

Dist admin imposes anti-dengue emergency plan to control dengue

MULTAN: District administration has imposed anti-dengue emergency plan across the district to control dengue virus by keeping in view more rains prediction.

Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Tahir Wattoo while presiding over meeting regarding anti-dengue drive directed the officials concerned to seal the commercial buildings and shops immediately after finding dengue larvae. DC ordered to take steps for eradication of dengue larvae by launching special door-to-door campaign and warned strict action against officials over negligence in dengue drive. He asked to upload dengue eradication measures under android system and ordered district departments to form special squad for dengue drive. Tahir Wattoo directed special screening of junkyards, tyre shops and ponds to eliminate dengue. He said that control room has been established for redressal of complaints of citizens. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) health Dr Ali Mehdi gave briefing to DC on dengue drive. —APP

North Waziristan reports 12th wild polio case: NIH

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan National Polio Laboratory at the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Thursday confirmed that a 21-month-old boy has been paralyzed by wild polio in the 12th case in Pakistan this year. According to the spokesperson of the Ministry of National Health Services, the child had onset of paralysis on June 18 and belongs to Mir Ali (UC-2) while all 12 children belong to North Waziristan.

He said that the southern districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, namely North and South Waziristan, D I Khan, Bannu, Tank, and Lakki Marwat, are at the highest risk of wild poliovirus transmission. Bannu also reported two positive environmental samples between April and May this year, confirming that ongoing wild poliovirus transmission is not limited to North Waziristan. Minister for Health, Abdul Qadir Patel said the Pakistan Polio Programme has had repeated immunization campaigns in Southern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa since the first child was reported with polio-induced paralysis and continues to strive to ensure that the virus does not spread. "Even though these cases are happening in the same part of the country, parents and caregivers around Pakistan must remain extremely vigilant and give their children repeated doses of the polio vaccine," said Federal Health Secretary Dr. Fakhre Alam Irfan. According to prelimi-



LAHORE: A gypsy family cuts sacrificial animals meat in pieces for drying alongside the Ravi River.

LUMS represents Pakistan at Int'l Staff Week

LAHORE: LUMS represented Pakistan at the International Staff Week hosted by the Koç University in Turkey. The programme's focus prepares universities to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Office of International Affairs (OIA) at LUMS, spearheaded Pakistan's participation. The OIA is responsible for promoting international collaborations between LUMS and its international partners to expand the University's global footprint and recognition. To achieve this, the Office continuously works on establishing new student, faculty, and staff exchange opportunities, having hosted various academic and cultural events on the LUMS campus together with international partners in France, Germany, Japan, and other countries. Ammar Bin Saleem, from the Office of Advancement represented LUMS and was joined by representatives from the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and North America. During the event, the audience learned about several high-impact community programmes introduced by LUMS to promote access to higher education across Pakistan including the National Outreach Programme, the Women Scholarship initiative at the Suleman Dawood School of Business, and the merit-based financial assistance and scholarships offered to eligible students. —PR



No danger of major floods in any river of Punjab: DG PDMA

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Director General Provincial Disaster Management Authority Punjab Faisal Farid has said that there is no danger of major floods in any river of Punjab, there will be danger of urban flooding in different districts due to heavy rains.

The commissioners, deputy commissioners and WASA officials have been instructed to ensure timely cleaning of drains and drains and start drainage operations immediately after rains and ensure monitoring of the operation itself. According to the government SOPs, instructions have also been issued to the concerned agencies of all the districts to set up rain camps and in the flood prone areas, relief camps, medicines and equipments along with other essential items have been shifted to the affected areas and people have been shifted to safer places. Instructions have also been given to take steps to do so, he said, adding that the Pun-



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jab government would ensure the safety of lives and property of the people in all light in the light of the directives.

There will be more than usual, urban appliances in the rainy season and so on Avoid touching fur, never tie livestock to electricity poles and wires, avoid bathing in rivers and canals in the current season. Some villages in Makarwal area have been inundated due to flooding in Baroch Nala entering Punjab from Pakhtunkhwa. PDMA and District Administration Mianwali are conducting rescue and relief operations in the affected areas.

People have been rescued and shifted to safer places. 60 rescuers and more than 100 volunteers are participating in the relief operation.

Flood relief camps have also been set up in the affected area by PDMA. No casualties were reported from the flooded villages. Drainage of rain water is in progress. Gujranwala, Sargodha and DG Khan divisions are also at risk of urban flooding due to heavy rains.



LAHORE: A vendor cuts pickle mango alongside a road. —Online

Over 52,000 cops, officers to perform duties to ensure peaceful by-elections

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: More than 52 thousand Punjab police personnel and officers will perform their duties to ensure peaceful holding of by-elections in the 20 constituencies of the 14 districts of Punjab.

Foolproof security arrangements have been ensured in more than 3100 polling stations in Punjab.

In order to ensure 100 percent implementation on the code of conduct of the Election Commission, surety bonds are being taken from the candidates and supporters of all political parties without any discrimination who are participating in the by-elections to stop skirmishes and fighting incidents.

There will be a complete ban on doing aerial firing, keeping private guards, displaying weapons and uprooting the camps and banners of the opponents and indiscriminate action will be taken against those persons being found involved in such incidents. In order to cope up with any untoward incident in these constituencies, the personnel of Reserve

Force and Anti-Riot Force will remain fully alert.

Complete security will be provided for transporting electoral material to the constituencies, secure transportation of ballot boxes, reaching the offices of District Returning Officers till the announcement of results on the polling day. Timely action will be taken to pre-empt the incidents of aerial firing and skirmishes after the announcement of results. By-elections monitoring will be done at the Central Police Office and in the Control Room at the district level. Indiscriminate action will be taken against any violation or occurrence of any unpleasant incident and the officers of Election Commission will be timely informed. Furthermore, the police and the administration are taking indiscriminate action against the

Elections to be held in 20 constituencies of 14 districts of Punjab

violation of the code of conduct laid down by the Election Commission in the ongoing election campaign of the by-elections. Those found involved in violating the law belonging to any political party, strict legal action will be taken against them. Punjab government, police and the administration will provide complete assistance and support to the Election Commission for ensuring complete implementation on the code of conduct laid down by the Election Commission along with ensuring peaceful, transparent and impartial holding of by-elections. The Chief Secretary and the Inspector General of Police have assigned a confidential monitoring task to the special branch and the secret agencies to monitor the conduct of the field officers during by-elections.

PDMA issues instructions to Commissioners, DCs to remain alert in recent monsoon



By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: On the direction of Chief Secretary Punjab, PDMA has issued instructions to all Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to remain alert in the recent monsoon.

Effective measures should be taken to deal with flooding, storm drains, drains and water channels should be monitored 24/7, all agencies should coordinate with

each other and ensure immediate implementation of the Plan of Action for Urban Flooding. He said that immediate steps should be taken to deal with urban flooding in low lying areas of various cities due to rains.

Instructions have also been issued to the district administration of Punjab, Rescue 1122 and Vasaz officials to keep all the necessary machinery functional to deal with urban flooding.

Secretary BOI assures full support for removal of impediments hindering swift completion of SEZs in Punjab: Dr Asad Gillani, Secretary Board of Investment (BOI) visited Punjab Board of Investment and Trade (PBIT) / SEZA Secretariat and chaired a meeting regarding issues being faced in development of Special Economic Zones in Punjab. The meeting was co-chaired by Secretary ICI&SDD Punjab and attended by Addl. Secretary BOI, DG BOI, Addl. Secretary ICI&SDD and CEO(s) PBIT, PIEDMC and FIEDMC.

The Secretary BOI assured full support for the removal of impediments that are hindering the swift completion of SEZs in Punjab.

Secretary Industries and Commerce Dr Ahmed Javed Qazi said that Punjab government has created investment friendly environment in the province and there are vast opportunities for local and foreign investors in special economic zones. Best infrastructure is being ensured in these special economic zones and Punjab Board of Investment and Trade is providing all possible facilities to investors.

IG orders police, dolphin, PHP for extending full support to district admin in relief work

Says in areas with heavy rains, police officers should maintain close coordination with the district administration and rescue agencies

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General of Police (IGP), Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has directed Punjab Police to extend full support to the district administration in relief activities in view of heavy rains in different districts of the province.

IG Punjab has directed all RPOs, DPOs that police teams as well as traffic Wardens, Dolphin, Peru and PHP personnel should render all possible assistance to the district administration in relief activities. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that in areas with heavy rains, police officers should maintain close coordination with the district administration and rescue agencies and traffic wardens, dolphin officials and Peru teams should provide all possible help and guidance to the citizens trapped in the rains.

IG Punjab said that police teams should be on high alert in all the districts of the province including Rawalpindi where there is a danger of flood in streams and rivers.

He stressed upon deployment of additional teams to protect precious human lives in any emergency.

IG Punjab directed that all District Traffic Officers including CTO Lahore should take special measures under personal supervision to keep the traffic flowing on the highways in the rain and instead of sitting in the offices during the rains, the traffic officers should conduct field



visits for smooth flow of traffic. IG Punjab has issued these instructions to all the supervisory officers of the province in view of the ongoing spell of monsoon rains.

Instructing the officers, IG Punjab said that police teams should play their full role in relief activities in areas where there is a danger of urban flooding and take joint steps with the administration to protect the citizens from power poles, wires and gutters in heavy rains. IG Punjab said that special teams should be formed during the monsoon season to provide timely assistance to the citizens and protect their lives and property. He said that patrolling of riverine check posts should be undertaken by motor boats and close coordination should be maintained with institutions so that there is no delay in taking timely action in case of emergency.