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FAJAR .....04:20 AM  
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## Quick Read

### Punjab Ombudsman intervenes to resolve 13-year pending issue of a widow

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** As a result of an own-motion notice of Ombudsman Punjab Maj (r) Azam Suleman Khan over a news item about the delay in payment of salaries to janitorial and security staff of Hazrat Data Ganj Baksh Complex, the Auqaf Department has paid pending dues valuing Rs.6537064 to them. The spokesman of the Office of Ombudsman Punjab stated this on Wednesday. While giving details about legal relief provided to the complainants, the spokesman added that the financial aid case of another applicant from Sheikhpora namely Safia Bibi has been resolved after the involvement of the Ombudsman Punjab and she has been paid three lakh rupees after a long wait of 13 years.

Meanwhile, a summary was being moved to the competent authority by the school education department for seeking approval to initiate a formal inquiry under the PEEDA Act, 2006, in the light of the initial departmental inquiry against 14 officers and officials of the department found responsible for depriving the applicant of her legal right for 13 long years without justified reasons, the spokesman mentioned. The spokesman added that an applicant Safia Sikandar of Lahore has been given Rs.4348541 as a family pension while another Lahorite Rahat Abdul Raheem has been paid Rs.3442259 as arrears of the salary of her husband who died during service. The higher education department has also provided 3.4 million rupees as financial aid to Ms Muzamila Akram of Bahawalpur, the spokesman concluded.

### Drainage should be ensured in a timely manner: DG PDMA

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Director General Provincial Disaster Management Authority Punjab Faisal Farid presided over the video link meeting with the officers of District Emergency Operation Centers across Punjab.

Director Operation PDMA Khalid Farooq was also present in the meeting. Briefing the DG, PDMA regarding the cleaning of lines, the DG PDMA while instructing the officers of District Emergency Operations Centers said that according to the Meteorological Department, more in the next 05 days in different cities of Punjab. Rains are expected, with more rains likely to cause urban flooding in Gujranwala, Sargodha and Dera Ghazi Khan divisions, he said. The drainage should be ensured in a timely manner. District offices of Punjab should be on alert 24 hours a day to deal with any untoward incident.

The level of water in your districts, including the number of drains checked on a daily basis, implement zero tolerance policy in cleaning drains and drains, DG-PDMA said that you should have complete information about your districts where there is a risk of urban flooding. And in which villages due to floods the water of drains may enter the villages, you should make complete arrangements in advance. DG PDMA further said that all the officers should carefully read the advisory issued and ensure its implementation. Daily data should be uploaded on the DMA portal and emergency reports should be sent to the concerned agencies in a timely manner.



LAHORE: Labourers collect sacrificial animal hides with salt after the cleaning and preserving process at their workplace. —Online

## Higher education top priority of PML-N govt: Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman has said that the promotion of higher education was the top priority of the government and all resources were being utilized to provide facilities for higher education.

He expressed these views in a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at Camp Office Bahawalpur.

Governor Punjab said that the Inter-University Consortium of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was a welcome initiative for research activities on climate change and this consortium would be taken forward under the auspices and support of the Governor's Secretariat. He directed the Vice-Chancellor of

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the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to convene a Vice Chancellor's Conference and complete the working paper by including the three topics of Climate Change and Environment, Ultimate of Education, and Financial Management in the agenda.

Governor Punjab emphasized that full attention should be paid to the education as well as character building of the students so that they could use their leadership abilities for the betterment and development of society in practical life.

Vice-Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob while giving a briefing said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur's cotton seed research, soybean, and maize intercropping techniques were being successfully implemented.

## Development projects to be completed in police lines of three districts: IG

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** On the direction of Inspector General of Police Punjab Rao Sardar Ali Khan, work on development projects in Punjab Police is in full swing and in view of increasing needs of the districts, development schemes will be completed in time.

IG Punjab directed that development works on police stations, police offices, police lines and other projects in all districts of the province including Lahore should be completed within the financial year. Rao Sardar Ali Khan said that the improvement in infrastructure and provision of facilities would improve the working of the police force which would also make the process of service delivery to the citizens faster and easier. IG Punjab directed AIG Development to main-

tain close coordination with RPOs and DPOs and complete all development projects of 2022-23 within the stipulated timeline.

According to the details, Punjab Police spent 99% of the annual development budget in the last financial year 2021-22, which is the highest in the last ten years. In the current financial year, out of 197 schemes of Punjab Police, 49 new development schemes have been included. And total of Rs.1020.69 million have been issued for these new 49 schemes which includes 376.82 million rupees for 17 schemes of police units and 681.83 million rupees for districts. Development projects will be completed in the police lines of 3 districts including construction of 21 new police stations in different districts of the province. Other police offices including Liaquatabad and Hair police station

buildings, anti-riots headquarters and riding school will be constructed in Lahore. New buildings will be constructed at Police Station Chontra in Rawalpindi, Police Station Wanhar in Chakwal and Lalapolis Station in Jhelum. Police station city in Sargodha, Mitha Tiwana police station in Khushab, kamar Mashani police station in Mianwali, and new building of police station Kalore Kot in Bhakkar will be constructed. A new building of Police Station Razaabad in Faisalabad and Police Station Agoki in Sialkot will be constructed. Khanqan Dogran police station in Sheikhupura, Kaswal police station in Sahiwal and police station Saddar Arifwala in Pakpattan will be constructed. Police Station Nawanshahr in Multan, Lalgarh Police Station in Rajanpur, Qasba Gujrat Police Station in Muzaffargarh will be constructed.



LAHORE: Labourers carry potato sacks in their shoulders in accumulated rain water after heavy monsoon rain at the Vegetable Market. —Online

## Rescue-1122 responds to 23,426 emergencies during Eid holidays

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Punjab Emergency Service Department (PESD) Director General Dr Rizwan Naseer said on Wednesday that Rescue-1122 responded to 23,426 emergencies in all districts of Punjab during the last five days of Eidul Azha. The emergencies included 6206 road accidents with 44 deaths, 13,157 medical emergencies with 436 deaths, 36 drowning emergencies with 29 deaths, 218 fire emergencies, 855 delivery emergencies, 542 falls & slipping cases with 5 deaths, 340 cases of electric shock, 344 occupational injuries, 36 burn cases, 20 structural cases, 735 miscellaneous emergencies and even 232 animal rescue operations were performed. Chairing the zoom meeting of district emergency officers, the DG PESD appreciated the rescuers who sacrificed their Eid for duties during Eid Holidays.

District Emergency Officers (DEOs) briefed that the highest number of emergencies took place in Lahore with 3544 emergencies, followed by Faisalabad with 1753 emergencies, Multan with 1751 emergencies, Gujranwala with 1245 emergencies and Bahawalpur with 1090 emergencies and the lowest number of 179 emergencies in Jhelum. During the meeting, DEO Sahiwal briefed about a major road crash of hi-ace van due to tyre burst in which 13 injured persons were shifted to hospital and the District Emergency Officers of Bhakkar, Bahawalpur, Rawalpindi, M.B Din, Sialkot, DG Khan, Ba-



hawalnagar, Hafizabad briefed about drowning incidents in their respective districts during Eid holidays. After a review of emergencies data, Dr Rizwan Naseer expressed grief over 44 deaths in road crashes, 22 due to electrocution and 29 in drowning emergencies during Eid holidays. He requested not to swim in rivers sides, canals, ponds and any other water recreational sites without safety gadgets. The citizens should never touch electric wires during rains, particularly electric switches, electric bells, pedestal fans, outdoor electric panels and other electrical appliances, he added.