





## Briefs

### RCB seizes 4 truckload goods

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) has confiscated four truckloads goods from different markets under its campaign against encroachments.

According to RCB spokesman, the anti-encroachment operation on the special instruction of Cantonment Executive Officer (CEO) was being conducted on daily basis. He said, the grand clean-up operation against encroachments had further been accelerated.

He said, encroachments were removed from Tench Bhatta, Peoples Colony, Bakra Mandi Road, Chor Chowk and Allahabad and four truckload goods were confiscated while enforcement teams also removed illegal banners from different areas. The vendors found selling their products while displaying on footpaths and different roads were imposed fines with warnings, he said adding, the encroachments both temporary and permanent were being removed. - APP

### 11 gamblers rounded up with stake money

RAWALPINDI: Police on Monday arrested 11 gamblers and recovered Rs 52,380 cash stake money, 11 mobile phones and other items from their possession. According to a police spokesman, Kotli Sattian police team under the supervision of Station House Officer (SHO), acting on a tip-off conducted a raid in its jurisdiction and arrested 11 gamblers namely Salik Nawaz, Hassan Nawaz, Liaquat Azeem, Zafran, Farhan, Umair Ahmed, Qadeer Ahmed, Nabeel Ahmed, Ubaidullah, Yasir Mehmood and Sabeel Tariq as they were allegedly involved in betting while playing cards. Police recovered Rs 52,380 cash stake money, 11 mobile phones and other items from their possession. - APP

### 12396 virus cases in Rawalpindi

RAWALPINDI: After an addition of 75 more COVID-19 confirmed cases during last 24 hours, the total number of positive cases has reached to 12396 in the district. According to a data shared by the district administration, 68034 C-virus suspects have so far been brought to the quarantine facilities of the district, out of which 9954 recovered after treatment.

Resently 108 COVID-19 confirmed patients were admitted in different hospitals of the city including 37 belonged to Rawal Town, 31 Potahar town, 14 Rawalpindi cantt, 10 Gujjar Khan, 4 Taxila, 6 Kahuta, 4 from Kalar Syedan, and 2 Murree, he said. The result of 56188 suspects were tested negative while reports of 903 still awaited, he added. - APP

### PAL to hold conference on Children's Literature

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) has planned to organize Two-day International Conference titled "Children's Literature: Past, Present and Future". The national and international writers, scholars and researchers are invited to present their research papers and date of holding conference would be scheduled after submission of research papers. Research papers on given topics and other relevant topics from Children's Literature written in any regional national and international language can be sent however, the articles will be accepted only in Urdu and English languages. According to an official, "editorial Committee of the conference after extensive scrutiny will decide the acceptance of your research article and you will be communicated the same for writing of a complete research paper". - APP



RAWALPINDI: Vice President RCCI Mr. Shahraiz Ashraf Malik met with Mr. Khurram Khan, Senior Investment Advisor, China Road & Bridge Corporation (CRBC). - DNA

## Police finalise foolproof security for Christmas

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RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi district police have finalized a security plan for Christmas under which all churches have been divided into three categories and over 2800 police personnel including Elite Force commandos will be deployed to ensure foolproof security. According to a police spokesman, no one will be

allowed to park vehicle near Churches. Walk-through gates will be installed at the entrance of the Churches and the visitors will be checked through metal detectors. Best possible security arrangements will be ensured to avoid any untoward incident in the city. The security duty at public places including parks would be made more effective, he said adding, the security has also been tight-

ened at the entry and exit points of the city and special checking was ordered for this special occasion. He said, the City Police Officer (CPO) Muhammad Ahsan Younas had directed the SPs, DSPs and SHOs to ensure effective patrolling in their respective areas. Plain clothed and well-equipped policemen would perform duties near Churches and public places, he added.

The security of the churches will be monitored through closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras while a control room will be set up where all the departments concerned will work jointly to keep an eye on the security arrangements. Sharpshooters will also be deployed on the rooftops of different buildings. The City Traffic Police (CTP) will make arrangements for parking vehi-

cles for the visitors of the churches and the parking lots will be set up nearly 100 feet away from the churches. The police and other law enforcement agencies have divided 159 churches of the district into A, B and C categories. Additional security personnel will be deployed at the churches falling in A-category. The worshippers will be checked at three points.

The roads adjoining the entry points of the churches will be sealed with barbed wires while elite commandos and sniper-shooters will be deployed at rooftops. The police vehicles equipped with cameras will also remain stationed outside the churches. The senior police officials will make surprise visits to churches on Christmas to check security arrangements and deployment.

## PNCA launches 'Seen Studio'



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ISLAMABAD: PNCA initiated a musical series entitled "Seen Studio". The series aimed to conduct recording sessions of all kinds of musical genres like pop, clas-

sical, folk, fusion etc. with limited audience. The musical sequel is meant to provide a recreational platform to its audience trapped by the 2nd wave of pandemic which restricted the music lover's mobility. At the same time this is another oppor-

tunity to experience diverse musical forms of Pakistan. First two episodes of this series have been recorded at PNCA auditorium without audience which will be launched on 1st of January on the occasion of New Year at PNCA official face book page.

## PML-N Senator Kalsoom Parveen dies of coronavirus

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) Senator Kalsoom Parveen has died while battling against the novel coronavirus -19 on early Monday morning. According to the Senate Secretariat, the lawmaker breathed her last at a private hospital in Islam-

abad due to coronavirus-related infections. Kalsoom Parveen had been put on a ventilator after her condition deteriorated earlier this month. Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani in his condolence message has paid tribute to the late Sen-

ator Kalsoom Parveen for her democratic, parliamentary, and political and social services. He also expressed his deep grief and sorrow over the death of Senator. He prayed for the departed's soul as well as strength for the family during this difficult time. - APP

## IHC directs govt to form ZTBL's board

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday maintained its stay order till January 18, against the demotions of ZTBL's 112 employees and directed the federation to form its board. Chief Justice Athar Minallah conducted hearing on the petition, filed by 112 employees of Zarai Taraqati Bank Limited (ZTBL) against their demotions. At the outset of hearing, ZTBL lawyer said the ZTBL president had the authority to take such decision. The chief justice expressed displeasure with the federation and said it had failed to make the ZTBL board functional in the last three years. Deputy Attorney General Tayyab Shah informed the court that a summary was presented to the cabinet in that regard but it was rejected. A new summary had been sent to the cabinet for the approval, he said. The chief justice said the ZTBL was clearly violating the directions of Supreme Court. The board was not formed in last three years to take policy decisions, Justice Minallah said. He asked the lawyer that under what law the ZTBL managing director was taking policy decisions as it was the mandate of the board. This was not a good way, the court had been noting it since long, he said. - APP

## Nine major train mishaps in two years

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ISLAMABAD: Around nine major accidents of passenger and goods trains have occurred in the entire network of Pakistan Railways across the country from August 2018 to December 2020. In these accidents during last two years, around 134 persons died, 167 sustained injuries while the financial damage faced by the Pakistan Railways was above Rs 410 million, an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP. He said Pakistan Railways was in process of revamping and upgrading the existing railway infrastructure through installation of Main Line-I project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The ML-1 would help transform the overall organization, besides ensuring safety of the passengers, he added. The official said, on the directives of Minister for Railways concentrated efforts were being made to prevent the accidents in future to save the lives of the public. He said up-gradation of 550 vulnerable unmanned level crossings was also being carried out throughout Pakistan Railways network in collaboration with the respective provincial governments. "The Directorate of Public Relations has circulated different video messages over social media for the awareness and information of general public regarding crossing the railway crossings in a safe way," he said. The official said there would be conversion of old age kerosene oil based signals with light emitting diode on main line as it had better visibility. He said the training and refresher courses were being conducted regularly at the Pakistan Railway Academy Lahore and regular inspections in accordance with prescribed standards and quota. This process was being constantly monitored at appropriate levels and special bulletins and instructions were issued regularly for guidance of staff, he added. The official said cameras were being installed inside locomotives on line inspections of officers and staff. - APP

## Attock virus cases surge to 970

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ATTOCK: After four new positive cases of coronavirus surfaced in district Attock during last 24 hours, the total number of the cases tested positive across the state reached to 970 on Monday, it was officially said. According to health authorities, with the advent of winter and non-observance of standard operating procedures (SOPs), the number of Covid-19 patients had increased in Attock city and other towns of the district especially Hazro.

Chief executive District health authority, Dr Jawad Ellahi among the newly detected patients as many as Three belongs to Attock city and one in Hazro. He informed that the number of active patients in the district is 167 in which 153 are home isolated and all are asymptomatic while 3 others are under treatment in district.

He said that as many as three suspected patients are also admitted in the district headquarters hospital in which two are critical while two others stable. He informed that number of suspected patients in the district raised to 20,656 while screening of as many as 24,107 persons is carried out across the district in which 19, 104 were tested negative. Responding another question, he said that result of as many as 582 patients is awaited so far across the district. He said that so far 789 patients are recovered from this deadly disease.

## Two members of dacoit gang arrested

RAWALPINDI: Ratta Amral police have busted a dacoit gang identified as Gujjar Gang and arrested its two members besides recovering cash, three motorcycles and other valuable items.

According to a police spokesman, a police team under the supervision of SHO Ratta Amral was constituted which after hectic efforts managed to net two dacoits namely Sharif Gujjar and Ali who were member of the gang and allegedly involved in a number of dacoities in different areas. They confessed to have committed dacoities and other crimes in different areas. The police recovered cash, weapons and three motorcycles from their possession, he added. - APP

## 45 outlaws including seven POs held

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police on Monday arrested 45 outlaws including seven proclaimed offenders from various areas of the city and recovered mobile phones, narcotics and weapons from their possession, a police spokesman said.

According to details, a police team comprising police officials of Shalimar and Karachi company police stations arrested three accused Mansoor, Tallah and Naseem Khan and recovered 700 gram hashish and one gram cocaine from their possession. Kohsar police arrested two accused Nawaz and Shakaz and recovered stolen mobile phones from their possession. Banigala police arrested an accused Shoaib and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him. Ramana police arrested an accused Qamer Iqbal and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him. Tarnoli police arrested Sultan Khan and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him. Ramanan police arrested accused Qamer Iqbal and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him. Shahzad Town police arrested an accused Muhammad Ul Hassan and recovered one 30 bore pistol from him. Sihala police arrested three accused Hassan Imtaiz, Arab, Ashiq and recovered 232 gram hashish and two 30 bore pistol from their possession. Lohibher Police team raided at Sheeha Center in Bahria town (Phase-IV) and nabbed 25 persons. Cases have been registered against these nabbed persons and further investigation is underway from them.

## PUCAR presents stage play 'Munna Shrarti'

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RAWALPINDI: Punjab Council of the Arts in order to provide neat and clean entertainment facility to the people of twin cities presented a stage play 'Munna Shrarti' with aim to highlight social issues.

The play was written by Liaqat Shah and directed by Sajjad Ahmed, Jhalak Ali, Arshad Khan, Anjum Abbasi, Saima Khan, Kha-



war Ayub, Naeem Tota, Abdul Jabbar, Sofia Ali, Maryam Shahzadi, Naseem Gulzar, Sajjad Ahmed, Shahzada Ghaffar, Imran Abbasi were included in the caste of the play. Director PUCAR Rawalpindi Waqar Ahmed addressing at the occasion said that stage play had pivotal role in highlighting social issues because it had great impact on the mind of the people through dramatic performance and characterization.









