

PFA disposes of 10,000 litre contaminated milk

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Wednesday foiled an attempt to supply 10,000 litres of chemically contaminated milk while carrying out a raid on Canal Road near Punjab University Gate 9.

Acting on the tip-off, the dairy safety team under the supervision of PFA Director General Shoab Khan Jadoon raided and caught a milk-supplying vehicle (LES 3155) loaded with thousands of litres of milk.

He revealed that the mafia has adopted a new way for milk adulteration practice. Now milk adulteration has also been carried out after getting clearance from the screening pickets of PFA at the city's entry points, he shared shocking details. But he vowed to devise a comprehensive system to nab such elements. He said that PFA's dairy team has taken milk sample for a screening test on the spot and taken action against milk supplier over found results not up to the mark. He said that the team has found the adulteration of polluted water and detergents in the milk besides the lack of fat in it.

Jadoon said that adulterated ingredients were usually used for increasing the thickness and quantity of milk. He further said that the use of tainted milk poses a threat to users' health. The Punjab Food Authority is fully committed to bringing down the wicked practice of milk adulteration, he said. The director general said that PFA has lodged a first information report (FIR) against Muhammad Nadeem (milk supplier) on account of adulteration in the nearest police station. He appealed to the masses to inform PFA on its Facebook page and Toll-Free number 080080500 in case of witnessed the sale of impure milk.

Traders demand security as Eid shopping picks up

RAWALPINDI: Trade bodies of the city have demanded the Rawalpindi district administration to upsurge security around all market areas as Eid shopping was gaining momentum with each passing day.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the security arrangements made for shopping areas, they said the deployment of police personnel was insufficient compared to the great hustle and bustle of visitors there. President Markazi Anjuman-e-Tajran Sharjeel Mir said police officers in plain clothes should be in susceptible areas and ready to respond with a single whistle in an emergency. Besides, he said many beggars seemingly seek money but were also involved in criminal activities like pick-pocketing and snatching different items from the people visiting the markets. President Moti Bazar Chaudhry Iqbal also asked the quarters concerned to beef up the security of city markets, especially during night-time. —APP



LAHORE: A man loads camel on the delivery van at temporary cattle market Shahpur Kanjrna.

PR restores railway track damaged due to torrential rains

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways (PR) has restored railway up-track affected last night due to heavy rains and the rail traffic on down-track would be operational within a next few hours, the PR official said here on Wednesday.

The official said that passengers of trains delayed due to inclement weather were provided food by PR. At the request of the chairman Railways, the Sindh chief secretary directed the administration and the police to cooperate with the railways department.

He said that commissioners and DPOs had fully cooperated with railways department to restore the railway tracks in various areas.

Chairman Railways is contact with Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique and briefing him about the situation from time to time.

Instructions have also been issued to the Inspector General of Police (Railways) to ensure the safety of the passengers.

On behalf of PR, the official also apologized for the inconvenience caused to passengers due to inclement weather and assured them for complete restoration of railway tracks within a few hours as teams are devoutly engaged in clearing all tracks. —APP

Hamza asks line depts to remain alert in wake of torrential rains

Directs to remove water from low-lying areas in minimum possible time

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz Sharif has asked the district administration, Rescue 1122 and other agencies to remain alert in the wake of torrential rains in Rawalpindi.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, the CM directed to remove water from low-lying areas in the minimum possible time by utilizing every possible resource. Any leniency would not be tolerated, he alerted and directed that the representatives of WASA and administration should remain available in the field. Every possible effort should be made to redress the difficulties of the people, he stated. Similarly, arrangements should also be made for smooth flow of traffic and traffic officials should be available in the field, instead of sitting in their offices. The water flow in nullah Lai should be monitored to timely begin the rescue operation in case

of any untoward situation, he further said. **Ex-Commissioner Rawalpindi, two others indicted**

An Anti-Corruption Court indicted former Commissioner Rawalpindi Capt (retd) Muhammad Mahmood and two others in Rawalpindi Ring Road scam, on Wednesday. The anti-corruption court judge conducted the proceedings, wherein former commissioner and two other accused appeared and got their attendance marked.

The court framed charges against the accused during the proceedings. However, all the accused pleaded 'not guilty' and opted to contest trial. The court directed the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab to produce witnesses on the next date of hearing and adjourned the matter till July 14. The ACE Punjab had registered a case against the accused over their alleged involvement in the Ring Road scam after a detailed inquiry. It was alleged

that the accused were guilty of corruption and they misused their authority. They illegally changed the design of the project to add new interchanges and the length of the road was increased from 22 kilometres to 68 kms.

SAPM, Akhuwat CEO discuss achieving SDGs

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Political Affairs (SAPM) Romina Khurshid Alam and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Akhuwat Foundation Dr Amjad Saqib agreed on Wednesday to work jointly for implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In a meeting held at the Parwaz Akhuwat office here, the SAPM offered the CEO Akhuwat to jointly work on elimination of poverty, community development and health sectors. She said that the government needed support of the philanthropists to come forward for implementation of the SDGs.



LAHORE: A woman sorting and arranges fresh vegetable to sell at Sabzi Mandi. —Online

109 suspects held in search operation of Islamabad

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police on Wednesday conducted search operation in areas of Ramana police station and held 109 suspects besides impounding 31 bikes having no documents.

According to police spokesman, officials of Islamabad Police conducted search operation in various areas of Ramana police station under supervision of Superintendent of Police.

The search operation was also participated by police commandos, lady commandos and staff of Bomb Disposal squad. They screened 293 houses, 71 shops, 105 vehicles and checked more than 557 persons. As many as 109 suspects were shifted to police station while 31 bikes without documents were also impounded.

IGP Islamabad Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan has said the purpose of this search operation and high vigilance is to ensure fool proof security in the city. —APP

UVAS arranges national seminar on Lumpy Skin Disease

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Department of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore arranged national seminar on "Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)" here at City Campus Lahore.

Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof Dr Shahid Munir presided over the inaugural session of the seminar while Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad, Director General (Research) Livestock & Dairy Development Department Dr Abdul Rehman, Prof Dr Kamran Ashraf, Chairperson Department of Veterinary Medicine Dr Jawaria Ali Khan, Dr Muhammad Avaisand number of faculty members, professionals, livestock farmers and students attended the seminar.



While addressing the audiences, Prof Dr Shahid Munir lauded the organizer to conduct this national seminar on informative topic for the benefit of livestock farming community. He urged on the development of local vaccine for the control of LSD. He hoped UVAS researchers will play their lead role to curb this deadly disease which hampered in the development of livestock sector in Pakistan. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that lumpy skin disease virus is an emerging threat to the world and it is spreading rapidly in Pakistan. He said that UVAS is playing its role to cope up

lumpy skin disease and assisted the government to develop guidelines for the control of this disease. He mentioned UVAS is also providing disease diagnostic and treatment services to the farming community. At the end of seminar Prof Dr Tahir Yaqub stressed on emergency LSD preparedness plan. Dr Jawaria Ali Khan spoke about the introduction and objectives of the seminar.

In the seminar national and international speakers delivered their lectures on socio economic impact, diagnostic tool, clinical management, disease reporting mechanism, world situation, innovative solution for the eradication of

Belt and Road Initiative to bring stability, prosperity worldwide

LAHORE: Speakers from various countries while addressing an international conference at Punjab University have said that the Belt and Road Initiative will not only bring prosperity and stability to the countries of the region but also improve the economic conditions of most countries of the world. He was addressing the inaugural function of a three-day international conference on "The Significance of the Belt and Road Initiative in Regional Connectivity" organized by Punjab University Regional Integration Center (RIC) in collaboration with Chinese Embassy at Al-Raazi Hall here on Wednesday. On this occasion, Consul General Chinese Consulate Mr Zhao Shiren, President APNS Sarmad Ali, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof Dr Shahid Munir, President Maritime Centre of Excellence Rear Admiral Shifaat Ali Khan, President of Anakra Centre for Crisis and Policy Studies Turkiye Prof Mehmet Seyfettin Trol, former PU VC Prof Dr Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, former Chief Minister Punjab Prof Dr Hassan Askari Rizvi, CEO Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment and Trade Hassan Daud Butt, Executive Director Pakistan Research Centre for a Community with Shared Future Communication University of China Khalid Taimur Akram, Chairman Department of History Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, Chairperson Department of Political Science Prof Dr Iram Khalid, RIC Director Dr Fouzia Hadi Ali, faculty members, experts from 15 countries and 20 universities of Pakistan were present. In his address, Mr Zhao Shiren said that the Belt and Road

Initiative was a gift from China to the world and the biggest project of public good.

He said that the project was purely an economic, trade and investment project which would improve the economic conditions of most of the countries. He said that the President of China Xi Jinping wanted prosperity and peace in the world. He said that the Belt and Road Initiative would bring prosperity and stability to the countries of the region. He said that China was strengthening relations with the government and people of Pakistan at all levels. He said that CPEC was the biggest gift from China for the development of Pakistan and it was even more than a gift.

He said that CPEC would create excellent opportunities for foreign direct investment in Pakistan. He said that there was a need to eradicate negative propaganda about CPEC and create national consensus. Sarmad Ali said that the people of the regional countries can be connected through media.

He said that media should play its role in eradicating negative propaganda against Belt and Road Initiative. Dr Shahid Munir said that CPEC was the biggest project for economic and social development of Pakistan which should be accompanied by Knowledge Technology Transfer Corridor. He said that due to cheap labor in Pakistan, China could set up industries here which could reduce transportation and production cost. He said that the establishment of a common currency would strengthen the countries of the Belt and Road Initiative economically.

He said that Pakistan was rich in natural resources and coal reserves alone were worth 30 trillion dollars. He said that China could help Pakistan utilize these natural resources and sell them to the world. Rear Admiral Shafaat Ali Khan said that the West used the sea for its expansion and occupy the world while China used it to promote economic and social relations. "We need to strengthen our narrative to counter the negative propaganda against us," he said. Prof Mehmet Seyfettin Trol said the Belt and Road was a project of peace and prosperity. "It's a time of hybrids and proxy wars," he said, adding the Belt and Road Initiative could boost ties among Central Asia, the Middle East, Europe and other countries. He said that Turkey would always stand by Pakistan and would never leave it alone.

Dr Hassan Askari Rizvi said that it was the era of multi powers instead of one super power. He said that China was focusing on promoting economic ties instead of military ties. He said that China's plan would strengthen various countries of the world economically.

He said that there was a need to create awareness about the benefits of Belt and Road Initiative. He said that CPEC project must be completed as soon as possible. Presenting a model of regional cooperation, Hassan Daud Butt said that Pakistan could not miss this initiative. He said that now Asian countries were in a position to make economic decisions in the world. He said that Pakistan needed to improve its human resource capabilities. "Now there is a need to promote globalization," he said. —APP

Punjab human organ transplantation authority to be made more active: Salman

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The 19th meeting of the Monitoring Authority of the Punjab Human Organ Transplantation Authority was held under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique at the Department of Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education.

Dean PKLI Dr. Faisal Dar, Dr Shahid Malik, Dr Murtaza, Dr Ghayas ud din Tayyab and others attended the meeting. Provincial Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique reviewed the appointment of new Director General of Punjab Human Organ Transplantation Authority and the performance of the institution. Provincial Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique said that Punjab Human Organ Transplantation Authority will be made more active to provide relief to the people of the province. Strict action should be taken against the elements involved in smuggling of human organs.

He further said that Punjab Human Organ Transplantation Authority will be made beneficial for the people. It will be recommended to tighten the law against the elements involved in the sale and purchase of human organs.

'Historic utilisation of development funds during financial year 21-22'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Under the dynamic leadership of Chairman P&D Board Ali Sarfraz Hussain, the executing agencies in Punjab have achieved historic implementation pace of development projects.

The departments have utilized Rs. 554 bn against the release amount of Rs. 636 bn during the last FY 21-22. This reflects the 96% utilization of the funds.

Besides the efficiency of executing agency, this also contributes the robust monitoring system and also close coordination by the Chairman P&D Board. Evolved by the Chairman P&D Board Mr Ali Sarfraz Hussain, almost weekly, biweekly meetings were conducted with all relevant stakeholders and the impeding bottlenecks were immediately removed.

The efficient and speedy approval of development schemes have also contributed towards this historic achievement. 83 Provincial Department Working Party meetings were conducted during the last year. The departments with appreciable performance include Water Supply & Sanitation, Transport & Agriculture with the utilization of 98% of their allocated funds. 96% of the funds have been consumed by C&W department, Health, Higher Education, Public Buildings. 95% utilization has been recorded in School Education Sector, 91% in Energy and 90% in Environment Sector. Under the direction of Chief Minister Punjab and Chief Secretary took regular meetings and directed to ensure fast track implementation of ADP 2021-22, the guidelines and timelines are followed in true letter and spirit.