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(Today)



FAJAR .....04:10 AM  
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MAGRIB .....07:00 PM  
ISHA .....8:45 PM

## Quick Read

### LHC grants protective bail to Dua Zahra's husband Zaheer Ahmad till 14th

**LAHORE:** The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Thursday granted protective bail to Zaheer Ahmad, husband of Dua Zahra, who had gone missing from her Karachi residence in April but was later found to have married Zaheer Ahmed in Lahore, till July 14 and stopped police from arresting him.

The single bench comprising Justice Aalia Neelum passed the orders on a petition filed by Zaheer Ahmad for the relief of protective bail. During the proceedings, Justice Aalia questioned Zaheer Ahmad's counsel as to when the FIR was registered. He submitted the FIR of kidnapping was registered on April 16. At this, the judge questioned what were you doing so far, how did you come to know that police wanted to arrest the petitioner, she added. The counsel submitted that in a statement, the investigation officer had said that the matter was being re-investigated. He submitted that it was feared that the police might arrest his client. He pleaded with the court to grant protective bail to his client so that he could approach the court concerned for the relief of interim bail in the matter.

Subsequently, the court granted protective bail to Zaheer Ahmad till July 14 and stopped police from arresting him.

Zaheer Ahmad through his petition had submitted that he solemnized marriage with Dua Zahra but it was being alleged that she (Dua Zahra) was kidnapped. He submitted that the police might arrest him in the matter while pleading for the relief of protective bail. It is pertinent to mention here that Syed Ali Kazmi, the father of Dua Zahra, had approached the Sindh High Court again for the recovery of her daughter on the basis of a new medical board report, which determined the girl's age to be between 15 and 16 years.

### Coronavirus claims four more lives in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The coronavirus pandemic claimed four more lives while 134 new cases were reported across Punjab during the last 24 hours on Thursday.

According to the data shared by the spokesperson for Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 509,127 while the total deaths were recorded as 13,579 altogether. The P&SHD confirmed that 105 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, one each in Sheikhpura, Sialkot, Sargodha, Bhakkar, Dera Ghazi Khan and Bahawalnagar, seven in Faisalabad and 16 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Rawalpindi during the last 24 hours.

The health department conducted 11,503,081 COVID-19 tests so far while 493,832 confirmed cases recovered altogether in the province. The department had urged the masses to follow standard operating procedures (SOPs) for their protection and cover their faces with masks. The people should wash their hands with soap several times in a day to protect themselves from COVID-19. The citizens above the age of 12 years must ensure vaccination against the coronavirus. Contact 1033 immediately on symptoms of coronavirus, the healthcare department urged the people.



LAHORE: Vendors displays sacrificial camels to attract customers.

## Govt taking all possible steps to boost economy, says Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** A delegation led by Founder President Chiniot Chamber of Commerce and Industry Danish Fakhri called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman at Governor House Lahore on Thursday.

During the meeting, the delegation apprised the Governor of Punjab of the problems faced by the Chiniot Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The delegation also demanded that Chiniot be given the status of Furniture City.

The delegation included executive members Sheikh Abid Omer, Sheikh Bilal Ahmed, Hafiz Habib-ur-Rehman, Mehr Muhammad Abu Bakar, Mohsin Dildar, Mehr Nadeem, Chaudhry Hameed Tabassum, Muawiyah Chaman, Malik Rashid, Azeem Fakhri, Saad Naeem Fakhri and Tahir Ayub.

Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor Muhammad Baligh-ur-

### Chiniot Chamber of Commerce and Industry delegation led by President calls on Baligh



Rehman said that no country can achieve real prosperity without boosting the economy, which is why the present government is taking all possible steps to bolster the economy in the country.

He said that the government is facing many challenges, adding that in the last three and a half years due to bad governance there has been a decline in every sector due to which the government has to take tough decision. Governor Punjab

said that when PML-N came to power in 2013, the power shortfall was very high, and at that time PML-N installed new power plants. He said that the PML-N had laid a network of roads, motorways and highways across the country during its previous tenure.

Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman said that industrialists and business community play a key role in the development of the country's

economy. He said that Chiniot furniture has a unique identity all over the world due to its beauty and quality. He said there is a need to increase exports in the furniture industry.

He said that whenever the PML-N leadership came to power, it took exemplary steps for the welfare of the people.

Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman appreciated the efforts of the delegation President Danish Naeem Fakhri and his team for setting up of Chiniot Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He said that he would play his role to solve the problems of the business community. On the occasion, the delegation told the Governor Punjab that apart from furniture, there is also handmade crafts and rice industry in Chiniot, adding that exports could be increased with the patronage of the government. The delegation also invited the Governor of Punjab to visit the Chiniot Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## Court asks CCPO to take action against SHO Ichhra for torturing journalist, misbehaving with his family

By Our Special Correspondent

**LAHORE:** A local court on Wednesday directed Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) to take disciplinary action against Station House Officer (SHO) of Ichhra for torturing a journalist and misbehaving with his family.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Aamir Shahzad passed the order on petition filed by journalist Jahangir Hayat who is associated with a local newspaper.

"This petition is hereby disposed with the directions to Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Lahore to initiate disciplinary proceedings against SHO Ichhra, Lahore, and proceed in accordance with law," read the order issued by the court. The judge also

held that the petitioner might also avail alternate remedy of his private complaint if so desired. The court held that an inquiry was conducted by the SP, City division and during inquiry it was concluded that allegations of the petitioner could not be proved.

"However, attitude of the SHO, PS Ichra, Lahore, with the petitioner was found indecent," held the court, ruling that for the sake of arguments, if the remaining allegations of the petitioner could not be proved even then SHO was legally bound to address the grievance of the petitioner in respectful manner and not to insult him before his family members.

The judge observed, "It is also quite strange that CCPO Lahore despite finding the SHO as guilty of misconduct regarding his attitude did not take any disciplinary action. Public at large is already ag-

grieved of behaviour of such like police officers and officials and the police officers like SHO P.S Ichra, Lahore, adding fuel to the fire."

According to details, Ichhra SHO subjected journalist Jahangir Hayat of humiliation and disrespect before his family when he approached against a local stand owner with a complaint regarding damage to his motorcycle.

Ichhra police SHO asked the police constables to torture the journalist and put his wife and children into police van in a bid to humiliate them on Chand Raat. The journalist who contacted the police station to seek action against the owner of a parking stand outside the Ichhra market became victim of the police misbehavior and faced humiliation along with his wife and children.



LAHORE: A vendor displays BBQ grill attraction for costumers.

## Police head constable receives cash reward for writing a book

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Police (IGP), Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan has said that while being a part of the police force and being a part of creative and constructive activities, the officers and Officials who enhance the prestige of the organization are valuable assets of the department and they will be encouraged at every level.

IG Punjab said that Head Constable Abid Ali has written a thought-provoking book titled "Khudi Ki Talash" and this aspect of the Jawans in the police force is commendable. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that culture of education and research is being promoted in Punjab Police. In this regard, Mutual cooperation and collaboration with university students is being further enhanced.

IG Punjab said that steps would be taken on priority basis to provide facilities to the personnel participating in sports, education and research or other such constructive activities.

He expressed these views while meeting Head Constable Abid Ali at the Central Police Office here today.

Punjab Police Head Constable Abid Ali's book "Khudi Ki Talash" has been published by a well-known publishing house in the city. On this unique honor, IG Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan invited Head Constable Abid Ali to his office and encouraged him with cash prizes for writing the book. Head Constable Abid Ali

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said that when I was joining the Police Service, my education was intermediate and I did my MPhil by remaining in police service. He said that as an author my first book is into the market. Head Constable Abid Ali said that he was grateful to the IG for encouraging him by calling me to the office. A spokesman of Punjab Police said that Head Constable Abid Ali has been awarded under Punjab Police Welfare Fund Rules 2022. Additional IG Welfare and Finance Farooq Mazhar was also