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## Islam teaches us love, affection, peace and brotherhood: Governor

-Says Pakistan belongs to all without discrimination of religion and caste

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman has said that Islam teaches us love, affection, peace and brotherhood.

Pakistan belongs to all without discrimination of religion and caste. We have to mould it according to the vision of the founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and make it a welfare state.

No matter what the circumstances are, the sacrifices of our Christian, Sikh and Hindu brothers are always a beacon for the development and stability of the country. He was addressing a ceremony held under the auspices of Muslim League (N) Minority Wing on the occasion of National Minority Day at Governor House

Lahore today. On the occasion, Senator Kamran Michael, Central President of Muslim League Minority Wing Suresh Kumar, Inderjeet Singh, Senior Journalist Naeem Qaiser, Shakeel Marcus Khokhar and Pastor Shahzad Siddique were present.

Addressing the ceremony, Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the freedom and peace with which the non-Muslim minorities are living in Pakistan today is a shining example for the people living in this region. Minority brothers are contributing to all fields of life for the development and prosperity of the country.

He underlined the need to promote the culture of tolerance and inter faith harmony in the society.

Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said

that the PML-N government has provided equal development opportunities to the minorities, adding that party leadership made Kamran Michael first finance minister, while nominated in important ministries including the human rights minister and in the senate. On this occasion, Governor Punjab appreciated the services of all Pakistani minorities in the government, judicial and defense sectors.

On this occasion, Senator Kamran Michael said that no Pakistani belonging to a minority community in the country has ever been guilty of disloyalty to the country.

He said that we have revealed the bright face of the country all over the world. At the end of the ceremony, Fatiha was recited for the martyrs of Lasbela, Pakistan Army and Police.



### NAMAZ TIMING



FAJAR.....04:20 AM  
JUMA.....1:30 PM  
ASR.....5:15 PM  
MAGRIB.....07:00 PM  
ISHA.....8:45 PM

### Quick Read

#### 13 dead, 1,054 injured in 1,022 road traffic crashes in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Emergency Service Department (PESD) Responded to 1022 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs 13 people died, whereas 1054 were injured. Out of this 615 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals. Whereas, 439 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (71%) involved Motorbikes, therefore effective enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce this an increasing the number of Road Traffic Crashes.

Further, the analysis showed that 542 drivers, 26 underage drivers, 109 pedestrians, and 416 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes. The statistics show that 263 RTCs were reported in Lahore which affected 278 persons placing the Provincial Capital at top of the list followed by 91 Multan with 88 victims and at third Faisalabad with 71 RTCs and 73 victims. The details further reveal that 1067 victims were affected by road traffic crashes including 871 males & 196 females, while the age group of the victims shows that 216 were under 18 years of age, 550 were between 18 and 40 years and rest of the 301 victims were reported above 40 years of age. According to the data 882 motorbikes, 98 auto-rickshaws, 95 motorcars, 35 vans, 12 passenger buses, 20 trucks and 97 other types of auto vehicles and slow-moving carts were involved in aforesaid road traffic accidents.

#### No room for negligence and incompetency: Minister

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Provincial Minister for Transport Muhammad Muneeb Sultan Cheema paid visit to Punjab Transport Company on Thursday.

Chief Executive Officer PTC Khawaja Sikandar Zeeshan welcomed the minister and presented bouquet to him.

Transport Enforcement Inspectors presented guard of Honour to the Provincial Minister. Later, Muneeb Sultan Cheema chaired a high level meeting. Chairman Punjab Transport Company Haroon Akbar, Vice Chairman Aun Sadiq, CEO Khawaja Sikandar Zeeshan and other officers attended the meeting.

The minister briefed about the structure, working, legal and financial issues of the company. While addressing the participants, the provincial minister assured his cooperation for resolving the problems. Moreover, he directed the officers and officials to observe office timings. All employees must work hard as incompetency and negligence will not be tolerated, he added. Shield was



LAHORE: Workers remove Astroturf from National Hockey Stadium for the PTI public gathering (Jalsa) to be held on August 13

## 1,450 new industrial units set up in 24 small industrial estates of province: Aslam

By Our Staff Reporter

**LAHORE:** Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce Mian Aslam Iqbal chaired a departmental briefing meeting in the committee room of the Punjab Board of Investment & Trade, in which Secretary Industries and Commerce Dr. Ahmed Javed Qazi gave a detailed briefing regarding the affairs and development projects of the department. The Provincial Minister directed to speed up the development work in Special Economic Zones and Industrial Estates and said that the development work in the industrial states should be completed by working day and night.

The provincial minister said that a new board of FIDEMC should be formed and

all matters of the board should be corrected within a month. The PBIT will decide on applications for SEZ Enterprises status within three days. Delay will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He directed to speed up the pace of colonization in industrial states and said that the development work of export processing zone Sialkot should be done on priority basis. He said that 1450 new industrial units have been set up in 24 small industrial estates of the province. Mian Aslam Iqbal directed to speed up the loan schemes of PSIC. The Provincial Minister directed the DG Industries to fully implement the price control mechanism and ordered to carry out a vigorous campaign to prevent reduce in weight. He said that the target of preparing

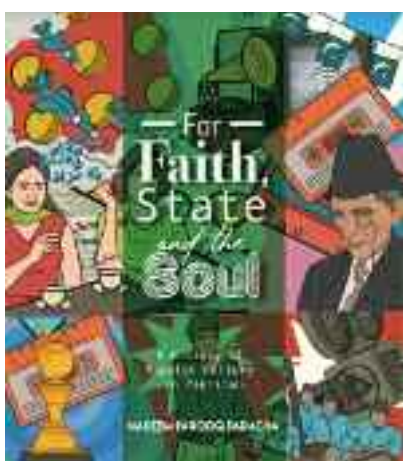
quality skilled manpower must be achieved.

Three new technical universities have been established in the province while four technical universities will be established Rawalpindi. He said that technical universities also have to give results.

The provincial minister said that the Consumer Protection Council should also play its effective role to protect the rights of consumers, the time for meetings is over, now they have to work and give results. Only those will be part of my team who will work hard, he concluded. Secretary Industry and Commerce Dr. Ahmad Javed Qazi, CEO Punjab Investment Board Jalal Hasan and heads of subsidiary institutions attended the meeting.



## Markings Publishing commemorates Pakistan's 75th anniversary of Pakistan



**LAHORE:** Markings Publishing launches its new title, For Faith, State, and the Soul: A History of Popular Culture in Pakistan, authored by acclaimed Pakistani historian Nadeem Farooq Paracha, popularly known as NFP. The book is now available in bookstores across Pakistan and online for audiences across the world.

For Faith, State and the Soul chronicles 75 years of the country's cultural traditions, initiatives and victories. Divided into pre partition and post partition, it chronicles decades leading up to 2020s, the book creatively illustrates the evolution of popular culture within Pakistan over the decades, while authoring the socio-political events which have navigated this culture over the years.

"Popular culture emerges from the people for the people. It is organic. Unfortunately, its history and evolution hasn't been very well documented in Pakistan. My book attempts to explore this evolution as a way to celebrate it, and more so, understand what drives it" said Nadeem Farooq Paracha on the launch of the book. CEO, Markings Kiran Aman said; "We are delighted to publish NFP's work, reflective of his signature satire and his unique lens on the history of Pakistan. For Faith, State, and the Soul: A History of Popular Culture in Pakistan is a fascinating journey through Pakistan's popular culture, relevant across generations." The book will be available to purchase nationwide at Liberty Books, Polly & Other Stories, Ensemble Home, Pith, Tali, La Villa and Serai Concept Store. The book will also be available to order worldwide at Amazon.com —PR

## Pakistan Army, Houbara Foundation International join hands

By Our Staff Reporter



**LAHORE:** Pakistan Army and Houbara Foundation International Pakistan jointly broadcasted seeds of desert plants over the Cholistan Desert this morning for the 24th consecutive year. Wildlife habitats are being degraded the world over because of over-grazing and wood-cutting by local communities. Consequently, wild animals and birds are unable to find their favourite foods in sufficient quantities, resulting in their rapid decline and ecological imbalances. In 1998, Houbara Foundation International

Pakistan undertook to reinforce the diminishing vegetation through aerial broadcast of seeds of desert plants in the Cholistan Desert, which is the prime wintering habitat of the Houbara Bustard. 177 kg seeds of houbara's favourite food plants have been broadcasted this year bringing the total seeds broadcast in the last 23 years to over 2789 kg. Regular monitoring of the habitat shows encouraging results, and higher yields of germination are expected as the work goes on. Restoration of complete habitats is a long and laborious task. But, with dedicated support of Pakistan Army, Houbara Foundation aims at continuing to work on this project and restore the ecological balance by reinforcing the desert vegetation and building up populations of the houbara and other wildlife species.