

IG Punjab expressed anger over incidents of torture and escape of accused from custody

Says strict action be taken against those who are responsible

By our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General Police (IGP), Punjab Faisal Shahkar has said that incidents of torture and escape of accused in police custody are not acceptable under any circumstances, strict departmental and legal action should be taken against the responsible supervisory officers and officials involved in such incidents.

IG Punjab expressed strong displeasure over the incident of death of a citizen in Sargodha police custody. He directed RPO Sargodha that the officials involved in this unfortunate incident should not only be arrested but should also be given severe punishment. IG Punjab directed that if incident of death of an accused while in custody occurs in any district in future, then the district police officer will also have to answer. IG Punjab, while expressing concern over the increase in the rate of crime in the provincial capital Lahore, directed that a special campaign to eradicate street crime and organized crime should be launched in all major cities of the province including Lahore. He said that operations should be conducted on a daily basis against organized groups involved in robbery, dacoity, kidnapping, murder and other heinous crimes. IGP directed to submit progress report to Central Police Office regularly. IG Punjab directed that a strong crackdown should be taken against the big gangs involved in the nefarious drug trade and supply chain, especially the anti-social elements who lure the young students to fashionable and dangerous drugs. IG Punjab directed that priority operations should be conducted against criminals of drug supply chain in educational institutions and hostels of major districts. In view of the dangers of smog, IG Punjab directed the officers to speed up countermeasures with the district administration to prevent smog in all the districts of the province and take immediate actions against smoke-emitting vehicles, factories, kilns and crop residue. He directed that Punjab Highway Patrol and Traffic Police should take concrete measures to prevent traffic accidents on the roads. IG Punjab issued these instructions to all the RPOs, DPOs of the province while presiding over the RPOs Conference at the Central Police Office today. During the conference, all RPOs, CPDs and DPOs of the province participated through video link. In the conference, CCPO Lahore, RPOs and DPOs gave a briefing about police operations. IG Punjab appreciated performance of concerned officers for the peaceful conduct of by-elections in 6 districts. IG Punjab stressed upon field officers to take strict legal actions against accused of gender crimes and vehicle theft crimes.



LAHORE: A vendor wears new bank note 75 rupees garlands showing for photograph in his shop.

Anti-polio drive to start from 24th in 14 districts of Punjab

Drive will continue for seven days in high-risk districts of Lahore, Pindi and Faisalabad

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The anti-polio campaign will start in 14 districts of Punjab from October 24.

According to the Health department sources on Wednesday, the drive will continue for seven days in the high-risk districts of Lahore, Rawalpindi and Faisalabad, while it will conclude after five days in the other 11 districts - Mianwali, Khushab, Sialkot, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Layya, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Rahim Yar Khan, Dera Ghazi Khan and Rajanpur.

The special campaign for polio eradication is aimed at vaccinating as many as 11.18 million children up to the age of five years, with deployment of more than 97,000 polio workers.

To review the arrangements in connection with the campaign, a meeting of the Provincial Task force for Polio Eradication was held at the Civil Secretariat. Chief Secretary Punjab Abdullah Khan Sumbal, Secretary Health Dr Irshad Ahmad and representatives of international organizations working for polio eradication attended the meeting while Provincial Health Minister Dr. Akhtar Malik

and deputy commissioners of the respective districts participated through video link.

Speaking on the occasion, Provincial Health Minister Akhtar Malik said that the country would be made polio-free for the health and safe future of children.

He said that special arrangements must be made for the anti-polio campaign in flood-affected areas.

Chief Secretary Abdullah Khan Sumbal directed that the special campaign to eradicate polio be made a success. He asked the deputy commissioners to personally monitor the anti-polio drive in the districts, besides

paying special attention to the coverage of the 'missed children'.

He said that everyone needed to continue working with national spirit for the complete eradication of polio. He also appreciated the cooperation of international organizations in efforts to eradicate polio. Secretary Primary Health Dr. Irshad Ahmad said while giving the briefing that the coverage ratio in the August anti-polio campaign was 103 percent as 2.26 million children were given polio vaccine against the set target of 2.19 million. He maintained that no case of polio had been reported in Punjab since October 2020.

Kasur Police arrest two members of robbery gang

By Mansab Ali Bhatti Rajpoot

KASUR: Police station Thy Sheikh arrested two members of the robbery gang involved in several serious incidents of robbery, road robbery and theft while a robber managed to escape, has a robber actually escaped? Or the police have resorted to a self-made story to hide their incompetence because two robbers were caught and one escaped while the three robbers would be in the same place.

According to sources, to make the newly deployed police captain happy and to show his performance, all the police stations' SHO turn around for a few days, presenting evidence of his duty, and to what extent the legitimate or illegitimate way has been adopted to do these activities, because source says that these actions have been done for a few days and then the campaign against the robbers will be buried in the cold box. According to the police spokesman, Sheikhhkam police has arrested two robbers, including the accomplices, and recovered cash, mobile phones and illegal weapons from the possession of the accused.



According to police, dacoit gang chief Abdullah Ishaq had formed a gang comprising of his other colleagues who were extremely dangerous and did not even avoid firing on resistance. The suspects used to steal a motorcycle, raid on road robbery and house robbery.

SHO Muhammad Arshad, using professional skills with his team, arrested the dacoit gang.

During the course of the investigation, the suspects have revealed about a dozen incidents and they are being investigated further.

CEO District Health Authority Kasur visits Tehsil Headquarters hospital Chunian
Dr Syed Azhar Abbas Naqvi Chief Executive Officer District

Health Authority Kasur visited Tehsil Headquarters hospital Chunian, reviewed the facilities and cleaning arrangements given to patients in the hospital. Medical Superintendent Dr Rai Bilal Bin Munir said that there is a lot of medicines for dengue and outdoor and indoor patients in the hospital, there are about 2 million syringes and drip sets in the hospital, which will be released to patients after the DTL drug testing laboratory report. On this occasion, Deputy Health Officer Dr. Muhammad Bilal Sabir and other staff were present.

CEO health expressed satisfaction with the facilities provided for patients by the Tehsil Headquarters hospital.

ECP losing its credibility with its biased attitude, says Cheema

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Advisor to CM Punjab on Information and Interior Omer Sarfraz Cheema has said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insanaaf's narrative of true independence has been appreciated and supported by all stratas of society.

This is the reason why the band of thieves is already afraid of the expected flood of people in PTI long march. Omer Sarfraz Cheema said that during previous PTI regime, substantial steps were taken to get Pakistan out of FATF grey list.

He further said that the federal government should stop using state institutions against political opponents. Election Commission is losing its credibility due to its biased attitude, he maintained. Election Commission will not be allowed to take away the public mandate of PTI, he further stated.

Kasur DC pays surprise visit to Patuki THQ hospital

Rizwan Asghar

KASUR: Deputy Commissioner, Kasur, Fayyaz Ahmed Mohal, on Thursday paid a surprise visit to Tehsil Patuki, reviewed the medical facilities in THQ Hospital and ongoing development projects.

During the visit to the Tehsil Headquarters (THQ) Hospital, the Deputy Commissioner inquired about the attendance of doctors, paramedical staff, cleanliness, medical facilities provided to the patients and their families. The DC inquired from the public about the behaviour of the officers and service delivery, checked the quality of construction materials during the review of ongoing development schemes in Tehsil Pattoki and directed that timely completion of development schemes and use of 100 percent high quality materials. It should be ensured that no negligence and negligence will not be tolerated, he said. The Deputy Commissioner also heard the problems of the citizens and issued orders to solve them on-the-spot.

An awareness seminar was also organised in which representatives of civil society including businessmen, citizens and

social personalities participated.

While addressing the seminar, the Deputy Commissioner said that the current weather is favourable for smog, so all available resources should be used to control it. Indiscriminate actions are being taken against those causing environmental pollution, including those who burn crop residues, smoke-emitting vehicles and factories, he appealed to the public to take precautionary measures regarding smog.

Action against smog causing factory, another warned; fine imposed

On the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Kot Radhakshan Larib Aslam took action against the smog-causing factory and fine of Rs 1.30 lac was imposed while giving warning to a factory.

According to details, Assistant Commissioner of Tehsil Kot Radhakshan Larib Aslam sealed a steel mill which was causing smog and pollution and imposed a fine of 80,000 rupees. Similarly, a fine of 50,000 rupees was imposed on Kohi Noor factory and a warning was issued. On this occasion, the Assistant Commissioner said that on the orders of the Punjab government, crackdown has been launched

PFA discards 600kg fungus-infested candied fruit, vegetable

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An enforcement team of Punjab Food Authority (PFA) has ceased the production of a murabba unit and discarded 600kg of candied fruit during the raid conducted under the supervision of PFA Director General Mudassar Riaz Malik. He said PFA has lodged a First Information Report (FIR) against the accused over violations of the Punjab Pure Food Regulations. He said that the unit was functional in a house located in Shad Bagh, Lahore. He said that rotten fruits and vegetables had been preserved in a stinky environment after coating them with hazardous chemicals. Meanwhile, the PFA team witnessed an abundance of flies and insects on fungus-infested murabba and worst condition of hygiene. Apart from that, the food business operator failed to present the necessary record to the raiding team on the spot.

PFA DG further said that substandard candied fruits and vegetables were supplied to local hotels and in the market after packing in attractive packaging just to draw the attention of customers. Mudassar said that the provincial food regulatory body has escalated its operations activities against the counterfeiter and adulteration mafia in Punjab as well as fully committed to ensuring the provision of safe and healthy food as per the vision of the Punjab government.

Rs57.90m relief provided to citizens on orders of Ombudsman Punjab

From Our Staff Reporter

MINCHINABAD: As a result of the action taken by the Office of the Ombudsman Punjab on applications of different plaintiffs, the Punjab Benevolent Fund Lahore has released long-pending 96,000 rupees to Muhammad Naem and one lakh 17000 rupees to Umar Daraz Khan of Multan, 1.12 lakh rupees to Ms Munawar Yasmin of Lahore, 2.7 lakh rupees to Syed Ulfat Hussain Shah of Gujrat and 28,000 rupees to Safdar Hussain Khan of Sargodha. These amounts have been paid as an educa-

tional stipend, and marriage and funeral grants. The spokesman of the Office of the Ombudsman Punjab stated this in a statement issued on Thursday. The spokesman noted that 4.9 kanal of government land has been retrieved by the tehsil administration from squatters in the Kamalia area of TT Singh having a market value of 44.5 million. The action has been taken on the complaint of one Abdul Haseeb. Meanwhile, the regional ombudsman office in Lahore intervened to ensure that the local government department paid Rs.68,51,88 to the complainant Wajid Ahmad, the spokesman added. Similarly, the high-

ways department in Pakpattan paid pension dues worth Rs.66,95,728 to the heirs of a deceased employee after the involvement of the Sahiwal office. On a separate application, the Multan Development Authority, Multan allotted a 15-marla alternate plot worth Rs.53,62,500 to Iqbal Hussain Shah of Khanawal, the spokesman reported. The ombudsman office also mediated to ensure that the labor department paid one lakh rupees as a marriage grant to Mukhtar Ahmad of Lahore while Muhammad Zaman Hussain of Sialkot has been recruited as a sanitary worker.

Dacoit killed in encounter

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A dacoit was killed in an encounter with Dolphin Force in Johar Town here on Thursday.

Police said two dacoits were looting people at Ayyub Chowk. On receiving information, Dolphin officials reached the spot while the bandits started firing when they saw them and fled.

SCCLB approves procedure for payment to flood victims

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Environment Protection and Cooperatives Mohammad Basharat Raja chaired the meeting of the Sub-Committee of Cabinet on Legislative Business (SCCLB), approved the procedure for payment of relief grant to flood victims in Punjab. Cabinet Committee was informed that the Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) would transfer the amount to Punjab Bank which would be directly received by the affected families. "A complete database of affected families has been developed and they will be notified through SMS. The tradition of issuing government cheques and the requirement to open an account has been done away with. If the recipient wants, he or she can withdraw the money as needed or take it all at once.

A debit card will also be issued in this regard" said DG PDMA. Provincial Law Minister Khuram Shehzad Virk and Communications and Works Minister Ali Afzal Sahi also participated in the meeting.

LUMS Energy Institute makes important contribution to Pak electricity issue

LAHORE: The LUMS Energy Institute released its second edition of Pakistan Electricity Outlook 2022 - a report with a detailed analysis of the electric power system of Pakistan.

It carries a critical review of the National Transmission & Despatch Company's (NTDC) Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) for 2021.

During the ceremony, Dr. Fiaz Chaudhry, Director, of LUMS Energy Institute, shared that following the launch of the first edition of the Pakistan Electricity Outlook released in January 2020, spurred unprecedented decisions in the power sector by the government.

"LUMS Energy Institute was established as a think-tank and centre of excellence for improved policy outcomes across the energy landscape of Pakistan. We are proud to operate as a knowledge hub of Pakistan in the most objec-



tive manner and will continue to do so to exemplify talent, independence, and professionalism," said Dr. Chaudhry. The Report involves modelling and analysis of the NTDC system through LUMS in-house Power Dispatch Model (LPDM) from 2022 up to 2029-30. The results cover several points like capacity and energy balance, dispatch analyses by fuel type, capacity payments. —PR