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Sunset 05:15pm  
Sunrise 06:15am  
(Today)



LAHORE: Women Traffic police warden and students hold a banner during Smog & Pollution Awareness Walk at the Liberty Chowk. —Online

## NAMAZ TIMING



FAJAR	05:30 AM
ZOHAR	12:10 PM
ASR	4:15 PM
MAGRIB	05:30 PM
ISHA	7:00 PM

## Quick Read

### Sui Gas Dept to shift all commercial gas connections tariff to RLNG

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Bad news for its commercial customers: Sui Gas Department has decided to shift all commercial gas connections tariff from System Gas to RLNG. A notice has been issued by the administration of Sui Northern Gas Company that all commercial gas connections who are currently paying their bill on the system gas tariff, the unit rate is Rs.1283 mmbtu.

RLNG tariff rate will be imposed by changing the tariff rate of 32 hundred mmbtu, which means that the gas bills of commercial consumers will increase by more than fifty percent.

T Stalls and Tandors have been exempted. All other commercial connections will be transferred to RLNG.

Customers who do not contract with RLNG will be disconnected from October 31. Sui Gas Department says that severe shortage of gas will be faced in winter and supply of system gas to commercial consumers from November No longer possible.

### Police arrest 254 beggars during current month

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Police, in a crackdown, had so far arrested 254 beggars, including 249 men and women, from different areas of the city.

The beggars were taken into custody by police in collaboration with the Punjab Child Protection and Welfare Bureau as well as other related departments. Police handed over child beggars to the Punjab Child Protection and Welfare Bureau whereas others had been admitted to rehabilitation wards of related hospitals designated by the government in this regards.

Police arrested 3,681 beggars, including 3,518 males and 150 females, under the Anti Beggary Act and registered 3,623 cases against them during this year till now at different police stations of the city. The City division police arrested 763 beggars, Cantt division 546, Civil Lines division Police 425, Iqbal Town division 546, Sadar division 701 whereas Model Town division police arrested 640 beggars during the crackdown.

CCPO Lahore Ghulam Mahmood Dogar said divisional SPs had been given special task to arrest beggars as most of them had criminal background. The traffic police had been assisting special teams to curb beggary.

## Pakistani women proving their mettle in business, other fields

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chairperson Global Dignity Giovanna Mingarelli along with a delegation called on Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman at Governor House Lahore here today. Giovanna Mingarelli is also working as Advisor to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on youth and women's development projects. The delegation included Women Entrepreneurs and Human Rights Activists; Erica Shay, Zoe Alderfer and Pakistani Youth Climate Leader Qaiser Nawab.

Speaking on this occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rahman said that Pakistani women are working shoulder to shoulder with men in every field.

He said that all-women universities and all-women chambers have been set up to empower women. He said that he as Chancellor has formed consortiums in seven areas in the universities, one of which is on

### -Chairperson Global Dignity Giovanna Mingarelli along with a delegation calls on Governor Punjab



women empowerment. Governor Punjab said that Pakistani women are proving their mettle in business and other fields.

Punjab Governor, Muhammad Balighur Rahman, said that Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, is very popular among Pakistani people due to his stance against

Islamophobia and humanitarianism. The Governor of the Punjab informed the delegation about the history of the Governor House. He told them that the Buddha Bowl has been in its original condition in the Governor House Lahore since 1895. On this occasion, Governor Punjab also

thanked the Government of Canada for helping the flood victims.

Giovanna Mingarelli, president of Global Dignity organization, told the Governor Punjab that her organization Global Dignity organizes training and workshops to empower the youth around the world.

Pakistan is a peaceful country, soft image of Pakistan can be promoted through tourism, she added.

The Canadian delegates said that they will tell the world that Pakistan is a peaceful country and a best touristic destination.

Meanwhile, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur-Rehman today assented two bills in the public interest, here, at the Governor House Lahore, which will now be called Acts, and will come into effect immediately:

- (1) The Free and Compulsory Education Amendment Act, 2022
- (2) Punjab Commission on Status of Women Amendment Act, 2022

### ACE arrests six officials on bribery charges

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Anti-Corruption Establishment director general (DG) said on Wednesday that six persons were arrested in different districts on the charge of bribery.

The DG said that the ACE Gujranwala region conducted a raid in Mandi Bahaudin and arrested two persons for taking bribe. Excise Department Constable Usman Arif, and a private office boy Bilal Aslam, were arrested and bribe money worth Rs 20,000 was recovered from them, he said and added that a case had been registered against the accused.

Meanwhile, ACE Sahiwal region arrested a naib qasid of the deputy commissioner's office, along with his accomplice after his bail was cancelled by the high court. Naib Qasid Riaz Ahmad and his accomplice took Rs 200,000 bribe money from the plaintiff. In the Multan region, Deputy Director ACE Khanewal arrested the municipal committee head clerk red-handed in presence of a magistrate for receiving Rs 20,000 bribe. The anti-corruption department, in the Multan region, also conducted a raid and arrested Muhammad Ali secretary union council and naib qasid Waseem Akhtar red-handed while taking Rs 7,000 bribe money. The accused had demanded money from the plaintiff to issue a death certificate. A case has been registered against the accused.

### 11 dead, 1034 injured in 990 accidents in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: At least 11 people were killed and 1,034 injured in 990 accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to the Rescue 1122, 509 drivers, 27 underage drivers, 133 pedestrians and 403 passengers were the victims of the traffic accidents. The statistics showed that 235 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 246 people placing the provincial capital top of the list followed by 73 in Multan with 81 victims and third Faisalabad with 70 accidents and 69 victims. According to data, 868 motorcycles, 66 rickshaws, 108 cars, 16 vans, 13 buses, 27 trucks and 89 other vehicles besides slow-moving carts were involved in the accidents.

## 'Reviewing power tariffs – better options available to avoid hike'

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A registered Think Tank of Engineers & Experts have said that the existing power rates tariffs structure can be reviewed in the existing rates framework without any hike and adverse effects on national economy as the present structure is over sixty years old.

Engineers Study Forum experts headed by Mian Fazal Ahmad consider that an analysis of the actual power costs of providing services to consumers would hardly justify high power rates especially on the low income groups as well as industries for the exports enhancements endeavors. An x-ray of the pros and cons of the existing Tariffs structure in a real-

istic scenario would hardly justify the power rates going up and up.

Things would point out to some wrong policies & mismanagement of the past. No power utility has ever evaluated the real costs of providing services and power to consumers in different categories.

Most of the power supply system elements including power plants transmission and distribution lines, have outlived and passed their lives and paid their capital costs of equipments and lines.

Only operational costs of the system elements count for prevailing power tariffs.

Keeping in view the situation there is a dire need to evaluate real costs of providing services to consumers through a com-

prehensive technical and commercial audit study, the experts added.

According to the Forum, these services include the efficiencies, operational power plants, Transmission lines, distribution systems of Discos.

Think Tank of Engineers & Experts said that a comprehensive study is imperative to determine the real costs of services and overheads which include power plants, transmission and distribution system.

On evaluating the real costs of the power system infrastructure, the actual costs of providing services to consumers can be determined which are much less than the assumed costs thus justifying no



LAHORE: Girls take part in a cycle rally competition during 73 Punjab Games at the Gaddafi Stadium. —Online

## Former Pakistan captains excited for Ireland tour

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Former Pakistan women's captains Sana Mir and Urooj Mumtaz have expressed their thrill and excitement over Ireland women national cricket team's maiden tour to Pakistan.

The Irish team will arrive in Lahore later this week for three One-Day Internationals and three T20 Internationals. The three-match ODI series is part of the ICC Women's Championship. All six tour matches will be played at the headquarters of Pakistan cricket, Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium. Sana Mir, who captained in nine ODIs and 10 T20Is against Ireland, said on Wednesday: "It is a great news that Ireland is coming to Pakistan and we will play ICC Women's Championship matches at home. "The series will serve a great platform for young players to showcase their talent; it would be a wonderful feeling for players to perform in front of their family members. "I urge fans to come to the stadium and support the women's team as they do with the men's team. The involvement of home crowd will give a huge boost to the players to perform and definitely quality cricket will be provided to the fans. "The series against Ireland is also important in



terms of preparation for the future away series against Australia and then for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa. These bilateral series matches will help the team form a better combination ahead of the mega event."

