

Security of City, religious places remained tightened on Juma tul Mubarak: CCPO

By Our Staff Reporter



LAHORE: Security of the city including mosques, Imam Bargahs, shrines of saints, religious places, markets and sensitive installations remained highly tightened on the eve of Juma tul Mubarak. CCPO

Lahore Additional IG Ghulam Mahmood Dogar had issued directions to the senior police officers including all the divisional SPs to ensure foolproof security arrangements in wake of the present country situation. Senior Police Officers personally visited different areas of the city including mosques, religious places, markets and business hubs to check the security arrangements. All the SsP, SDPOs and related officers reviewed and ensured stringent security arrangements throughout the city particularly at masjid and religious places.

Police officers and officials along with members of the Dolphin Squad and Police Response Unit remained alert and conducted effective patrolling at all the sensitive mosques and Imam Bargahs. Police checked all the vehicles, particularly suspicious persons at the entry and exit points of the city. Moreover, search and sweep operations were also conducted around religious places, sensitive installations and important areas of the city. Heavy contingents of Dolphin Squad, PRU, Elite force, security agencies and Lahore Police participated in the search operations. Police personnel checked all the suspicious persons in various parts of the city with the help of biometric and latest android devices.

According to the spokesperson of Lahore Police, search operations were meant to create a sense of security among the citizens and maintain law and order situation in the provincial capital. General holdup was also held by Lahore Police in different areas of the city to eradicate criminals and anti peace elements. Temporary police pickets were established on major roads, markets, financial institutions, public places and crime hotspots. The purpose of the general holdup was to make security more effective and curb criminals and anti peace elements. The supervisory officers monitored the process of checking of the suspicious vehicles and persons.



LAHORE: LCCI President Kashif Anwar and Vice President Adnan Khalid Butt present a souvenir to Charge d'Affairs of Philippines Maria Agnes M. Cervantes.

LCCI office-bearers meet Charge d'Affairs of Philippines, DG IPO

The Philippines has made great progress for Halal Certification

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: President of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry Kashif Anwar and Vice President on Friday met Charge d'Affairs of Philippines Maria Agnes M. Cervantes and Director General Intellectual Property Rights (IPO) Shazia Adnan in two separate meetings and have fruitful discussions. Vice President Adnan Khalid Butt President Pakistan Philippines Business Forum Engineer Haseeb Khan and LCCI Executive Committee Members were also present on the occasion.

Charge d'Affairs of the Embassy of Philippines Maria Agnes M. Cervantes said that her country has keen interest in strengthening trade and economic ties with Pakistan and wants to enhance mutual trade volume to the maximum level.

She urged the business community of Pakistan to come forward and explore the untapped international trade markets of Philippines. She said that there is a huge potential to increase the volume of mutual trade. She said both the countries are enjoying cordial trade relations which should be enhanced. She added that promotion of cul-

tural relations between Pakistan and the Philippines will also strengthen bilateral economic and trade relations. She said that cultural, diplomatic, economic and trade ties have been established between the two countries in many potential sectors, which have wider possibilities of further strengthening bilateral relations in the future, she said.

LCCI President Kashif Anwar said that according to the World Bank data 2021, Philippines has GDP in excess of 390 billion dollars. We are really impressed by the excellent economic performance registered by Philippines during 2021 with growth rate of 5.7%. He said that Pakistan and Philippines have very cordial diplomatic relations and both the countries have been steady trading partners as well. However, the bilateral trade figures hardly reflect these ties.

He said that as per trade data sought from State Bank, Pakistan, I am glad to quote that our exports to Philippines increased from 114 million dollars in 2020-21 to 155 million dollars in 2021-22 while our imports surged from 29 million dollars to 35 million dollars in the same period. This essentially means that our trade volume has increased

from around 143 million dollars to 190 million dollars during that period. You will agree with me that we need to make joint efforts to increase bilateral trade to at least 1 billion dollars. Kashif Anwar said that the biggest potential sector for Pakistan to enhance exports to Philippines is Rice as the President of the Philippines removed restriction on the import of rice. The other potential items are processed food items and pharmaceuticals.

He mentioned that Tourism is one of the priority sectors of the Government due to its tremendous potential. The landscape of Pakistan has everything; one can wish to see - mountains, valleys, rivers, seaside, deserts, open fields etc. Pakistan offers a wide spectrum of tourism ranging from religious to historical places and ancient civilizations to modern architecture. "We seek the support from Philippines - being an important member of ASEAN for getting Pakistan Full-Dialogue partnership with ASEAN. We believe that there are great prospects of increasing trade between Pakistan and Philippines through diversification of products", LCCI President added. LCCI Vice President Adnan Khalid Butt

said that we can also discuss the possibilities for undertaking joint venture projects in Pakistan with the help of Philippines which is primarily considered a newly industrialized country.

He said that both the countries should work on knowledge sharing and technology transfer in the fields of construction, IT, teaching/education and hospitality etc.

LCCI office-bearers said it is heartening to know that Philippines has made great progress as far as Halal Certification is concerned. We would certainly like you to play a role in apprising the investors in Philippines about the tremendous potential of Halal food market in Pakistan and encourage them to develop close liaison with the business community of Pakistan that is the natural base for Halal products.

In a separate meeting, DG IPO Shazia Adnan said that the trademarks are going to be online soon while the copyright and patents will also be available online.

To a question, she said that according to the legal department of IPO, service of company and trademark search cannot be provided free of cost but a suggestion in this regard has been sent to the PM office.



LAHORE: A teacher of a school and students paint clay pots during models exhibition.

CM stands with Imran with full support, says Advisor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The leadership of PML-Q Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhry Pervez Elahi stands with Imran Khan with full support. We jointly reject the decision of the Election Commission.

Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab and Chairman Complaints Cell Zubair Ahmad Khan while reacting to the decision of Election Commission of Pakistan said that the leadership of PML-Q Chief Minister Punjab Ch Parvez Elahi stands with Imran Khan with full support. We jointly reject the decision of the Election Commission. And Imran Khan is the most popular leader of Pakistan and Muslim world. He further said that today's decision proved Imran Khan's position to be true. The Election Commission is the B- team of the PDM government. And today's decision is the darkest chapter in history.

Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab further said that people throw such decisions in the dustbin of history. And after the worst defeat in the by-elections, this government has lost its senses.

Zubair Ahmed Khan further said that Imran Khan will come back with more power. The way of real freedom march cannot be blocked by such tactics.

The writers are freelance

UVAS inks MoU with Varsity of Okara to promote education, research

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore and University of Okara (UO) signed a memorandum of understanding to promote education & research cooperation.

UVAS Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad (SI) and University of Okara Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Wajid signed the MoU in a ceremony held at City Campus.

Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Business Management Prof Dr Muhammad Azam, Registrar Sajjad Hayder and number of UVAS senior faculty members and officials from Okara University were present in the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad said that this cooperation will be very beneficial for both institutions especially for learning/shearing each other experience, innovative knowledge, new ideas and practical skills.

He also briefed Prof Wajid regarding UVAS academic, research projects, lab facilities and services of university.

Prof Dr Wajid sought assistance from UVAS for the development of research & labs facilities of Okara University. He also praised UVAS state of the art lab facilities, quality of education and research.

Under the MoU, both the universities will strengthen collaboration to promote quality research and education through the exchange of expertise and sharing of laboratories facilities with faculty/researchers and students of both institutions. Both parties will jointly arrange training workshops, seminars and conferences on regular basis. Both will collaborate in research projects and joint student thesis supervision and explore the possibilities of conducting joint research projects. Both institutions will share teaching materials, lecture notes, case studies, research reports, working papers, audio-visual materials and software among faculty of both universities.

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Human Nutrition of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore in collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) observed "World Food Day" with the theme of "Leave No One Behind". An awareness seminar and an innovative poster contest featured the day.

Dean Noor International University Prof Dr Tahir Zahoar, Chairperson Nutrition University of Home Economics Asma Bilal, Izhar Ullah Qawal, Dr Waqas Ahmad and a number of faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

Guest speakers emphasized on the need of value addition, minimizing food losses and strengthening food security. They suggested to create awareness among peoples about the pure high quality food by utilize our knowledge and skills.

They urged that knowledge and research is the key way to curb food security issues in Pakistan.

The emerging threat of Lyme disease in the global south

Dr. Muhammad Usman, Prof. Dr. Aneela Zameer Dur-rani

Lyme disease is an emerging vector-borne disease. It is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato*. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of infected blacklegged ticks, i.e., Ixodes. This tick is mainly limited to temperate regions of the world; this is why, this disease has been prevalent in northern parts of the world. However, with changing climate coupled with globalization, distribution and density of this tick have expanded over the years. Consequently, Lyme disease is becoming endemic in those areas like China, Japan, Thailand and Egypt which are previously not known to have this disease. Typical symptoms of this disease include fever,

headache, fatigue, and a characteristic skin rash called erythema migrans. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system. In severe cases, Lyme disease can lead to permanent memory loss in its human patients.

Besides human, dogs are highly susceptible to Lyme disease and the most common clinical picture in dogs includes history of tick infestation, anorexia, lethargy, fever, arthritis, nephritis, and neurological signs. However, most of the seropositive dogs show no clinical sign but they may act as carriers. Since pet dogs maintain a close contact with their owners, any exposure of these dogs to Lyme disease or its vectors reflects corresponding risk to their owners. This is why, many scientists use dogs and ticks as sentinels to assess the risk of Lyme disease in the corresponding human

population. In Pakistan, pet lovers keep more than 0.2 million pet dogs as per a recent estimate. Moreover, most of these dogs are imported from the countries which are endemic to Lyme disease. These factors magnify the potential risk of this disease in Pakistan.

Lyme disease is diagnosed based on symptoms, physical findings (e.g., rash), and the possibility of exposure to infected ticks. Laboratory testing is helpful if used correctly and performed with validated methods. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics. Pet owners and animal farms should take steps to prevent Lyme disease including use of insect repellent, removal of ticks promptly, application of pesticides, and reduction of tick habitat.

Kasur residents facing difficulty in getting quality flour

Mansab Ali Bhatti Rajpoot

KASUR: Citizens are facing extreme difficulty in obtaining flour in Kasur district and its surroundings, while the quality of flour is very poor and the bread (roti) made of this flour is injurious to health.

According to details, the population of Allahabad city is more than 2 lac and in the area of Chuniyan Tehsil, most of the workers and they buy flour and other necessities of life on daily basis. For the population of millions, about six thousand kilograms flour is provided by the Food Department in the city on a daily basis. The quality of flour is extremely poor, it contains bran and sugar in large quantities. Food Inspector Tehsil incharge Shahid Mahmood imposes minor fine to flour supply mills for paperwork while flour mills owners are constantly supplying poor quality of flour.

DC holds open house meeting, listens to public complaints

Rizwan Asghar

KASUR: Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Fayyaz Ahmed Mohal, the Municipal Committee held an open meeting in the office of Mustafaabad, heard the problems of the citizens and issued orders on the spot. On this occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner Revenue Maham Asif Malik, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf leaders Mrs. Muzamal Masood Bhatti, Nadeem Haroon Khan, Qaiser Ayub Sheikh, Shahroz Zeib Kumboh, Assistant Commissioner Kasur Syeda Tehneet Bukhari, CEO Education Authority Abdul Hafeez Bagapuri, Deputy Director Development Saad Bin Shabbir, District Sports Officer Ashfaq Ahmed, CO

District Council, COMC Mustafaabad and a large number of citizens were present. The Deputy Commissioner listened to the citizens in the open court about cleanliness, drainage, sewage, encroachment and other issues and issued orders on the spot. Actions are being taken and indiscriminate action is being taken against smog-causing industrial units, kilns, factories, those who set fire to crop residue and vehicles emitting smoke and imposed a fine of up to 2 lakh rupees. Therefore, all factories, kiln owners and landlords should do their responsibility to prevent the spread of smog. The Deputy Commissioner said that the citizens should take precautionary measures to prevent mosquitoes, improve sanitation and ensure the implementation of

the guidelines of the Health Department. To improve the sanitation system in the district, the Shine and Clean Kasur campaign is going on in full swing, under which work is going on to clean the drains, increase the beauty of parks and green belts. He further said that 1 lakh saplings will be planted in Changa Manga forest next week and the citizens should also plant two saplings of their own share so that we can provide a clean environment to our future generations. Apart from this, the Deputy Commissioner also distributed kits, shoes and other prizes among the players of the team of Government High School No. 1 Mustafaabad who won the Central Punjab Under-16 School Cricket Championship.

Liliani Press Club office-bearers elected

Mian Kashif and Hameed Kasuri have been elected as the president of Liliani Press Club. Congratulations to the colleagues. Kasur Liliani Press Club has been established. A platform was provided for journalists in which office bearers were elected late Thursday.

Mian Shahzad Ahmed, Group Leader Hafiz Nauman Chaudhry, President, Mian Kashif Mian Kashif, Chairman, Rahmat Rahmani Senior Vice President, Dr. Sanul Ali Vice President, Malik Aqib Ali Vice President, Hameed Kasuri General Secretary, Haji Riaz Malik Additional Secretary, Ashiq Hussain Secretary Information, Shafiq Attari Finance Secretary.