

# Irrigation Dept Multan recovers over Rs8m through E-Abiyana billing

By Our Staff Reporter

**MULTAN:** The Irrigation Department Multan zone has recovered over Rs 8.7 million water charges (Abiyana) through newly introduced E-Abiyana billing system during Kharif season 2021.

According to the official sources, 363 out of 1348 villages of Multan zone were included in E-Abiyana billing system and bills of over Rs 55.4 million Abiyana have been disbursed to 48553 growers of 229 villages so far. There were five canal divisions including Multan canal, Shujabad, Trimmu, Islam head works and Lodhran canal division across Irrigation Multan zone.

Over Rs 1.9 million Abiyana was recovered so far as over Rs 3.4 million Abiyana issued to 2648 growers of 39 villages in Multan division.

Likewise, Rs four lac recovered against over Rs 8.2 million Abiyana p issued to 7334 growers of 63 villages of Shujabad canal division. Over Rs 2.1 million water rates recovered in Trimmu headworks. Over Rs 4.2 million water charges were recovered from Lodhran canal division while no recovery reported in Islam headworks.

The last date for payment of water charges was June 30 and recovery would be made with 10 percent fine after deadline period.

The E-Abiyana billing to perennial canal areas would be made twice in a year while

non-perennial canal areas would get one bill in a year, the sources added.

The per acre water charges were Rs 8500 for fish farm, Rs 501 for orchard and Rs 251 for other land area.

The Abiyana bills could be paid through mobile easy paisa, jazz cash and through banks. The Abiyana recovery from rest of area which could not be computerized so far was being made through manual system, the sources concluded.

**Current rain spell to have positive impact on cotton crop: Director CCRI**  
Director Central Cotton Research Institute (CCRI) Dr Zahid Mahmood said that the current spell of rain would have a positive impact on cotton crop.

In a statement on Sunday, Dr Zahid stated that the rain would help end blackness in cotton crop and it would improve the process of photosynthesis in the plants. Similarly, rain will also reduce the infestation of insects that used to suck juice from leaves, he said, adding that the plants also get natural nitrogen from the atmosphere due to rain.

Dr Zahid asked the farmers that in case of more rains in coming days, they should take necessary measures to save the cotton crop from losses.

"Due to prolong stagnant water in cotton field, the colour of cotton leaves start turning yellow. In case of yellow colour, the farmers should manage spray after interval

of 10 days."

If crop did not grow due to any reason after rain, then the farmers should use Urea fertilizer through flooding in the soil, Zahid recommended.

The water should not stay for 48 hours in the field, he said, adding that the farmers should train it out or make four feet trench deep and two feet wide trench.

Speaking on the occasion, AC City Khawaja Umair said that fake fertilizer was being prepared into a factory situated at Bahawalpur chowk.

Deputy Commissioner has ordered crackdown against fake fertilizer across the district and added that strict legal action would be taken against those involved in it.

## Mother nature trying to 'evict' Everest base camp from glacier-top



**KATHMANDU:** Nepal is preparing to move the base camp for Mount Everest after it emerged that the current location is becoming unsafe for continued habitation due to global warming and human activity, according to a BBC News report.

The camp, which is used by over a thousand people in the spring climbing season, is located on the thinning Khumbu glacier.

Attempts are being made to identify a new site at a lower altitude, BBC quoted a Nepali official as saying. Researchers say swift melting destabilises the glacier, while climbers complain that crevasses are increasingly appearing at base camp.

According to Taranath Adhikari, director general of Nepal's tourism department, the camp currently sits at an altitude of 5,364m, while the new one will be 200 to 400 metres lower.

The plans follow the recommendations of a committee formed by Nepal's government to facilitate and monitor mountaineering in the Everest region.

Scientists say the Khumbu glacier, like many others in the Himalayan range, is rapidly melting due to global warming, among other factors. The BBC report quoted a 2018 study by researchers from Leeds University, which showed that the part of the glacier close to base camp was thinning at a rate of 1m per year.

Most of it is covered by rocky debris but there are also areas of exposed ice, called ice cliffs, and it is the melting of those cliffs that destabilises the glacier the most, researcher Scott Watson told the BBC. —AFP

## 43 power pilferers nabbed in a day in South Punjab

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**MULTAN:** Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO) have caught 43 power pilferers during separate operations launched throughout the South Punjab in a day, MEPCO official said on Sunday.

MEPCO teams accompanying task forces raided different places in Multan, Vehari, Sahiwal, Rahimyar Khan, Muzaffargarh, Bahawalnagar, Khanewal, and DG Khan and detected theft of 58,000 electricity units.

A sum of over Rs 1.2 million fine was imposed while nine cases were also registered against power pilferers over involvement in tampering with body of meters, direct supply, installing loop in meters, slowing down meters, meter dead stop and meter screen wash.

**Sports Associations stage demonstration protest against AC**

Different Sports Associations staged demonstration protest against alleged torture on District Sports Officer Farooq Lateef by Assistant Commissioner Khawaja Umair and his guards. Representatives of different sports association including Javed Qureshi (Football), Qamar Abbas Bhola (Wrestling), Abdul Maalik Qureshi (Cricket), Abid Boxer (Taekwondo), Ishaar ul Haq (Gymnastic Association), Khalid Mehmood (Athletics), Jibran (Basketball), Khuram Basharat (Hockey) and scores of many others joined the protest demonstration. They were carrying banners and placards inscribed with slogans

against misbehavior the AC Khawaja Umair and his guards. They demanded of Punjab government to take immediate notice of the manhandling. They also called for action against the Assistant Commissioner and his guards as per law.

Few days ago, on occasion of Environment Day, a cycle rally was organized in the city, which commenced from Kalma Chowk and culminated at Model Town. District Sports Officer Farooq Lateef was busy in getting rally route clear from Kalma Chowk to Model Town Chowk for the rally. Assistant Commissioner Khawaja Umair along with his guards came at starting point of the cycle rally. Following some misunderstanding about cycle rally arrangements, he got infuriated and started abusing the DSO. He also tortured DSO Farooq Lateef along with his guards. Divisional Sports Officer Rana Nadeem rushed the site and settled the issue. Sports Organization expressed concerns against the misbehavior of the Assistant Commissioner.

**Fake fertilizer manufacturing factory sealed, seven held**

The district administration has raided at fake fertilizer manufacturing factory and arrested seven outlaws by sealing factory and godown.

Assistant Commissioner City Khawaja Umair Mahmood carried out the operation and the directions of Deputy Commissioner Tahir Wattoo. The team also seized 300 bags of fake fertilizer from the factory.



KARACHI: Afghan children play in front of closed shop at a refugee camp. —Online

## In a parched land, Iraqi gazelles dying of hunger

**SAMAWAH:** Gazelles at an Iraqi wildlife reserve are dropping dead from hunger, making them the latest victims in a country where climate change is compounding hardships after years of war.

In little over one month, the slender-horned gazelle population at the Sawa reserve in southern Iraq has plunged from 148 to 87.

Lack of funding along with a shortage of rain has deprived them of food, as the country's drought dries up lakes and leads to declining crop yields.

President Barham Saleh has warned that tackling climate change "must become a national priority for Iraq as it is an existential threat to the future of our generations to come". The elegant animals, also known as rhin gazelles, are recognisable by their gently curved horns and sand-coloured coats. The International Union for Conservation of Nature classes the animals as endangered on its Red List. Outside Iraq's reserves, they are mostly found in the deserts of Libya, Egypt and Algeria but are unlikely to number "more than a few hundred" there, according to the Red List.

Turki al-Jayashi, director of the Sawa reserve, said gazelle numbers there plunged by around 40 percent in just one month to the end of May.

"They no longer have a supply of food because we have not received the necessary funds" which had come



from the government, Jayashi said. Iraq's finances are under pressure after decades of war in a poverty-stricken country needing agricultural and other infrastructure upgrades. It is grappling with corruption, a financial crisis and political deadlock which has left Iraq without a new government months after October elections.

"The climate has also strongly affected the gazelles," which lack forage in the desert-like region, Jayashi added. —AFP

## Zelensky visits war-damaged city in rare trip outside Kyiv



**KYIV:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky visited the war-damaged southern city of Mykolaiv on Saturday for the first time since the Russian invasion in a rare trip outside Kyiv.

He also visited troops on the southern frontline of the war with Russia. Zelensky's office published a video of him looking at a badly damaged high-rise residential building in the city and holding a meeting with local officials.

His visit comes a day after a Russian strike

killed two people and injured 20 in the city.

Mykolaiv has been targeted by Russian forces since the start of their invasion on February 24.

In the video Zelensky was shown damage to a residential building by local governor Vitaliy Kim. The tall building had a gaping hole, with the inside of apartments visible.

A blue and yellow Ukrainian trident was seen in one of the shattered windows. He later also visited troops on the southern frontline in both the Mykolaiv and the neighbouring Odessa re-

gion, his office said.

"It is important that you are alive. As long as you live there is a strong Ukrainian wall that protects our country," Zelensky told soldiers in the Odessa region.

In war-torn Kyiv, EU leaders embrace Ukraine membership bid

The European Union's most powerful leaders on Thursday embraced Ukraine's bid to be accepted as a candidate for EU membership, in a powerful symbol of support in Kyiv's battle against Russia's invasion. French President Em-

manuel Macron, Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Italian premier Mario Draghi arrived in Kyiv by train and headed to the Kyiv suburb of Irpin, scene of fierce battles early in the brutal war. They were later joined in Kyiv by Romania's President Klaus Iohannis and met their Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky, who has been lobbying his western allies for most and faster weapons deliveries and the promise of a European future. "All four of us support the status of immediate candidate for

accession," Macron told a joint press conference with his EU colleagues. Draghi agreed: "The most important message of our visit is that Italy wants Ukraine in the EU."

Scholz said Ukraine "belongs in the European family" and vowed: "We are supporting Ukraine with the deliveries of weapons. We will keep doing that for as long as it is needed."

Zelensky promised Ukraine was ready to put in the work to become a fully-fledged EU member, and said Ukrainians had already proved themselves worthy of candidate status.

"I explained our essential needs in the field of defence," Zelensky said after meeting the visiting leaders. "We are expecting new deliveries, above

all heavy weapons, modern artillery, anti-aircraft defence systems," he said, even as Macron said France would send six Caesar self-propelled howitzers to add to the 12 already deployed on Ukraine's eastern front. Earlier, on a tour of Irpin, Macron had declared: "France has been alongside Ukraine since day one. We stand with the Ukrainians without ambiguity. Ukraine must resist and win." Surrounded by the wreckage left by Ukraine's successful but hard-fought defence of its capital in the early stages of the 113-day-old conflict, Draghi said: "We will rebuild everything. They destroyed kindergartens, they destroyed playgrounds. Everything will be rebuilt," he promised. —Agencies

### COURT NOTICE

**In the court of Judge Banking Court No. IV Old State Bank building, Opp GPO, Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore**  
Suit No 174/2022  
Muhammad Idrees S/O Muhammad Siddique  
Plaintiff Vs Bank Alfalah Ltd  
Defendants  
Summon U/S 9(5) of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finance) Ordinance, 2001. (Ordinance No: SL VI of 2001.)  
Summon to: Bank Alfalah Ltd, through its Manager Auto Finance Pace Tower, Second Floor, Gulberg II, Lahore.

Whereas the aforesaid plaintiff has instituted suit against you and others for recovery of suit for declaration and Permanent Injunction, along with mark-up/interest and costs etc, claimed to be payable by you. Summon u/s 9(5) of Ordinance XLVI of 2001, referred to above is hereby issued requiring you to make within 30 days of the service of this summon, an application for leave to defend the suit u/s 10 ibid.

Take notice that on your failure to file such application within time specified above, the Banking Court shall pass a decree as prayed in the plaint, in favour of the plaintiff Banking Company. Next date of further proceedings, in the case has been fixed on 15-07-2022

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 15-06-2022.  
JUDGE  
BANKING COURT-

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Plaintiff Vs Muslim Commercial Bank  
Defendants  
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Summon to: Muslim Commercial BANK, Branch officer at R.F.D 2nd floor 14-A Shahrah-e-Aiwan Sant-o-Tajarat, near China Chowk, Lahore.

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JUDGE  
BANKING COURT-IV

### COURT NOTICE

**In the Court of Ms. Sumeira Ashraf Civil Judge Jhelum**  
Suit for Deceleration  
Application for set aside ex parte decree  
Case Title Muhammad Azeem vs Muhammad Hashim To, Muhammad Hashim son of Haji Fazal dad R/o new Kala araria Kala Gujar Tehsil & Dist Jhelum. Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned Defendant cannot be served in the ordinary way, it is, therefore, proclaimed under order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said Defendant will/shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 08:00am on 20-06-2022, the proceeding will be taken ex-parte. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and the seal of this court.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

(Loss Of Intimation, Letter)

Subscribed, Letter of Plot 2819, Sector 44, Phase-IV, Muzaffargarh 1 Canal Residential, 2 Plot, 280 Phase IV, Sector 4, Muzaffargarh 1 Canal Residential Inward by Delimiting Working Authority, Lahore Cantt. In the name of SANGHVI YOUNG AND YOUNG Light Switch  
SUO Home 452 Box 7 Phase 5 DHA, Lahore Both Get lost in DHA Phase 5 I should may return the same to Secretary, Defence Housing Authority, Main Office Complex, Phase 5, Lahore Cantt. Otherwise after 7 days original Intimation, Letter shall be treated as RECEIVED. (UAN: 942-333-342-347 Ext.2819)

