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Quick Read

PHSA service structure & other issues to be solved: Pervez

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pakistan Health Support Association (PHSA) has been established among the employees of the Health Department in Government hospitals across Punjab province. In this regard employees working in 36 district hospitals of the Punjab Province have unanimously formed a new body to resolve their problems in a better form. In a meeting held at the Mental Hospital of the Provincial Capital, the office bearers of hospitals of 36 districts of Punjab have elected Rana Pervez of Lahore General Hospital as the Provincial President while Hakeem Khan Niazi of Allied Hospital Faisalabad will be the Provincial Chairman.

Similarly Ghulam Mohiuddin of Mental Hospital Lahore will hold the portfolio of the Provincial General Secretary. It is mentionable that these office bearers have been elected without any voting but consent of all and initially their term of working will be for two years. Moreover later all the rules and regulations and the code of conduct for Association will be prepared separately. On this occasion, the newly elected President of Pakistan Health Support Association, Rana Pervez, especially thanked the employees of Lahore General Hospital and Punjab Institute of Neurosciences, who gave him a warm welcome on his election and showered flower petals on him and appreciated his electoral as President of Association.

Talking about the establishment of Pakistan Health Support Association and its aims and objectives, President Rana Pervez and other office bearers said that there is no doubt that the Health Department of Punjab is of great importance in terms of the number of employees and this Association has been formed to solve the problems of its employees. They said that in view of the increasing number of patients, the recruitment of new employees in the hospitals of Punjab, improvement in the service structure and the permanent solution of people those who have been serving humanity on contract and daily wages for years will raise their voice as per rules and regulation.

They added that ensuring and protection of the rights within the law will be our first responsibility.

12 dead, 1,122 injured in 1,068 road traffic crashes

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service Department (PESD) Responded to 1068 Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in all 37 districts of Punjab during the last 24 hours. In these RTCs 12 people died, whereas 1122 were injured. Out of this 594 people were seriously injured who were shifted to different hospitals. Whereas, 528 minor injured victims were treated at the incident site by Rescue Medical Teams thus reducing the burden of Hospitals.

The majority (72 percent) involved Motorbikes, therefore effective enforcement of traffic laws and lane discipline are essential to reduce this an increasing number of Road Traffic Crashes. Further, the analysis showed that 541 drivers, 30 underage drivers, 136 pedestrians, and 457 passengers were among the victims of these road traffic crashes.

OPs promoting the country's positive image abroad: Governor

Overseas Pakistanis are the pride of the country, says Baligh

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chairman of Advisory Council Muslim League (N) Youth Wing Europe, Shamroz Elahi Ghuman, called on Governor Punjab Balighur Rehman, on Friday at the Governor House.

While talking on this occasion, Governor Punjab said that overseas Pakistanis are the pride of the country. He also said that they are also playing an important role in the country's economy through remittances. Governor Punjab further said that overseas Pakistanis are ambassadors of the country, and they are promoting the country's positive image abroad. Governor Punjab said that overseas Pakistanis are the asset of the country, adding that whenever there was a difficult time for the



country, overseas Pakistanis generously helped their compatriots. The role of overseas

Pakistanis in helping the flood victims is commendable, he said. Governor Punjab said that important steps are being taken to make the role of overseas Pakistanis more effective in the process of economic development.

Speaking on this occasion, Chairman of Advisory Council Muslim League (N) Youth Wing Europe, Shamroz Elahi Ghuman said that the hearts of Pakistanis living abroad always beat for their homeland, and whenever the country is faced with any difficult situation like floods, earthquake or any other calamity, Overseas Pakistanis always stepped forward to help their fellow countrymen in every possible way. He said that Pakistanis living abroad will continue to play their role in the development and prosperity of their beloved country.



LAHORE: Workers prepare traditional crunchy sesame sweet (revari) at their workplace. —Online

Reserves put rupee under pressure despite falling CAD: PIAF

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) has stressed the need for taking bold steps, as the rupee, after remaining stable for almost two weeks, once again started to witness volatile trend, posting a decline for the seventh consecutive session and cumulatively losing Rs3.16 against the US dollar in inter-bank market. In the open market, the rupee is further down and hovering in the range of Rs225-227, which is the major source of concern.

PIAF Chairman Faheem Ur Rehman Saigol observed that the weakness in the local currency is driven by dwindling reserves and uncertainty regarding inflow commitments despite the fact that Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has constantly been saying that the rupee was undervalued and it could soon recover to Rs200 per dollar

mark, which is its real value.

He said that in another key development, the current account deficit (CAD) declined for the third straight month in a row in September. It fell to \$0.3 billion, less than half the level in August. In Q1FY23, the CAD has fallen to \$2.2 billion from \$3.5 billion in Q1FY22, mainly due to a decline in imports. The decline in CAD is a good sign for the South Asian economy already facing dwindling foreign exchange reserves.

The PIAF Chairman observed that having a clear policy to curb the volatility in exchange market, the central bank should be fully geared to act and monitor the movements more vigilantly and should be ahead of the curve as they have more information than an average market player. And being back in the IMF program amid the falling global commodity prices and full coverage of external financing needs, there is

no basis for continuation of the high volatility in exchange rate, he added. The PIAF chairman said that local currency sustained losses throughout the week, and was hovering at 221 levels against the US dollar in the inter-bank market.

He said that the SBP has a stated policy to intervene wherever volatility needs to be curbed without changing the direction, which is now essentially market-determined. The policy is being pursued vigorously on the daily movement. However, the volatility on weekly or monthly basis often turns out to be detrimental for businesses. Since the exchange rate is flexible, speculators jump in; they make quick bucks due to currency volatility.

Faheem Saigol observed that besides increasing exports and controlling imports the government will have to take administrative measures, as a large demand of cash dollars are seen in the market. He

said that there was a complete breakdown of economic policymaking, as the country's fiscal policy had become subservient to monetary and exchange rate policies. It is to be noted that globally, the dollar hung close to a 32-year peak versus the yen while edging up from a two-week trough against a basket of major peers as traders weighed improved risk sentiment against the prospect of aggressive Federal Reserve rate hikes. The dollar index – which measures the currency against six peers including the yen, sterling and euro – edged up to 112.01, after dropping to the lowest since Oct. 6 at 111.76 overnight. Oil prices, a key determinant of currency parity, rose slightly amid plenty of caution as bullish signals like falling US crude stocks and a generally undersupplied market were countered by bearish factors such as uncertain Chinese demand growth and falling gas prices.

PU Radio Centre organises training workshop

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A radio reporting workshop was organized by Punjab University Radio Centre FM 104.6 in collaboration with MAST FM 103 Lahore. In which Ayaz Gull Head of Creatives and Programs Development FM 103, renowned singer Ramuz Ali Qalandri, Program Manager FM 104.6 Irshad Chaudhry, Radio Coordinator Dr. Muhammad Akram Soomro and students participated.

In the workshop, Ayaz Gul informed the students of the news section of FM 104.6 about the method and structure of radio reporting. On this occasion various practical activities were also conducted with the students.

PU awards five PhD degrees

Punjab University has awarded five PhD degrees to the scholars in which Humera Akhtar D/o Muhammad Akhtar in Political Science after approval of her thesis entitled 'Pakistan-US Relations in the Perspective of Afghanistan (2008-2018)', Taufeeq Ahmed Ansari S/o Farooq Ahmed Ansari in Persian after approval of his thesis entitled 'Introduction, Explanation and Analysis of Mystical Terms in the Persian Letters of Shaikh Ahmed Sirhindi with Preface About Author', Hana Mahboob D/o Mahboob Ahmad Saeed in Islamic Studies after approval of her thesis entitled 'Jurisprudential Preferences Discussed by Dr Wahab Al-Zuhayli in Al-Fiqh Al-Islami Wa Adilatuhu and Opinions of his Contemporary Scholars (Analytical and Comparative Study)', Abeera Shaer D/o Farhat Hussain Khurshid in the subject of Biological Sciences (Specialization in Biochemistry) after approval of her thesis entitled 'Comparative Studies on Recombinant Catalases of Thermophilic (Geobacillus Thermopakistanensis) and Mesophilic (Bacillus Subtilis R5) Origins.' and Hafiz Khalid Mahmood S/o Hafiz Wali Muhammad in Islamic Studies after approval of his thesis entitled 'The Analytical Study of Contemporary Fatawa Regarding the Modern Applications of the Injunctions of Hajj'.

Regime change operations

Malik Muhammad Aslam Awan

On August 19, 1953 Muhammad Mussadaq – who ousted Shah Iran and sent him into exile – was replaced by Gen Fazal Ullah Zahidi, Mussadaq was pent up in a Military Jail and America facilitated Shah Iran Raza Shah Pehlvi to come back and resume the reins of state. This regime change operation was conducted by purchasing parliamentarians by dint of funding strategy. It happened for the first time in history that a person who lost the throne and CIA managed his return to the throne. It was due to the fact that Muhammad Mussadaq opposed America's interests and challenged USA supremacy in the region, which America could not tolerate. It seems that inauspicious signs permanently hovering over Pakistan have clutched the fate of Pakistan to pull it back to ever gloomy fate. It is established practice of USA that it never reinstated once ousted person except Raza Shah Pehlvi. Since last four decades same practice is repeated in Pak-

istan. In 1986 Benazir discontinued her self-exile and returned to the country because CIA had made the atmosphere favourable to her return but again she was exiled and in 2007, contracted a pact (NRO) with the America's stooge Musharraf and safely returned back but unfortunately she was assassinated in December 2007 in Liaquat Bagh, Rawalpindi. Liaquat Bagh unluckily had witnessed the murder of two prime ministers on its soil. Due to fears from Benazir, Musharraf 'also' awarded NRO to Nawaz Sharif and he, too, came back to enjoy blessings of Musharraf Government. Owing to the sudden assassination of Benazir, her husband Asif Ali Zardari won the public compassion and became wholly solely master of country's fate.

Nawaz Sharif became the Prime Minister for the third time in 1913 but was again tried and put in jail. On November 19, 2019, the imprisoned PM again managed his safe escape abroad under the pretext of treatment. He enjoys his life in renowned Aven Field and after

three years, his return is being facilitated by his brother Shahbaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of Pakistan. In 2022 Imran Khan Government was replaced by Shahbaz Sharif by voting process but the outgoing PM has developed a stance that his government has been made victim of regime change operation by the US. Imran Khan is hell bent upon regaining his authority by early elections but circumstances do not seem to go to early elections. Elections might be conducted on the due date.

If we recall the history of Pakistan it is noteworthy that politicians of Pakistan – who happened to be the beneficiaries of state benevolences and blessings enjoy a privileged life. In exile lead a luxurious life like princes and princesses to come back again to rule the country. Cat and mouse game is on in the country. Musical power chair game is enjoyed. Go to exile to enjoy and come back to rule to enjoy has become a fashion. Service of general masses is not the motto of politicians, their mission is self

service and asset making all around the globe, where their off-springs may flourish happily.

Everyone has forgotten the end of Pharaohs of Egypt, Namrood, Shadad and Bakht Nasar who were once the cruel rulers and ruled for so long that they committed uncounted cruelties on the masses but now they are symbols of hate to ever remain afresh in the human minds and on pages of history. People recall them as worst human beings to do everything to disservice of humanity to prolong their rule to no end. Human living is so short but lust for wealth and power sees no bounds. This unwanted process might go on till we regain the renaissance of Islam, the lost glory of our forefathers and achieve the goal of economic sovereignty – the guarantee of freedom from foreign interception and dignified place in the comity of nations.

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Aslam asks MD Punjab Small Industries Corporation to raise loan limit to Rs 2 crore

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A delegation of All Pakistan Chambers of Small Traders called on Senior Provincial Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal at 90-Shahra-e-Quaid-e-Azam, on Friday. The delegation was led by Mian Zafar Iqbal, President Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries Faisalabad.

During the meeting, the issues faced by traders and industrialists were discussed. The delegation presented demands for cess and property tax, setting up of a furniture city in Sardogha, power looms, connecting the industrial estate of Vehari with the motorway, and land for offices of chambers in industrial estates. The senior provincial minister assured the delegation to solve the legitimate problems of traders and industrialists on a priority basis.

Speaking to the delegation, Senior Provincial Minister Mian Aslam Iqbal said that the loan limit would be increased from Rs 1 crore to 2 crore. The senior minister directed the MD Punjab Small Industries Corporation to take necessary steps to increase the loan limit to Rs 2 crore. The senior provincial minister also directed to review of the construction of the approach road to connect the Vehari Industrial Estate with the Motorway. Mian Aslam Iqbal said that 24 small industrial estates have been set up across Punjab and the policy of 100% colonization of industrial estates is beginning implemented.