes the Samadhi has a grandiose look about it as can be seen in the burial places of the great emperors of the sub-continent from Akbar, Babur and others. The renowned architect said a large number of arches leading towards the burial place, like the twelve arches with three on each side at the Samadhi, is the same like that of the Mughal architecture. The Samadhi has a royal look from the inside with the fresco work embellishing the ceilings while the interior of the cupolas is covered with gold-water and, according to some traditions, 10 kilogram gold was used to adorn the art-work which is still visible today. In a way, the inside of the Samadhi complements the outer gilded domes of the holy building. The upper storey of the Samadhi has ornamental patterns with ornate balustrade and the artisans, most probably Hindus, have depicted various historical



LAHORE: A potter makes traditional oven (Tandoor) at his workplace.