

RDA urges departments concerned to control illegal housing schemes

RAWALPINDI: The Metropolitan Planning Traffic Engineering (MP&TE) Directorate of Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) has requested the departments concerned to help control illegal growth of private housing schemes in Rawalpindi district.

RDA spokesman while talking to APP informed that the authority on the directives of Director General (DG) RDA Muhammad Saif Anwar Jappa had requested different departments including Parks and Horticulture Authority Rawalpindi, Chaklala Cantonment Board, Rawalpindi Cantonment

Board, District Council Rawalpindi and Tehsil Councils of Rawalpindi for cooperation to control mushroom growth of illegal private housing schemes and land sub-divisions in the district.

He said that RDA had also requested Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority to stop private TV channels from airing advertisements of illegal housing societies.

RDA had also requested FIA to initiate action against those individuals and firms who were uploading TVCs and advertisements on social media to sell plots of illegal and unapproved housing schemes, he added.

He said, RDA is a controlling agency to accord permission and No Objection Certificate to private housing schemes in light of the relevant provisions of Punjab Development Authority Land-Use (Classification, Reclassification and Redevelopment) Rules 2021.

The spokesman said that the civic body following the increasing complaints against the owners of illegal private housing societies' looting spree in shape of advertisements on TV channels and social media had taken concrete steps to save citizens from fraudsters. The illegal and unauthorized

housing societies were mushrooming in the district while their owners were also illegally advertising the housing societies on TV channels and social media, he said adding, the DG RDA had advised the citizens not to invest in illegal housing societies.

He said RDA had also warned the sponsors of the illegal housing societies to stop marketing of their unapproved and illegal projects and get NOC and prior approval of their schemes from authorities concerned as per law; otherwise, strict legal action would be taken against them. Muhammad Saif

Anwar Jappa had directed the MP&TE Directorate to take strict action against illegal and unauthorized housing schemes, illegal constructions and commercial activities, booking offices and encroachments without any discrimination, he added.

5 POs arrested during crackdown: Police have arrested five proclaimed offenders during crackdown involved in various cases here on Sunday, informed police spokesman. During course of action, Pirwadhai police arrested 02 proclaimed offenders wanted in cases of attempt of murder.



Thousands march in Canada in solidarity with Iran protests

MONTREAL: Several thousand people marched in Montreal and other Canadian cities in solidarity with protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini in the custody of Iran's notorious morality police.

A wave of street violence has rocked Iran since Amini, 22, died days after her arrest for allegedly failing to observe the Islamic republic's strict dress code for women. Protests were held across the country for a 15th consecutive night on Friday despite a bloody crackdown that rights groups said has left more than 75 people dead.

Tens of thousands have also come out for solidarity rallies in several Canadian cities, including Vancouver, Toronto and the capital Ottawa.

A protest also took place Saturday in the US capital Washington where hundreds of members of the Kurdish community, some bearing placards calling for regime change in Tehran, gathered outside the White House gates. In Canada, public broadcaster CBC showed images from Toronto on Saturday of motorists honking their support for demonstrators lining a 5km stretch of road, wearing "Justice for Mahsa Amini" t-shirts and waving Iranian flags on the end of hockey sticks.

programme and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced a new round on Monday against dozens of Iranian officials. —AFP

Death toll from Indonesian football stampede revised down to 125

MALANG: The death toll from a stampede at a football stadium in Indonesia's East Java province has been revised down to 125, a government official said on Sunday.

East Java Deputy governor Emil Dardak said the data cross-checked from 10 hospitals in the area showed there were 125 fatalities. Earlier, officials had put the figure as high as 174 in one of the world's worst stadium disasters. When frustrated supporters of the losing home team invaded the pitch in Malang in the province of East Java late on Saturday, officers fired tear gas in an attempt to control the situation, triggering the stampede and cases of suffocation, East Java police chief Nico Afinta told reporters.

"It had gotten anarchic. They started attacking officers, they damaged cars," Nico said, adding that the crush occurred when fans fled for an exit gate. The stampede



pede "is a dark day for all involved in football and a tragedy beyond comprehension", FIFA president Gianni Infantino said in a statement issued on Sunday. Video footage from local news channels showed fans streaming onto the pitch after Arema FC lost 3-2 to Persebaya Surabaya around 10pm. Scuffles had been seen, with what appeared to be tear gas in the air.

Images showed people who appeared to have lost consciousness being carried away by other fans. The head of one of the hospitals in the area treating patients told Metro TV that some of the victims had sustained brain injuries and that the

dead included a five-year-old child. World football's governing body FIFA specifies in its safety regulations that no firearms or "crowd control gas" should be carried or used by stewards or police. East Java police did not immediately respond to a request for comment on whether they were aware of such regulations.

Indonesia's human rights commission planned to investigate security on the ground, including the use of tear gas, its commissioner told Reuters. The country's chief security minister, Mahfud MD, said in an Instagram post that the stadium had been filled beyond its capacity. He said 42,000 tickets had been issued for a stadium that is only supposed to hold 38,000 people. Financial aid would be given to the injured and the families of victims, East Java Governor Khofifah Indar Parawansa told reporters. There have been outbreaks of trouble at matches in Indonesia before, with strong rivalries between clubs sometimes leading to violence among supporters. Zainudin Amali, Indonesia's sports minister, told KompasTV that the ministry would re-evaluate safety at football matches, including considering not allowing spectators in stadiums.

The Indonesian top league BRI Liga 1 has suspended games for a week and an investigation had been launched, the Football Association of Indonesia said. Indonesian President Joko Widodo ordered authorities on Sunday to thoroughly re-evaluate security at football matches. —Reuters



Ukraine claims full control of key logistics hub, eyes further gains

KYIV: Ukraine said on Sunday it was in full control of the eastern logistics hub of Lyman, Kyiv's most significant battlefield gain in weeks, which a senior official said could provide a staging post for further gains to the east.

"As of 1230 (0930 GMT), Lyman is fully cleared," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a short video clip on his Telegram channel.

There was no comment from the Russian armed forces on Sunday on the status of the city. The Russian defence ministry said on Saturday it was pulling troops out of the area "in connection with the creation of a threat of encirclement". The latest stinging setback for Russian President Vladimir Putin came after he proclaimed the annexation of four regions covering nearly a fifth of Ukraine on Friday, an area that includes Lyman.

Kyiv and the West have condemned the proclamation as an illegitimate farce. Russian forces captured Lyman from Ukraine in May and had used it as a logistics and transport hub for its operations in the north of the Donetsk region. Losing it is Russia's largest battlefield loss since Ukraine's lightning counteroffensive in the northeastern Kharkiv region last month. Serhiy Gaidai, governor of the Luhansk region that neighbours Donetsk, said control over Lyman could help Ukraine reclaim lost territory in his region, whose full capture Moscow an-

nounced in early July after weeks of grinding advances. "The liberation of this city in the Donetsk region is one of the key factors for the further de-occupation of the Luhansk region," Gaidai wrote on the Telegram messaging app on Sunday.

Zelenskyy on Saturday promised more quick successes in the Donbas, which covers the Donetsk and Luhansk regions that are largely under Russian control. "Over the past week, the number of Ukrainian flags in Donbas has increased. There will be even more a week's time," Zelenskyy said in an evening address.

The areas Putin claimed as annexed — the Donbas regions and the southern regions of Kherson and Zaporizhzhia — form a swathe of territory equal to about 18 per cent of Ukraine's total surface land area. The battlefield setbacks have triggered a fresh wave of criticism within Russia of how its military operation is being handled. Putin ally Ramzan Kadyrov, the leader of Russia's southern Chechnya region, on Saturday called for a change of strategy "right up to the declaration of martial law in the border areas and the use of low-yield nuclear weapons". Other top officials, including former President Dmitry Medvedev, have suggested Russia may need to resort to nuclear weapons, but Kadyrov's call was the most urgent and explicit. Washington says it would respond decisively to any use of nuclear weapons. —Reuters

Erdogan renews threat to block Swedish, Finnish Nato bids



ISTANBUL: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday warned Turkey would not ratify the Nato membership bids of Sweden and Finland until the two Nordic countries "kept" promises they had made to Ankara.

"Until the promises made to our country are kept, we will maintain our principled position," Erdogan said in a speech

to parliament in Ankara. "We are closely following whether the promises made by Sweden and Finland are kept or not, and of course, the final decision will be up to our great parliament," he added. Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February saw the two Nordic countries abandon decades of military non-alignment and in May apply to join Nato. Although the Nordic countries hoped for a speedy entry, Turkey delayed the process by objecting to their membership. Erdogan has accused both countries of being havens for Kurdish militants, specifically highlighting the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), and for promoting "terrorism". A deal was then struck between the three countries in June, which included provisions on extraditions and sharing of information, clearing the way for Nato to formally invite the two nations to join the alliance.

So far, 28 out of 30 Nato members have ratified Finland and Sweden's membership. Only Hungary and Turkey have yet to send the membership bids to their parliaments for ratification. In an apparently significant concession to Ankara, Sweden on Friday announced they had re-authorized exports of war materials to Turkey.

Ankara had requested the lifting of the restrictions, which were introduced in 2019 following a Turkish offensive in northeastern Syria.

CORRECTION OF NAME



I Ghayoor Abbas Shah S/O Amjad Abbas passed the Secondary School Annual Examination 2022 under Roll No 541016 from BISE Sargodha. My correct name is Ghayoor Abbas Shah, whereas it was mistakenly published as Ghayoor Abbas, which is in correct. Kindly correct it on my certificate.

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Case Title : Waqar Ahmad etc VS Rubina etc,

Subject: Suit for Declaration etc,

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Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned Defendants cannot be served in the ordinary way, it is therefore proclaimed under order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said defendant will/shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 8:00AM on 03-10-2022, the proceeding will be taken ex-parte against you. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and seal of this court.