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Ombudsman ensures payment of death compensation to widow

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Due to intervention of Federal Ombudsman, a complainant Shahid Imran, husband of late Rubina Yasmeen who died in Tezgam train accident of Liaquatpur in November, 2019 received long awaited death compensation of Rs1.5 million from Pakistan Railways. Shahid Imran resident of Jhelum filed a complaint against Pakistan Railways for failure to get compensation in respect of his late wife who died in train accident due to eruption of fire in 2019, because of which many people were injured or lost their lives.

Shahid stated that a sum of Rs50,000 was received earlier from Pakistan Railways, however he did not get the announced compensation of Rs1.5 million. During the hearing, the representative of Pakistan Railways informed that they had signed an agreement with Postal Life Insurance (PLI) for payment of death compensation in case of any untoward incident. He told that Pakistan Railways had already written a letter to PLI for the payment of death compensation to the said complainant. The Ombudsman directed Pakistan Railways to settle the death compensation claim of the complainant within 30 days. Finally, with the efforts of Pervez Halim Rajput, Consultant (Implementation) of the WMS, a cheque of Rs.1.5 million has been issued to the complainant by Pakistan Railways. The complainant confirmed receipt thereof and thanked the Federal Ombudsman for his kind intervention due to which he received the compensation money after 2.5 years.

Four killed, 1,006 injured in Punjab road accidents

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least four people were killed and 1,006 others injured in 952 accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours. As many as 557 seriously injured people were shifted to different hospitals, while 449 with minor injuries were treated at the incident site by the rescue medical teams, said a spokesman for Rescue 1122, here on Thursday. The analysis showed that 483 drivers, 23 underage drivers, 75 pedestrians and 452 passengers were among the victims of the road traffic crashes. The statistics showed that 254 accidents were reported in Lahore, which affected 259 persons, placing the provincial capital at top of the list, followed by 68 in Multan with 67 victims, and at third Faisalabad with 65 accidents and 76 victims.

More rain-wind/thundershowers expected across country

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: More rain-wind/thundershowers are expected in Punjab, Kashmir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, eastern Balochistan and Sindh during the next twelve hours. Heavy falls are likely to occur in Eastern Balochistan, Sindh, upper/central Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, upper Punjab and Kashmir, Radio Pakistan Reported. Temperature of some major cities recorded this morning: Islamabad twenty-three degree centigrade, Lahore twenty-six, Karachi thirty, Peshawar and Muzaffarabad twenty-five Quetta twenty-four, Gilgit twenty and Murree seventeen degree centigrade.



LAHORE: A vendor cleans tomatoes at a vegetable market. —Online

Quran teaching in schools to start from August: Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A delegation of Ulema-e-Mashaikh Wing of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) led by Mufti Intikhab Ahmad Noori called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman.

The delegation included General Secretary Punjab Sahibzada Hafiz Muhammad Amjad, Pir Syed Imran Shah and other religious scholars.

Punjab Governor Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman has said that Islam is a complete code of conduct which teaches us love, tolerance and equality.

He said that it was the national duty of the religious scholars to play their full role in highlighting the true identity of Islam. He said that all of us together should play an active role for the security and stability of the country and the nation. The Governor Pun-

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jab said that the representation of Ulema of all schools of thought in the Ulema-e-Mashaikh wing of PML-N sends a good message. He said that the role of scholars in the society is like a shining star who provides guidance in matters related to religion and their respect should be given priority.

Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman said that Quran teaching in all schools of Punjab would be started in full swing for the first time from August and the law in this regard was passed in 2018 under PML-N government in Punjab and the federation.

The Governor Punjab said that our young generation is the real power and they need to be enlightened with the teachings of religion as well as secular education. He said that during the previous PML-N government, as the Federal Minister of Education, he took steps for the teaching of Holy Quran

Rs 240b allocated for over 2000 uplift projects of South Punjab: ACS South

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) South Punjab Saqib Zafar on Thursday said that Rs 240 billion were allocated for more than 2,000 uplift schemes of South Punjab in the new financial year.

He was presiding over Annual Development Program (ADP) review meeting. The development projects include 1,548 ongoing and 443 new uplift projects. He directed all secretaries to ensure the completion of projects within the stipulated time and with hundred percent utilization of released funds. The ACS further directed them to take strict action over complaints regarding quality of projects and to follow government guidelines on de-

velopment projects. He said that the pace of completion of development projects remained excellent in the last financial year. Rs 181 billion out of Rs 186 billion released for projects were spent in the last financial year, thus, the utilization of released funds remained 97 percent.

While briefing the ACS South, officials informed him that 541 projects of Multan, 439 projects of Bahawalpur and 502 projects of DG Khan had been included in current fiscal year 2022-23.

They said that Rs 125 million for Jehangirabad Multan sewerage project and Rs 1.59 billion were allocated for upgradation of WASA Multan mechanical system.

Likewise, Rs 100 million were set aside for Kot Addu to Daira Deen Panah two-way road and Rs

365 million were allocated for rehabilitation of Shujaabad to Jalalpur Pirwala road.

Moreover, Rs 233 million for Rangpur to Chowk Sarwar Shaheed road and Rs 250 million have been allocated for construction of parking plaza in Multan.

Also, Rs 100 million were allocated for Mirchakar university in DG Khan, Multan ring road, Kacha Khooh to Abdul Hakeem road, while funds had also been earmarked for Head Islam and Sora Dam in Qaimpur.

All administrative secretaries of South Punjab including Education, Housing, S&GAD, P&D, C&W, Livestock, Forest, Health, additional secretaries of Finance and other departments attended the meeting.



LAHORE: A labourer unloads bananas from a loading truck.

Australian pitches expert due today



LAHORE: Damien Hough, head curator of Adelaide Oval, will be in Lahore today (Friday) on a two-week tour during which he will also visit Karachi, Multan and Rawalpindi. A spokesman of the Pakistan Cricket Board said here on Thursday that Hough is one of the world's best curators with a 26-year experience. During his visit, Hough will also inspect the outfield and pitch squares of the four Test centres. "Prior to his departure on July 28, Hough will give lectures to the curators and the coaches of cricket and city cricket associations on pitch preparations and the basic methodology of pitch making for all three formats of the game", he said. He will also provide insights to local curators and coaches on introducing a day/night pitch for Test cricket, which is the most pinnacle format of the game, said the spokesman. —APP