

CPO lauds IG Motorways for controlling of transporters overcharging

From Our Staff Correspondent

KHANEWAL : CPO National Highways & Motorways Police Beat-18 Khanewal visited the office of Senior Working Journalists Forum where President Senior Working Journalists Forum District Press Club Khanewal Anjum Bashir Ahmed along with other members Qalzam Bashir Ahmed, Muhammad Abdullah Multazim and Muhammad Naseem Finance Secretary of Citizens Forum.

CPO Malik Saleem Shahid while talking to a joint delegation of Senior Working Journalists Forum & Citizens has said I G Motorways Police Khalid Mehmood's Vision is working on non-violation and in this regard, not only heavy fines are being imposed on the overloading and but they are also being prevented from doing so. In case of any complaint, call the Motorway Police Helpline to take immediate notice and take action against the transporters who have been found to have overcharged or overloaded the passengers. Adan. Officer Raja Kamal Hayat, Inspector Sh. Muhammad Younis and Mohammad Rizwan were also present with him.

Mrs. Shabnam Zahir nominated member of BISE Multan

Secretary Higher Education Department/ Controlling Authority Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Punjab has been nominated under Section S (1) (IX) of BISE's Act 1976, Mrs. Shabnam Zahir retired headmistress govt. Girls High School Kot Muzafar Tehsil Mailisi District Vehari as a member of the Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education Multan for three years.

Mrs. Shabnam Zahir is a daughter of Sheikh Bashir Ahmed, former Director Schools and sister of senior journalists Anjum Bashir Ahmed, Qulzam Bashir Ahmed & Haji Amber Bashir Ahmed who have extensive experience in teaching and examination arrangements. Public socio-political and educational circles have welcomed the orders of the Secretary Higher Education Department.

Minor servant's death during witchcraft can't be ignored, say police

LAHORE: A minor domestic servant, who was killed by his employers in Defence, is also suspected to have been subjected to black magic.

According to police sources, the accused nominated in the case, Abu Al-Hassan, had established an Astana and was practicing magic. Police said that the boy's death during witchcraft cannot be ignored. However, the final cause will come to light once the investigation is completed. —APP



LAHORE: A corn seller pushes his cart during heavy downpour covered with plastic sheet.

Seven dead, 861 injured in 814 road traffic crashes

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service Department responded to 814 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs 07 people died, whereas 861 were injured. Out of this 516 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals. Whereas, 345 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (73 percent) 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 394 drivers, 178 underage drivers, 92 pedestrians, and 382 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 151 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 151 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 87 Faisalabad with 87 victims and at third Multan with 61 RTCs and 66 victims. The details further reveal that 868 victims were affected by road traffic crashes including 683 males & 185 fe-

PML-N solves problems whenever it took over govt: Hamza

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz Sharif said on Friday that the incumbent government had taken up the difficult task of fast recovery of the devastated economy and succeeded in rectifying the focus of the national economy.

In a statement, Chief Minister Hamza Shahbaz Sharif maintained that the reduction in the prices of petroleum products is the first step in the mission of ensuring convenience for the people and disclosed that more good news is awaited. The reduction in the prices of petroleum products is the result of the proper economic direction; he noted and commented that the IMF program was also revived as a result of teamwork. Better days are coming, he maintained. Declining prices of petroleum products are the first spell of good news and the more good news is to come; the CM remarked and added that he would go to any extent to fulfil the promise of public service.

The CM stated that he is working day and night to minimise the difficulties of the people. A historic subsidy of 200 billion rupees was given to provide subsidized flour to the people; he commented and added that PMLN resolved the problems whenever it took over the reins of the government. It was determined to speedily recover the sagging economy and succeeded in rectifying the direction of the economy, the CM concluded.

By-polls security plan finalised

Punjab police has finalised the security plan for the by-elections in 20 constituencies of Punjab. More than 52,000 personnel and officers would be on duty at more than 3,100 polling stations set up in 14 districts across the province.

In the provincial capital Lahore, 465 polling stations have been set up in four constituencies of Lahore, including 122 A category and 343 B category polling stations. A special control room has been set up in the Central Police Office for full mon-

itoring of the election process which will ensure close coordination with the Election Commission. Foolproof arrangements have been made for safe delivery of election materials and ballot boxes and close coordination is being ensured with the Provincial Election Commission for security arrangements. Meanwhile, Lahore police has set up temporary pickets at sensitive points in all polling areas to ensure law and order and security. Special police pickets have been set up in Saddar Division, Civil Lines, Cantonment area and Model Town Divisions. More than 1,000 police officers and personnel, including four SPs, 12 SDPOs, 21 SHOs and 88 Upper Subordinates have been deployed at these 44 special police pickets set up in the vicinity of polling stations. Around 300 Anti-Rights Force personnel along with teams of Dolphin Squad and Police Response Unit would also provide assistance to the force deployed at the checkpoints.

IG: Inspector General of Police Punjab

Rao Sardar Ali Khan has said that Punjab Police will use all available resources to ensure foolproof arrangements for the peaceful conduct of by-elections and implementation of Election Commission's code of conduct in all constituencies will be ensured in all cases. IG Punjab has directed the RPOs, DPOs to personally monitor the security arrangements and take steps under a comprehensive strategy to maintain law and order before, on and after the elections. If the polling process and election campaign is affected, the relevant SHOs would be held responsible and action would be taken against them, CCPO Bilal Siddique Kamyana warned. List: Lahore police has compiled list of 348 people who may create law and order situation and disturb the peace during the election process. As per DIG Operations, surety bonds would be taken from such persons, so that they could avoid fighting and abide by the Electoral Code of Conduct during the election process.



HYDERABAD: A lady tire technician repairs and fixes punctured tire at her workplace.

Hazara varsity issued license for 300 KW solar plant

MANSEHRA: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) Friday formally issued a license to generate electricity from Hazara University Mansehra's 300 KW solar system.

According to the details, by obtaining the NEPRA's license, Hazara University is using solar energy to meet the electricity needs of its various departments as well as net metering.

Net technology will provide additional electricity to WAPDA which will save on electricity bills as and increase the income of the university. The license issued by NEPRA is valid for 7 years and renewable.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jameel Ahmad expressed his gratitude for getting the license for solar power generation from NEPRA and said that the university has completed the solar power project in a very short period of time and obtained the license from the concerned authority, the achievement of the license and installation of power generation plant is a success story, he said.

The Vice Chancellor also praised the Deputy Director (Electrical) Engineer Munir Ahmed and Procurement Officer Ehtisham-ul-Haque and appreciated their professional work and said that the university officers worked with skill and zeal in securing solar energy for the university in a record time. —APP

Give relief to telecom industry for increasing exports: Amin

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication Syed Amin-ul-Haque Friday called for solving problems of the IT and Telecom industry and giving maximum relief for the enhancement of the country's Digital Economy.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also has a special interest in promoting the IT industry, the minister said this while attending the preliminary meeting of the PM's Advisory Council on IT and Digital Economy.

The meeting was chaired by Minister IT and Telecom Syed Amin-ul-Haque while Minister for Finance Miftah Ismail, SAPM on Youth Affairs, Shaza Fatima, Senator Afanullah Khan, Secretary IT Mohsin Mushtaq Chandra, Additional Secretary MOITT Aysa Humaira, Former Secretary IT Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Representative from FBR, State Bank, USF and other members of the council representing IT & Telecom Industry attended the meeting.

The minister constitute three committees for IT Export, Personal Data Protection and Telecom Sector growth. The committees will finalize its recommendations in a week's time which will be presented to the PM who is the Chairman of the Ad-

visory Council, said a news release.

In order to enhance the Digital Economic activities in the country, the meeting discussed CPEC projects related to IT and Telecom, Broadband Services in un-served and under-served areas to provide digital solutions on micro level.

Matters related to IT and Telecom Industry and proposals from the stockholders discussed deeply to enhance the digital economy of Pakistan by identifying the key areas of growth, their challenges and way forward to overcome these challenges.

On Data Protection Law Member IT Syed Junaid Imam and Member Legal Babar Suhail, while Member Telecom Muhammad Umar Malik, MD PSEB Osman Nasir, Chairman PASHA Badar Khushnood and CEO Jazz Amir Ibrahim briefed Advisory Council about the issues related to IT and Telecom Industry and suggested key points to resolve and boost digital economy.

Council Members suggested that there should not be any new taxes and procedures for IT, Freelancers, E-commerce and Startups to facilitate domestic digital transformation and growth in Exports.

Otherwise, people will

be encouraged to park a significant portion of their earnings abroad which will be a loss to the exchequer.

IT and ITes is the fastest growing and lowest investment option to grow Pakistan's forex reserves so we have to ensure ease of doing business and policy continuity as much as possible.

The Advisory Council stressed the need for consistency in government policies to attract local and international investors, saying that industry and investors become uncertain due to the changing situations, which hurts the efforts to promote the Digital Economy.

Syed Amin-ul-Haque said that the purpose to constitute the Advisory Council was to formulate workable proposals to address the issues of IT and Telecom industry, make the industry more functional in the National Economy and then required directives by the PM can be issued in this regard.

"When all the stakeholders/institutions are on board and the issues resolved in a timely manner, there is no reason the industry cannot become the backbone of the country's economy and lead the country out of the economic crisis", the minister added. —APP

PM Talent Hunt Hockey League under HEC in 5-district from 23rd

LAHORE: A schedule of trials in connection with Talent Hunt Youth Hockey League has been announced in five districts under the Prime Minister's Youth Programme organised by Higher Education Commission Islamabad and Directorate of Sports University of Peshawar and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar here.

According to a statement issued by Director Sports and Chief Organizer Bahra Karam, trials of hockey players of Peshawar Region will be held on July 19-20 at Islamia College Astro-Turf Hockey Ground Peshawar.

Hockey trials of players of Mardan Region will be held on July 23-24, 2022 at Mardan Sports Complex Hockey ground while Trials of Swat Region Hockey players will be held from August 2 and 3 at Astro-Turf Hockey Ground Mekan Bagh, Swat.

The hockey Trials of players of Hazara Region will be held from August 17-18 at Abbottabad Police Hockey Ground. Trials of Bannu Region Hockey Players will be held at Qazi Mohib Hockey Stadium, Bannu Sports Complex.

Bahre Karam, a former international athlete who won four gold medals at international level for Pakistan, said that after trials and competitions, now under the

Prime Minister's Youth Program, the supervision and hosting of trials for the Hockey League has also been given to the University of Peshawar, which is a great honor.

He said that in this regard we have full support. All this is possible only under his patronage, Bahre Kamran said. He assured full cooperation in this regard and we have all the best facilities. He said Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar Prof. Dr. Muhammad Idrees in a short span of time introduced conducive environment for students to have more healthy activities and working on the Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt in Hockey after hosting the Wrestling and Weightlifting Trials with Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan are key to hunt talented players.

He has taken special initiative to improve the sports facilities of the University of Peshawar including the grounds and in this regard they are also taking further steps which will provide facilities to the players on the one hand and our players would help reach at the national and international levels.

He said that arrangements have been made for hockey trials in connection with the Prime Minister's Youth Program. A day of preparation has been fixed for July 18 while the trials will start from

July 19 at Islamia College Astro-Turf Hockey Ground in Peshawar. Up to 297 players have so far made their registration and similarly, a selection committee has also been appointed for the two-day trials.

The trials will start at 6.00 am while former hockey Olympian Rahim Khan will be the special guest. Vice Chancellor Peshawar University Prof Dr Muhammad Idrees will be the special guest on the occasion. Vice Chancellor of Islamia College University Peshawar Prof. Gul Majeed, Vice Chancellor of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women's University, Director Sports Benazir Bhutto University Maria Samin jan, former Hockey Olympians have also been invited.

He said that the trials will be conducted in a transparent manner and only the players who perform on the field will be selected and if anyone has any objection to the selection during the trials, the player will be given the right of appeal.

He said that 297 from Peshawar region, 142 from Bannu and Kohat region, 169 from Mardan region, 141 from Hazara region and 40 from Dera Ismail Khan Regions are expected to be registered. One of the best hockey trials in all regions will be taken as it is a golden opportunity for young players to show their best abilities



RAWALPINDI: A youngster on his way pushing a wheelbarrow full of crates of fruits at Fruit Mandi.