

Youm-e-Shuhada Police observed in Sahiwal

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SAHIWAL: Youm-e-Shuhada-e-Police (Police Martyrs Day) was observed here on Thursday to pay tributes to those police officers and jawans who sacrificed their lives for protection of motherland belongs to Sahiwal.

The day dawned with special prayers in mosques for eternal peace of the martyrs. Quran Khwani was held in all major mosques of the for martyrs' souls.

District Police Officer Sahiwal Sadiq Balouch said fight against terrorism is our definite national resolve, which has enabled us to fight out the menace from our soil.

He extended his deepest reverences to the courageous contributions of the martyred police personnel. DPO said our heroic Law Enforcement Agencies have rendered enormous sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. He said the unforgettable sacrifices of forces have undoubtedly guaranteed a peaceful Pakistan for our future generations.

DPO Sadiq Balouch despite being under-equipped and under-resourced, the Sahiwal Police had shown astonishing courage.

These sacrifices made the Sahiwal Police regain the confidence of the general public. He said that the threat of terrorism has recently been reduced due to strenuous efforts of police and other law enforcement agencies.

Rich tributes paid to martyrs on Police Martyrs Day

Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Punjab Police jointly organized a ceremony to pay tribute to the Police Martyrs at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall, Abbasia Campus, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur here on Thursday.

Addressing the occasion, Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Raja Jahangir Anwar said that police martyrs are our pride. When the head of the family leaves, the family is always sad, but the spirit of these families is admirable.

A package has also been given by the Punjab Government for Shohada-e-Police. Police men and officers walk with their lives at risk all day long. May Allah accept the sacrifices of these martyrs. Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the whole university pays tribute to the families of these martyrs and assure them of special support and scholarships for the higher education. Regional Police Officer Bahawalpur Sadiq Ali Dogar said that martyred policemen and officers are a source of pride for this country.



RAWALPINDI: Metro Bus Service officials and staff gather near Rehmanabad Metro Station where a metro bus caught fire.

High standards be maintained in clinics, hospitals and labs: Khalid Maqbool

Says life and health are related to health sector

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Former Governor Punjab and Chairman Board of Management, Institute of Public Health Lt. Gen. (ret) Khalid Maqbool has said that human life and health are related to the health sector, so high standards should be maintained in hospitals, clinics and laboratories.

It is important to ensure that every health facility has a strong system of quality assurance and check and balance so that people have confidence in their system and do not go abroad for treatment.

He expressed these views while addressing the opening ceremony of a month long training course on Minimum Service Delivery Standards for Health Professionals in collaboration of the Punjab Healthcare Commission at the Institute of Public Health.

More than 20 health professionals, pharmacists from private as well as public hospitals are participating in the one-month training course as master trainers.

Dean IPH Professor Dr. Zarfashan Tahir, faculty members of the institute, Director Clinical Governance PHC Dr. Mushtaq Silharia and other officers participated in the in-



inauguration ceremony.

Dr Mushtaq Silharia said that the Punjab HealthCare Commission has introduced the minimum service delivery standards (MSDS), registration of hospitals, sanatoriums, private clinics and laboratories in a documented form so that the people can get the best treatment facilities.

He further said that PHC is actively working to introduce a culture of clinical governance in the province and the commission has introduced a robust system of regula-

tions enforcement and monitoring so that the quality of our hospitals and laboratories can meet the standards of international organizations.

Dean Institute of Public Health, Dr. Zarfashan Tahir, while addressing the ceremony, said that the Institute had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Healthcare Commission to extend cooperation for the improvement of public health and the current one-month course is also a link in the same chain.

Dr Zarfashan Tahir said that the health managers and health professionals participating in the course will not only get an opportunity to benefit from each other's experiences but also as master trainers, they will gain knowledge about the minimum service delivery standards of the Punjab Healthcare Commission. By doing this, MSDS will not only be implemented in their hospitals, but the administrative doctors of other hospitals will prove to be helpful in providing training to health managers of other hospitals.

She further informed that certificates will also be distributed to the participants on completion of the one-month training course.



LAHORE: A woman rides scooty without wearing helmet as cross a traffic warden van on a road.

Govt to set up Wasa in Sialkot, Sahiwal

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab government is planning to establish Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) in Sialkot and Sahiwal also.

It was stated by Punjab Local Government Secretary Imran Sikander Baloch while presiding over a meeting with representative of Asian Development Bank, here on Thursday.

The secretary said that work on development projects would be accelerated in both cities after monsoon, adding that more new projects were being started for the people of Sialkot and Sahiwal in November. He said that three public parks had been completed under the Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Programme (PICIP) in Sialkot and modern solid waste management machinery had also been provided there.

Imran Sikandar Baloch said that the scope of PICIP was being extended to seven more cities of Punjab, which included Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Muzaffargarh, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Dera Ghazi Khan and Multan. Local Government deputy secretary development, deputy secretary coordination, PICIP project director also participated in the meeting.

LDA demolishes various illegal structures in City

LAHORE: The Lahore Development Authority (LDA) Town Planning Wing Zone-I staff demolished various illegal buildings on Thursday for non-approval of map and other violations in Gulshan-e-Ravi, Ferozpur Road and LDA controlled areas.

According to an LDA spokesperson, the Authority demolished illegal construction on plot number 612 and 398 Block E, construction on plot number 11, block-I, which was constructed without approval of a map and sealed illegal commercial build-

ings at blocks A, C, E, F, G, J and K at Gulshan-e-Ravi. The LDA also demolished illegal service station near Diyal House at Canal Road. LDA Director General Amir Ahmad Khan said that the Authority would not tolerate illegal construction within its controlled area, adding that the operation against illegal constructions and commercial activities would continue.

LWMC completes cleaning areas of Imambargahs

The Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) has completed

phase-wise cleaning areas of 121 Imambargahs in all towns of the city.

According to the LWMC sources here on Thursday, company's Chief Executive Officer Rafia Haider said the LWMC was implementing Muharram cleanliness plan in letter and spirit and trying to ensure the best cleanliness arrangements on procession routes.

She appealed to people to cooperate with the LWMC staff and said that citizens could contact on the LWMC helpline 1139 for redressal of their complaints. —Agencies

Deforestation needs to end

Zobaria Ibrahim

Major portion of the land area on our planet is covered by forests i.e. approximately 31 percent.

Forests provide jobs to so many people and many animals depend on forests for their survivals.

Roughly 13 million people are indulged themselves in forests, they earn from the forests, they live in there, they spent their whole life there. Forests soak carbon dioxide and release oxygen that contributes to a healthy environment. But due to substantial increase in human activities forests are in under assault that is known as deforestation.

Despite the quickly developing dangers of environmental change, lessening deforestation remains as a vital relief step in the fight to conserve our planet. Woods store monstrous measures of carbon, give various biological system administrations, and are among the most bio diverse biomes on earth. Notwithstanding their worth, backwoods, and particularly tropical rainforests, are under attack by human movement. For instance, till today there is almost 17 percent of forests have been destroyed due to deforestation in Amazon which is a huge loss for environment. We don't need forests just for the sake of oxygen but for many other reasons also like heat trapping greenhouse gases that human activities discharge that cause increase in the global warming. Moreover, there are several important policies that relate directly with forests and ecosystems, such as the National Forest Policy 2015, Climate Change Policy 2012 and Environment Policy 2005 that provide the foundation for the REDD+ Strategy. Cultivating, grazing of animals, mining, and penetrating joined record for the greater part of all deforestation. Ranger service practices, out of control

fires and, in little part, urbanization represent the rest. In Malaysia and Indonesia, woodlands are chopped down to clear a path for delivering palm oil, which can be found in everything from cleanser to saltines. In the Amazon, cows farming and homesteads—especially soy estates—are key offenders. Logging tasks, which give the world's wood and paper items, likewise fell innumerable trees every year. Lumberjacks, some of them acting unlawfully, additionally assemble streets to get to an ever increasing number of distant woodlands—which prompts further deforestation. Backwoods are likewise cut because of developing never-ending suburbia as land is produced for homes. Not all deforestation is purposeful. Some is brought about by a blend of human and normal components like out of control fires and overgrazing, which may forestall the development of youthful trees.

Increasing agriculture, due to an increased population is also another reason of deforestation. Rising interest has made motivations to change backwoods over to farmland. When a woods is lost to farming, it is typically gone everlastingly—alongside a large number of the plants and animals that once lived there. Flames are a characteristic and useful component of many backwoods scenes, however they are dangerous when they happen in some unacceptable spot, at some unacceptable recurrence or at some unacceptable seriousness. Every year, a great many sections of land of woodland all throughout the planet are annihilated or corrupted by fire. A similar sum is lost to logging and horticulture joined. Fire is regularly utilized as an approach to clear land for different uses like planting crops. These flames not just adjust the design and organisation of backwoods, yet they can open up woodlands to intrusive species, under-

mine natural variety, modify water cycles and soil ripeness, and annihilate the livelihoods of individuals who live in and around the timberlands.

As this is the well-known fact that forests are carbon sinks that helps to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. But when forests are removed or burnt, they emit carbon rather than absorb carbon that cause around 15% of all greenhouse emission. Effective policies help deforestation for this regard, WWF try to prevent forests through several approaches like: To dispose of probably the biggest driver of deforestation—the unreliable development of agrarian tasks—WWF is centered around guaranteeing that agribusiness, governments, and others meet their responsibilities to assist with rationing the world's woodlands. Doing so wedges the qualities of two methodologies WWF uses to stop deforestation. One is the capacity, by means of REDD+ programs, to draw in with governments. The other is the capacity, by means of the Forest Stewardship Council and other market-based affirmation plans, to draw in with farming makers. People have utilized backwoods for fuel for millennia, and 2.6 billion individuals today actually use biomass—primarily wood and charcoal—for cooking. WWF attempts to advance bio-energy from scrap wood, oil and fats, sugar and starch harvests, deposits and squanders, and even green growth to diminish dependence on backwoods and reduction ozone depleting substance discharges. WWF's vision is that by 2050, 100% of the world's energy will come from feasible, sustainable sources, including bio-energy. Hoping to see a better and sustainable environment...!

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Tom delighted to see England on road to Pakistan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: British High Commission (BHC) Deputy Head of Communication Tom de Fonblanque was thrilled to see the long-awaited England tour to Pakistan, taking place in September-October, this year.

"I'm absolutely thrilled, it's been such a long time but we will win. Pakistan's been waiting for 17 years, it's time for some practice and play some cricket," he said in a video message received here.

England was set to tour Pakistan for a seven-match T20I series ahead of the ICC Men's Twenty20 World Cup 2022. For the first time in 17 years, England was set to visit Pakistan to play a seven-match T20I series in September-October 2022.

The series would kick off on September 20 in Karachi, where the two sides will play the first four games before the action heads to Lahore for the last three T20Is.

The limited-overs series would be vital to both sides for their preparation ahead of this year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup in October-November. England and Pakistan were the second and third-ranked teams in the ICC Men's T20I Team Rankings currently and are also among the favourites for the marquee event later this year in Australia.



LAHORE: People buy national flags at Ganpat Road. —Online