

PTA conducts raids against telecom companies involved in illegal activities

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Zonal Office Faisalabad, in collaboration with the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) Cyber Crime Circle Faisalabad, conducted successful raids on two franchisees



of telecom companies in District Jhang respectively. According to news

release during the raid, the FIA apprehended the franchise owner and seized suspected materials, including one mobile phone, two BVS devices and 57 suspicious SIM cards.

In the second raid at Garh Moor, two individuals were arrested, and authorities confiscated 39 suspicious

SIMs, two mobile phones, one laptop, two BVS devices, 32 original CNICs, 800 CNIC copies and 161 signed stamp papers with thumb impressions.

The crackdown is part of PTA's ongoing efforts to curtail illegal issuance of SIMs and underscores Authority's dedication for eradicating the menace.

PSX witnesses bullish trend, gains 158 points

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD—The 100-Index of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) witnessed bullish trend on Monday, gaining 158.08 more points, a positive change of 0.20 percent, closing at 79,914.4 points against 79,330.06 points on the last working day.

A total of 536,187,271 shares were traded during the day as compared to 916,053,875 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 8.911 billion against Rs

21.236 billion on the last trading day.

As many as 443 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 139 of them recorded gains and 253 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 51 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were Pace (Pak) Limited with 56,890,305 shares at Rs 6.96 per share, Energycio PK with 48,934,827 shares at Rs.416 per share and WorldCall Telecom with 40,218,735 shares at Rs.1.39 per share.

Hoechst Pakistan Limited witnessed a maximum increase of Rs.128.60 per share price, closing at Rs 2,079.60, whereas the runner-up was Reliance Cotton Spinning Mills Limited with a Rs 53.86 rise in its per share price to Rs 592.43. Sapphire Textile Mills Limited witnessed a maximum decrease of Rs 58.71 per share closing at Rs 1,090.89 followed by Khyber Textile Mills Limited with Rs 47.76 decline to close at Rs 484.85.

IRSA releases 226,800 cusecs water

BT NEWS

ISLAMABAD—Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Monday released 226,800 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 168,300 cusecs.

According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 154516 feet and was 14716 feet higher than its dead level of 1398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 91,900 cusecs and 130,000 cusecs respectively.

The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 122750 feet, which was 17950 feet higher than its dead level of 1050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded each 19,600 cusecs. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded as 156,300, 114,200, 106,000 and 61,000 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 28,200 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 5,100 cusecs released from River Chenab at Marala.

Foolproof security to be provided on Eid-e-Milad: Information Minister



BUREAU REPORT

FAISALABAD—Provincial Minister for Information & Culture Azma Bokhari said that a comprehensive strategy would be implemented to provide foolproof security on Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) across the province.

Briefing the media about Milad arrangements at Commissioner Office here on Monday, she said that 2467 Milad processions would be taken out in addition to 1581 Mahafil across the province. More than 55,000 police officials were deputed for Milad security in addition to activating CTD Jawans for checking of processions participants, especially in sensitive areas, she added.

She said that CCTV cameras were also activated in Faisalabad and Milad processions would be monitored through control rooms which were established at divisional levels across the province. "Jashn-e-Milad is a prestigious event. Hence, the government, on special directions of Chief

Minister Maryam Nawaz, will facilitate the faithful to maximum extent in addition to distributing sweets and Halwa among the participants of Milad processions," she added.

She said that Milad processions and Mahafil were divided into different categories for their proper monitoring through the Safe City project. "Police and other law enforcement agencies will perform their duties in shifts and keep an eye on the movement of suspects so that their nefarious designs could be foiled. The local administration will act upon the suggestions and proposals of police committees. However, citizens should also cooperate with security departments so that Milad events could be celebrated in a befitting manner," she maintained.

She said that Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz would monitor Milad activities herself and Provincial Minister for Local Government and Community Development Zeeshan Rafique and she had been assigned Milad duties in Faisalabad.

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ICT Police devise elaborate security for processions of Eid Milad un Nabi



NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD—Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police have chalked out an elaborate security plan for the main procession of Eid Milad ul Nabi on 12th Rabi ul Sawad (September 17) with Strict patrolling will be ensured throughout the procession and other religious gatherings across the city.

Following the directives of Inspector General (IG) ICT Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Syed Ali Raza, ICT Police will undertake comprehensive security and patrolling duties.

According to the Police Spokesperson DIG Syed Ali Raza has mandated that all SPs, SDPOs, SHOs, and other police officials visit the

procession routes to ensure effective coordination among security personnel.

He said police officials will guide the officers and boost their morale to carry out their duties responsibly.

He said over 2000 police personnel, including specialized teams of commandos, will be deployed for security duties during the occasion.

SPs will also visit various police posts along the procession route to monitor security and brief officers on effective security measures, he said.

Traffic police officers will manage traffic to ensure smooth flow and minimize disruptions, he added.

He said walk-through gates will be installed at all entry points of the procession, and metal

detectors will be used to screen participants. Each participant will undergo a full body search before being allowed entry, he added.

He said snipers will be stationed on rooftops to provide additional security for the procession.

Streets, roads, and other routes along the procession path will be sealed to ensure security, he said.

All police stations will be involved in performing security and patrolling duties within their respective areas.

DIG Syed Ali Raza emphasized that it is the prime responsibility of the police to protect both lives and property, and the ICT police are committed to ensuring fool-proof security for Eid Milad-ul-Nabi, he added.

A Day of Reflection Peace:

12 Rabiul Awal Inspires Individual Lives

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Prophet Muhammad (SAW) the founder of Islam is consider one of the most influential figures in history. His (PBUH) teaching have a profound impact on the world and have shaped the way millions of people live their lives. One of the key teaching of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the importance promoting peace and harmony in the society.

Throughout his life, Prophet Muhammad (SAW) preached a message of peace, tolerance and understanding. HE taught his followers to treat each other with kindness, compassion and respect regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) emphasized the importance of resolving conflicts through peaceful means and encouraged his followers to work towards creating a peaceful society.

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) emphasis on peace and harmony seen in many aspects of his life. HE known for his compassion towards others, HE often went out of his way to help those in needs. Prophet (SAW) encouraged his followers to practice forgiveness and to treat others with kindness and respect, even in the face of adversity. One of the most famous examples of the Prophet Muhammad

(PBUH) commitment to peace and harmony is the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah. In 628 CE, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) signed a peace treaty with Quraish tribe ending years of conflict between the two groups.

The birth of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is a significant day in Islamic history as it signifies the beginning of a new era of guidance and enlighten for humanity. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) convey HIS message to humanity and to set examples of moral conduct and compassion for people to follow. On the 12th day of Rabiul Awal, Muslims around the world commemorate the birth of the Prophet Muhammad, (PEACE BE UPON HIM). This day holds special significance in Islamic history as it marks the arrival of a figure who would profoundly inspire the lives of millions of people.

On this auspicious day, Muslims gather to recite prayers, offer special prayers and reflect on the teaching of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It is a time of ALLAH Blessings as Muslims remember the life and teaching of their beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and seek to emulate his examples in their own life. For believers, 12 Rabiul Awal is not just a day of celebration, but also a day of reflection and self-examination.

The life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) serve as an inspiration for individuals to lead lives of peace, compassion, and righteousness. His example of humility, kindness, and tolerance continues to guide Muslims in their daily lives, reminding them of the importance of embodying these qualities in their interactions with others. 12th Rabiul Awal offers an opportunity for individuals to reflect on how they can follow the Prophet's noble characteristics and strive to be better versions of themselves.

One of the key lessons that collected from the Prophet's life is the importance of promoting peace and harmony in society. In a world widespread with conflict and dissonance, the message of peace that the Prophet preached is more relevant than ever. By following his example of forgiveness, empathy, and understanding, individuals can contribute to creating a more peaceful and inclusive world. Moreover, the day of 12 Rabiul Awal encourages individuals to reflect on their spiritual journey and relationship with the Divine.

The Prophet Muhammad (SAW) known for his deep faith, devotion, and connection to ALLAH and his example inspires believers to strengthen their own spiritual practices and seek closeness to ALLAH Almighty.

12 Rabiul Awal is a day that offers a chance for individuals to pause, reflect, and recommit themselves to living lives of peace and goodness. Muslims drawing inspiration from the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) teachings and example, people can strive to make positive changes in their own lives and contribute to a more harmonious and compassionate society.

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Bilawal Bhutto burying grandfather's constitution: Shah Mahmood Qureshi

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi has accused Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari of "burying" the 1973 constitution, which was drafted by his grandfather, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, through the proposed constitutional amendments.

In an informal conversation with media representatives, Qureshi strongly criticised the proposed amendments, calling them an attack on the judiciary's independence.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi urged all political parties to carefully examine the draft and engage in open debate before proceeding with any amendments.

"Constitutional amendments are a serious matter, and rushing them through is inappropriate," he said, adding that the draft had been kept hidden



from the political parties but would soon be revealed in the assembly.

The PTI leader also praised Maulana Fazlur Rahman for exercising caution and not succumbing to pressure regarding the proposed amendments.

"He knows that amendments are not made hastily, and I commend him for his approach," Mahmood added. Expressing concerns about the government's haste, Mahmood highlighted that over 50 amendments had been proposed.

"Why the urgency?" he asked, pointing out that the legal community

had already expressed opposition to the changes. According to him, these amendments are akin to "burying the constitution."

Shah Mahmood Qureshi also criticised the government's attempt to gain control over judicial appointments and transfers, arguing that this move would alter the essence of the 1973 constitution. "This is a clear attack on the judiciary's freedom, and altering the constitution in this way is unconstitutional."

He further warned that if floor crossing were allowed, Parliament would become a "marketplace."

Pakistan committed to global ozone layer protection for human, environmental sustainability: Romina

BT NEWS

ISLAMABAD—Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam said that Pakistan has demonstrated a strong commitment and played its role as a part of global efforts to protect the ozone layer through its participation in international agreements, implementation of national policies, and collaboration with global partners.

The country's efforts in phase-out initiatives under the Montreal protocol to restore and preserve the ozone layer for future generations has been globally recognised and presented as a case study, the PM's climate aide highlighted while addressing as a chief guest at the



national experts' dialogue regarding the World Ozone Day 2024 held here on Monday in the climate change and environmental coordination ministry.

On the occasion of World Ozone Day 2024 being marked today

globally under the theme "Ozone for Life: Solutions for a Warming Planet", she reaffirmed the present government's dedication to preserving the ozone layer and combating climate change.

Romina Khurshid Alam highlighted that this year's theme emphasises the critical role of the ozone layer in protecting life on Earth and highlights the interconnectedness of ozone layer protection and climate action. It reflects the ongoing efforts to address both ozone depletion and global warming, reinforcing the importance of continued international cooperation and innovative solutions to tackle these environmental challenges.

The United Nations' annual

Ozone Day is observed every year on September 16, aiming to celebrate the adoption of the Montreal Protocol and raises awareness about the importance of the ozone layer. It also serves as a reminder of the global commitment to protecting this vital component of Earth's atmosphere and addressing the broader challenges of environmental sustainability.

The PM's coordinator said that there is pressing need to engage all stakeholders' including educational institutions and media practitioners and raise their understanding about the importance of the ozone layer, a critical component of Earth's atmosphere, which protects life by blocking harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.