



31 shopkeepers arrested for overcharging

LAHORE (APP): Price control magistrates arrested 31 shopkeepers over profiteering and overcharging in various parts of the provincial capital.

According to the city administration spokesman, the magistrates also imposed Rs 100,000 fine on several shopkeepers. They inspected 457 points and found 64 violations. As many as 30 cases were also registered against profiteers. In line with special directives of Deputy Commissioner Danish Afzal, the price control magistrates were conducting raids across the city to ensure availability of commodities at government announced rates.

Faiq expresses regret over PM's remarks

PESHAWAR: Chairman, Arman Taraqqi Party, Muhammad Faiq Shah has expressed his regret and address to the nation disappointing and regretful and said that the PM remarks is pushing the nation to further frustration amid covid-19 crisis.

Addressing a delegation of traders community here at the party central secretariat on Tuesday, Faiq Shah said that the highlighting difficulties, economic downfall and wipe off of coronavirus on daily basis is aggravating the woes of people adversely suffered by outbreak of coronavirus across the country. ATP chief said the government's utmost duty to overcome economic turmoil and pragmatic steps to create employment opportunities and relief to masses amid the pandemic situation. He stressed the need of joint working and arrangement along with masses to mere precaution steps and awareness.

Ahead of presenting a trillion of rupees deficit budget for fiscal year 2020-21, Faiq Shah said the rulers had have never worked out to lower the increasing budget deficit every year. He opined the nations cannot uplift on mere promises. He noticed the level of ethics and attitude of politicians is rapidly decreasing with each passing day, which has widened the gap between parliament and the general public. The party leader said the political lot, regardless of law, moral values and social traditions political lot is advising despite the gravity of the situation in wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

He said the upper and lower houses of the parliament have virtually using for personal politics as no legislation or workable policy has yet been seen despite the passage of two years of the incumbent government. He said no one is focused on increasing price-hike, health crisis and education loss. On the other hand, he said the IMF anti-workers and labour policies have been proposed for upcoming fiscal budget 2020-21, through which it is an attempt to cut government employees' salaries.

Another corona patient dies

HYDERABAD (APP): A woman has died of COVID-19 while 52 more positive cases were reported in Hyderabad on Tuesday, taking the total number of positive cases to 1273 in the district.

According to the figures issued by the health authorities, as many as 573 infected people were in isolation including 553 people who were isolated at their homes. A 75 years old woman Irfad Bano has passed away here in civil hospital who was laid to rest in a local graveyard as per standard operating procedure issued by Sindh Government. Some 23 positive patients were admitted in Combined Military Hospital (CMH), 12 in Liaquat University Hospital, 02 in Iera Hospital, 03 each in Government Kohsar Hospital Hyderabad, Agha Khan University Hospital Karachi and SUT, one each in NICH and Ziauddin hospital and two cases in OICD at Karachi. As many as 638 people have recovered in the district while 33 patients have so far lost their lives due to coronavirus.

LHC acquits two death sentence convicts

LAHORE (APP): The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Tuesday set aside the decision of a lower court and acquitted two death sentence convicts for lack of evidence in a double murder case. The division bench comprising Justice Saeed-ur-Rasheed and Justice Saeed-ur-Rasheed passed the orders while allowing appeals filed by Matloob Ahmad and Muhammad Rasheed against their death sentences by trial court.

A counsel on behalf of the convicts argued before the bench that the trial court failed to appreciate case facts and awarded death sentence to the convicts in violation of the merit and law. He submitted that the trial court awarded the sentence after relying on statements of witnesses but there was no evidence to prove their presence on the scene. He pleaded with the court to set aside the sentences and acquit the convicts for lack of evidence.

However, the prosecution opposed the appeal, saying that the trial court gave decision on merit. The court, after hearing arguments of parties, set aside the sentences and acquitted the convicts. A Kasur trial court had awarded death sentence to Matloob Ahmad and Muhammad Rasheed for murdering Tariq and Shazia Bibi due to an old enmity.

Dreams of a Deafblind Person!

Alex Garcia!

I dream that one day... I will be "less" invisible for Humankind.

I dream that one day... Humankind will recover the patience it has lost.

I dream that one day... Humankind will be close again as in ancient times.

I dream that one day... Humankind will be free of prejudice and will be able to touch me without my fear.

I dream that one day... I won't be "just a brick in the wall" anymore, as Pink Floyd said in the song "Another brick in the wall".

I dream that one day... I won't need to "drink from the same water fountain" as Carl Jung, one of the founders of modern Psychoanalysis, said.

I dream that one day... Humankind will be able to eliminate the label that deafblindness is the most terrifying condition.

I dream that one day... I will change the pre-assumptions concerning my identity and the sentence which is currently repeated "Poor thing, he/she is deafblind" will be left in the past.

I dream that one day... Humankind will see my being and will indeed value my essence as my fight and then will say "Great! He/she is a deafblind person".

I dream that one day... I will erase the shame from Humankind's mind as a tool of controlling.

I dream that one day... Humankind will understand and value that all people are a Divine Creation: alike, however, incomplete.

I dream that one day... I will not just "exist" but actually "be".

I dream that one day... I will learn to be "strong" so that nothing can defeat me.

I dream that one day... I will be "me" so nobody will forget me.

I dream that one day... My dreams will design the future. I dream that one day... Humankind will be "human".

All the best and we keep in touch!

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'Holding pilgrims responsible for Corona spread inhuman act'

LAHORE (INP): Deputy Chief Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Liaqat Baloch has said that holding pilgrims, members of Tablighi Jamaat and overseas Pakistanis responsible for the spread of coronavirus is inhuman act and biological approach towards the infection.

In a statement issued from Mansoor on Tuesday, he said the federal and provincial governments were putting the blame on ex Pakistanis and faithful for the spread of virus just to hide their incapability. Baloch said the mismanagement at government level was main reason behind the shortages of petrol in different cities. On one side, he said, the benefit of reduction in POL prices were not passed to the public while on the other side, he added, the commodity was disappeared from the filling stations. He also called for inclusion of all eligible women in voters' list, stressing the need to reduce the gender gap between numbers of registered voters in the country.

The JI Deputy Chief said the Election Commission of Pakistan and Nadra should ensure registration of female voters which made 50 percent of country's population. Free, fair and transparent elections, he added, were critical to strengthening democracy in the country and put it on the path of development.

Tanveer for resolving problems of brick kilns owners

LAHORE (INP): Director General Environment Protection Tanveer Ahmed Warriach has assured that the problems faced by the brick kilns owners would be conveyed to higher authorities concerned for their immediate resolutions.

He was chairing an important meeting with the representatives of Kiln Association in the Committee Room of Environment Department on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by President Kiln Association Shoaib Khan Niazi, General Secretary Mehr Abdul Haq, Director EPD Naseem-ul-Rehman and representatives of Brick Kiln association. Issues due to COVID-19 discussed in details.

Representatives of the Kiln Association told DG Environment that business life has been paralyzed due to Coronavirus all over the Punjab and the a condition of uncertainty prevailed in the country.

However, the work of the kiln industries also affected and millions of bricks are lying idle on the kilns while the buyers are invisible. They also appealed to the DG Environment to perform his role in the extension of the deadline at least further two months instead of 30th June.

The kiln industries should also be rewarded easy advanced loans to strengthen the industries, they added. Warriach appreciated the association's cooperation in controlling environmental pollution and said that the Government of the Punjab fully aware that how much industries affected by Corona.

Director General Environment Protection Tanveer Ahmed Warriach assured them that all your legitimate concerns will be conveyed to the higher authorities so that your grievances would be addressed. He said that the procedure of easy loan to industry facing slow process due to Corona but will be started soon after completion of all process. The closure of kilns or eliminating jobs is not our agenda but compromise on environmental issues is not possible at any cost, he concluded.

Two month ban imposed for public on Hub canal

KARACHI (INP): Commissioner Karachi on Tuesday imposed a two month ban on Hub canal area where three died by drowning earlier in the week. A notification issued on the matter says that the ban will continue till the month of August.

Those found defying orders will be acted against in accordance with the law, states the notification.

Police officials have said that the security has been tightened further along the water reservoir since the tragedy. Officials have also said that the area is in a vicinity where multiple police stations may claim it as their jurisdiction, all police stations in the proximity are now working together to ensure no one violates lockdown and shows up on site.

Hub Dam had an influx of visitors coming to the place to cool off and have a swim despite lockdown restrictions.

Families and individuals made their way to the place even after three individuals reportedly drowned and died while swimming.

Two of the dead were identified as Atif, a resident of Mujahid Colony while the other has been identified as Babar, a resident of Manghopir, Sultanabad.



LAHORE: Activists of Pakistan Muslim League-N shout slogans after the appeared of PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif at NAB in money laundering investigation in provincial capital. —ONLINE PHOTO

Posting and transfers in housing depts

PESHAWAR (APP): The competent authority has ordered postings and transfers of the two officers, in the public interest, with immediate effect.

According to details Matloob-ur-Rehman (PMS BS-19 a.c.b) Additional Secretary Housing Department has been transferred and posted as Project Director Computerization of Land Record (P-II) Board of Revenue, in his own pay and scale, against the vacant post while Muhammad Irshad (PMS BS-18) Deputy Secretary, Higher Education Department has been transferred and posted as Additional Secretary, Housing Department, in his own pay and scale. It was notified here by the Establishment Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

2 Officers of Education department arrested

KARACHI (APP): Sindh Minister for Anti-Corruption Jam Ikramullah Dharejo on Tuesday said that the Anti-Corruption department has intensified its operations against those involved in corruption and arrested two officers of the Education department involved in fake recruitment from Ghotki.

According to details, a team of Anti-Corruption Ghotki Circle led by Inspector Ayaz Memon arrested Taluka Education Officer Abarullah Bachayo Qazi grade 18 and former Taluka Education Officer Allah Waryayo Chachar involved in fake recruitments and tempering of government records, said a statement.

A case has been registered against them while the third accused Akhtar Hussain Dhandhu is said to be absconding.

Meanwhile, Jam Ikramullah Dharejo has said in a statement that the scope of action against those involved in corruption is being widened and immediate action is being taken on complaints related to corruption. He warned those involved in corruption to refrain from their actions and perform their duties honestly otherwise severe action would be taken against them.

Over 400 buildings declared dangerous in Karachi

KARACHI (APP): Around 422 buildings in Karachi have been identified as dangerous and unsafe to be adopted as living quarters by the citizens, informed in a meeting held to discuss the menace of substandard construction on Tuesday.

The session chaired by Sindh Minister for Local Bodies Syed Nasir Hussain was informed that of these 422 structures some 55 were those declared as heritage sites and as per law needed to be protected on scientific lines with nil provision for their use as residence. Commissioner of Karachi Iftikhar A Shalwani, Director General, Sindh Building Control Authority (SBCA), Nasim ul Ghani, DIG - Karachi Police, Maqsood Memon, Municipal Commissioner - Karachi-East, Wasim Soomro, Deputy Commissioners representing different districts of Karachi along with other concerned officials agreed need for a separate and full fledged legal mechanism to deal with the problem.

The SBCA chief said as per government decision dedicated courts manned by competent judges, well versed about the issues, are being constituted to handle situation, exploited by unscrupulous elements.

The Local Bodies Minister observed with deep concern that unassuming families, mainly women and children, were used as shields by the criminal minded and so-called contractors/builders so as to hoodwink the law enforcers and continue with their unauthorized activities. The provincial government was said to be fast on its way to contain all illegal construction activities, including massive violation of building rules and standards. The SBCA officials and local administration were directed to urgently constitute "vigilance committees" in every district of Karachi so as to ensure immediate identification of unauthorized construction and its prompt discontinuation - prior to any mishap that may cause any sort of loss be it human or material. Shah particularly expressing his grief with regard to death of people during a tragic incident in Lyari the other day said measures are being adopted on urgent and lasting basis to avert repeat of the tragedy adding that improved sewerage system in the area is a top priority.

Equal attention to provide regular water supply, he said is also needed as deep boring done by the local was registered to have severely weakened the foundations of many of three residential buildings.

Raja Basharat chairs cabinet committee meeting

LAHORE (APP): The 27th meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Legislative Business was held at the Civil Secretariat under the chairmanship of Provincial Minister for Law and Social Welfare Raja Basharat on Tuesday.

Provincial ministers Hafiz Mumtaz Ahmed, Taimur Ahused Khan, Raja Yasir Humayun and Jahanzab Khichi, and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The Committee approved several proposals for important legal amendments, including amendments in rules.

The Committee approved the proposal to amend the Punjab Leave Rules 1981 for Punjab Government Employees and the proposal to levy property tax on non-agricultural land abutting to national and provincial highways and motorways outside the rating area fixed by the Excise and Taxation Department.

In another proposal, the recommendations for Resource Mobilization Finance Committee 2019-20 were approved.

The Committee agreed with the proposal of reconstitution of the Board of Directors of the Punjab Health Foundation and approved the draft of Transfer Policy 2020 of the Department of Special Education.

The meeting also approved the proposal for conditional cash transfer (CCT) pilot program for nutrition and Chief Minister Recruitment (Road Component) package besides allowing release of remaining amount of grant in aid for various bar associations of Punjab.

AVLC arrests two gangs in separate actions

KARACHI (APP): The Anti Vehicle Lifting Cell on Tuesday arrested 9 accused including a gang of four notorious auto thieves and five motorcycle lifters in separate actions. According to a news release, the AVLC arrested a gang of four notorious car lifters and purchasers of stolen / snatched cars. Two grenades, a Kalashnikov, a mousar, two pistols and three stolen and snatched cars were recovered from their possession. Arrested accused include Ali Sher s/o Mola Bux, Aslam alias Ustah Aslam s/o Baran Khan both residents of Quetta, Rasool Bux alias Rasool s/o Nahi Bux and Bashir Ahmed s/o Karim Bux both residents of Shikarpur. Dozens of cases are registered against them. In other action, the AVLC Korangi arrested a gang of five motorcycle lifters and street criminals and recovered four stolen motorcycles from their possession. Arrested Amir s/o Pervaz, Zaman Ali s/o Abdul Majid, Jahangir s/o Abid Haseem, Faisal s/o Abdul Malik and Ayoub s/o Farooq are drug addicts and sell stolen motorcycles parts to junkmen.



KARACHI: A view of closed petrol pump on Local Road as due to shortage of petrol in provincial capital.