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Sunset 05:15pm
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(Today)



LAHORE: Women watch an exhibition on dengue prevention awareness at the Govt Queen Mary College.

NAMAZ TIMING



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Quick Read

One death, 307 more dengue virus cases reported in Punjab

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: About 307 new cases of dengue fever were reported on Thursday and one death was caused due to the virus here. According to the Health Department, a total of 12,111 cases of dengue virus had been reported so far during the current year, while 14 people died of the virus and 1,011 patients were under treatment in different hospitals of the province.

The Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department reported 119 cases of dengue in Lahore, the highest number in the province, while 69 cases were reported in Rawalpindi, 35 in Gujranwala, 19 in Multan, nine each in Kasur, Faisalabad, Sheikhupura, eight in Okara, six in Sargodha, five in Gujrat, two each in Pakpattan, Jhelum, Sahiwal, Nankana Sahib, Khanewal, Vehari, and one each in Narowal, Attock, Rajanpur and Bahawalpur during the last 24 hours. The anti-dengue squad, under the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), eliminated the dengue larvae at 2,996 places in the province during the ongoing surveillance. The squad conducted surveillance at 479,598 indoor and 124,093 outdoor places to detect dengue larvae during the last 24 hours at different places. The P&SHD urged people to adopt precautionary measures and keep their environment clean and dry to protect themselves from dengue.

3,229 bikes, cars recovered during last month

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: CCPO Lahore Additional IG Ghulam Mahmood Dogar has said the department is taking concrete measures to control stealing and snatching cars, motorcycles and other vehicles. The Anti Vehicles Lifting Staff (AVLS) had recovered 3,229 motorcycles, cars and other vehicles worth more than 286.1 million rupees during the last month. The CCPO said the AVLS recovered 72 cars worth Rs 1.18 million and 3,009 motorcycles worth Rs 16.55 million in the last quarter of the current year. He added that the AVLS also recovered other vehicles worth more than Rs 28.8 during this period. The AVLS arrested 87 members of 36 gangs involved in snatching and theft of motorcycles and other vehicles. The AVLS arrested 45 proclaimed offenders, 204 court absconders and 202 other accused involved in heinous crimes during the last three months. Ghulam Mahmood Dogar has said that due to an operational strategy and effective patrolling visible decrease had occurred in motorcycles and vehicles theft and snatching incidents. He directed the AVLS to make all out efforts to arrest the inter-city and inter-district gangs of motorcycles and

23 new big govt hospitals being built in Punjab: Dr Yasmin

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: A meeting was held in the Department of Specialized Health and Medical Education under the chairmanship of Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid.

In the meeting, Special Secretary Dr. Farrukh Naveed, Additional Secretary Technical Dr Hafiz Shahid Latif, Mian Zahid ul Rehman, Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Medical University Professor Dr. Khalid Masood Gondal, Vice Chancellor King Edward Medical University Professor Dr. Mahmood Ayaz, Vice Chancellor University of Child Health Sciences Professor Dr. Masood Sadiq, Vice Chancellor University of Health Sciences Dr. Ahsan Wahid Rathor, Principal Allama Iqbal Medical College Professor Nadeem Hafeez, Principal Services Institute of Medical Sciences Professor Farooq Afzal, Principal Amir ud din Medical College Professor Dr. Sardar Zafar Al Farid, CEO Punjab Institute of Cardiology Professor Bilal Mohi ud din, Executive Director Punjab Institute of Neurosciences Prof Khalid

Says better treatment facilities will be provided to patients coming to every government teaching hospital



Mahmood, Director Institute of Public Health Dr Mohsin Ranjha, Managing Director Children Hospital Prof Muhammad Salim, Executive Director Burn Center Jinnah Hospital Prof Kamran Khalid, Dr Jawaria Asif, MS Jinnah Hospital Dr Yahya Sultan and all the government teaching of Punjab, heads of hospitals and MS participated through video conference.

Provincial Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid reviewed the emergency protocols, supply of medicines and referral system

measures in government teaching hospitals in detail during the meeting.

Vice Chancellors, Principals, Executive Directors and MSs presented valuable opinions and suggestions to Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid to ensure better treatment of patients in emergency.

Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid said that in the future, in case of negligence in the treatment of patients in any government teaching hospital of Punjab, the concerned head or MS will be held

responsible. Even one percent negligence in the treatment of patients in any government teaching hospital of Punjab will not be tolerated. Dr. Yasmin Rashid said that 10 beds should be allocated immediately in the pediatric surgery of all the government teaching hospitals of Punjab.

The special committee will present its suggestions after a week to improve the better treatment of patients in the emergencies of the government teaching hospitals of Punjab. Hospitals built with taxes are only to provide better treatment to the people. Same protocols are being issued again for emergencies in all government teaching hospitals across the province. More than 90 thousand doctors, nurses and paramedical staff are being recruited in Punjab government hospitals. Every patient coming to the government teaching hospital of Punjab will be provided with better treatment facilities. Provincial Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid added that Due to the increase in population, 23 new large government hospitals are being built in Punjab. No previous government had thought of building new government hospitals due to the in-

-Sheikhpura murder case Court extends physical remand of five policemen

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Thursday extended physical remand of five policemen, arrested for their alleged negligence in the Sheikhpura murder case, for another two-day.

ATC Judge Abher Gul Khan conducted the case proceedings, wherein the police produced the accused on expiry of their physical remand term. During the proceedings, the investigation officer submitted that the investigations could not be completed from the accused and further remand was required. A prosecutor also supported the stance of the investigation officer. However, the defence counsel, Advocate Farhad Ali Shah, opposed the plea for extension in physical remand of the accused. The court, after hearing arguments of all parties, extended the remand of policemen for another two days and directed for producing them on expiry of the remand term. Former Station House Officer (SHO) Narang Abdul Wahab Khan and four other policemen were arrested for not taking timely action against the accused when he tried to attack another citizen four days before the incident. The suspect, Faiz Rasool, had been detained by police just days earlier after attempting to attack another citizen with an axe.

Six killed, 1,034 injured in 1,012 accidents in Punjab

LAHORE: At least six people were killed and 1,034 injured in 1,012 accidents in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to the Rescue 1122, 530 drivers, 34 underage drivers, 122 pedestrians and 388 passengers were among the victims of the traffic crashes. The statistics showed that 279 accidents were reported in Lahore which affected 281 people placing the provincial capital top of the list followed by 78 Multan in with 82 victims and third Faisalabad with 60 accidents and 58 victims. —APP

Walk held on World Sight Day

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The third epidemic of blindness due to retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) has arrived in the country and premature babies are going blind even in smaller cities. This was informed by Post Graduate Medical Institute (PGMI) Principal Professor Al-freed Zafar and Head of Ophthalmology Department of Lahore General Hospital (LGH) Professor Muhammad Moin while addressing an awareness walk to mark the World Sight Day on Thursday and the theme of the day was "Love Your Eyes". They em-

phasized to improve the quality of neonatal care and to increase the coverage of ROP screening and treatment services across the country.

They added that the purpose of the awareness walk was to describe the features and characteristics of young children presenting with advanced, untreated retinopathy of prematurity, and to determine appropriate screening guidelines for the ROP in Pakistan.

Professor Al-freed said that medical science had proved that diseases like high blood pressure and diabetes are directly related to eyes' difficulties and one

must be careful about it. The principal PGMI stressed that apart from ensuring moderation in diet, annual eye examination and prompt treatment in case of any complications should be ensured. Similarly, white or black cataract or any other disease affecting vision should be taken seriously and contact the doctors immediately as well.

Moreover, he said that excessive use of laptop, mobiles and other gadgets also damage eyesight and parents must control children in this regard. A good number of doctors, nurses, paramedical staff and patients participated in the



LAHORE: A vendor prepares and sells traditional Peti (Shmai Kabab) at his roadside set-up.

Court acquits Saiful Malook Khokhar, others in two cases

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An anti-corruption court on Thursday acquitted Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Saiful Malook Khokhar and others in two different cases, registered on charges of illegal sale deeds, evasion of property registration, mutation fee and other taxes.

The court held that the prosecution failed to prove charges against the accused beyond reasonable doubt.

Anti-Corruption Court Judge Mushtaq Elahi passed the orders while allowing the acquittal applications, filed by the accused, including Saiful Malook Khokhar.

Earlier, the defence counsel submitted that the Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Punjab had registered bogus cases against his clients. He submitted that the cases were registered with mala fide intentions and for political vic-

timisation. He pleaded with the court to acquit his clients.

However, the prosecution opposed the acquittal applications, saying that the accused were found guilty during the investigation.

The court, after hearing detailed arguments, acquitted the accused after holding that the prosecution failed to prove charges against them.

In 2020, the ACE Punjab registered cases against Saiful Malook Khokhar, Patwaris Iftikhar and Jameel, and Registry Moharrar Raja Nadeem Ahmed from the office of the Sub-Registrar Allama Iqbal Town on the recommendations of the district administration.

OPC Punjab vice chairman meets YGA delegation: Vice-Chairperson Punjab Overseas Pakistanis Commission Makhdoom Syed Tariq Mahmood Al Hasan on Wednesday met Youth General Assembly (YGA) delega-

tion. He briefed the delegation regarding the performance of Overseas Pakistanis Commission Punjab and said that OPC had set up NADRA Desk, Mall Center, TEVTA Desk, OPC Library and 24/7 Helpline Center under one roof for the overseas Pakistanis. The vice-chairperson said that a zero-tolerance policy had been adopted regarding the problems faced by Overseas Pakistanis and a grand operation had been launched under the supervision of the Punjab Overseas Pakistanis Commission against illegal occupants and fraudulent occupation of the properties of overseas Pakistanis across Punjab.

On this occasion, the delegation expressed their views and said that the performance of OPC under the leadership of Vice-Chairperson Makhdoom Syed Tariq Mahmood Al-Hassan was commendable.