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18 killed, 15 injured as passenger bus catches fire near Pindi Bhattian



Soon Times Correspondent
As many as 18 people, including women and children, lost their lives while 15 others were left injured after a passenger bus caught fire on the Faisalabad Motorway near Pindi Bhattian early Sunday. The bus — carrying around 35-40 people — was en route to Islamabad from Karachi, according to rescue officials. Drivers of both vehicles were among those who lost their lives. The injured were transported to Pindi Bhattian and Faisalabad Hospital, said the medical superintendent. The accident occurred near the Pindi-Bhattian Interchange at 4am, after the bus hit a pick-up van that was carrying diesel drums. District Police Officer (DPO) Dr Fahad said, adding that fire engulfed the bus shortly after the hit.

People nearby tried to pull the passengers out of the bus by breaking windows. The injured — of whom four are in critical condition — were taken to the hospital.

DPO Dr Fahad further shared that 18 bodies had been removed from the bus and will be identified through DNA testing.

It must be noted that there have been a number of such highway accidents, claiming numerous lives.

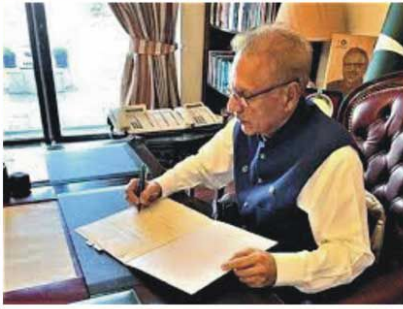
Five people, including a woman and two minors, were killed, and 20 others injured when a bus overturned in the Fazilpur area of Punjab's Rajanpur district back in July.

With the devotees of a Sufi saint aboard, the bus was on its way back to Jacobabad from Sakhi Sarwar, when it turned over after the driver lost control of the vehicle as he "fell asleep", rescue officials said.

People with severe injuries were shifted to Rajanpur district hospital, while the others were shifted to a local hospital in Fazilpur.

President Alvi denies signing Official Secrets, Army Act amendment bills

President Alvi says he disagreed with these laws. He says his staff undermined his will, command.



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD.

In a twist of events, President Arif Alvi denied Sunday signing Official Secrets (Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill, 2023, claiming that his staff "undermined" his orders. Alvi's revelations came on microblogging platform X, formerly known as Twitter, a day after he had reportedly assented to the two bills. "As God is my witness, I did not sign Official Secrets Amendment Bill 2023 & Pakistan Army Amendment Bill 2023 as I disagreed with these laws," President Alvi said on X. "I asked my staff to return the bills unsigned within stipulated time to make them ineffective. I confirmed from them many times that whether they have been returned & was assured that they were."

"However I have found out today that my staff undermined my will and command. As Allah knows all. He will forgive IA. But I ask

forgiveness from those who will be effected," he added.

It is pertinent to mention here that two PTI leaders — Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Imran Khan — were arrested after a first information report (FIR) was registered against them under Official Secrets Act for disclosing the contents of the diplomatic cipher for political gains on August 15.

Following President Alvi revelations, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) expressed its deep concerns, saying that his post was unusual, alarming, and unimaginable from every aspect.

"The president's tweet has exposed to the nation the deadliest infection spreading from top to bottom in the state system," the PTI wrote on its official X account.

It added that the party spokesperson would respond after reviewing President Alvi's post in detail.

PPP, PML-N call for President Alvi's resignation after he denies signing bills



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD
The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Sunday

demanded President Arif Alvi's resignation after the head of the state denied signing two crucial bills related to the army and secrets laws.

In a startling turn of events, President Alvi said he did not sign the bills amending the Official Secrets Act and the Pakistan Army Act into law as he "disagreed with these laws."

Alvi, in a post on social media platform X formerly known as Twitter, said he had asked his office staff to return the bills unsigned within the stipulated time to make them "ineffective."

"I confirmed from them many times that whether they have been returned and was assured that they were. However, I have found out today that my staff undermined my will and command. As Allah knows all. He will forgive Insha'Allah. But I ask forgiveness from those who will be effected," the president said.

It was reported that President Alvi has signed the Official Secrets Act and the Army Act Amendment Bill approved by the National Assembly and the Senate, after which both bills became law. Soon after the law passed, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan was booked in the cipher case. The party's senior leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi was arrested from his residence in the evening.

Minister visits NHA headquarter after assuming charge



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD

Caretaker Minister of Communications, Postal Services and Railways Shahid Ashraf Tarar on Sunday paid a visit to the National Highway Authority (NHA) headquarter after taking the charge of his ministry.

Head of the Public Relations department Sahtam Itaza Lodhi said that Shahid Ashraf Tarar was warmly welcomed. Federal Secretary of Communications and Postal Services Captain (R) Muhammad Khurram Agha and other officials were also present on the occasion.

The caretaker minister was briefed regarding the ongoing projects of NHA and problems being faced by the ministry.

Aneeq underscores importance of swift approval of Hajj policy



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD

Caretaker Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Aneeq Ahmad has underscored the importance of swift approval of Hajj policy.

He was chairing a meeting in Islamabad, which focused on accelerating the application process for next year Hajj and comprehensive implementation of a long-term Hajj policy.

The meeting made a resolute commitment to expedite the processing of next year Hajj applications, and ensure a seamless process for aspiring pilgrims.

A proposal to collect funds for future pilgrimages through convenient instalments was also considered, which will facilitate the financial aspect of the pilgrimage.

FIA gets a day's remand of Shah Mahmood Qureshi in cipher case



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD.

A sessions court in Islamabad granted the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)

a day's remand of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Sunday in the cipher case. Judicial Magistrate Ehtisham Alam Khan issued the orders, asking the body to produce him before the court on Monday.

Qureshi, who served as foreign minister under ex-prime minister Imran Khan and is the vice chairman of the PTI, was arrested in the capital Islamabad on Saturday evening.

Speaking with journalists before being sent on remand, Qureshi said no secret code of Pakistan has been compromised. He spoke about proving his responsibility and has "acted responsibly."

"I have not shared any such document with any unrelated person," he said, further insisting on always protecting Pakistan's interests and never compromising on them.

The politician denied being part of any conspiracy and possessing any such intentions. "This is a politically motivated case."

Imaan Mazari, Ali Wazir remanded into police custody



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD.

A local court in the federal capital on Sunday remanded human rights lawyer Imaan Mazari and Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) leader Ali Wazir into police custody in a case of "interference in state affairs."

The Islamabad police had arrested Imaan and Wazir in separate instances in the wee hours of Sunday on the charges of interference in state affairs. The two have been separately booked in a case, registered under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Today, the two were presented before Duty Judicial Magistrate Ehtisham Alam Khan, while the police sought their physical remand. The court remanded Imaan to police custody for a day and Wazir for two days.

Sanaullah believes PPP objecting to fresh delimitations over fear of losing seats



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD.

Former interior minister Rana Sanaullah said that the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) was objecting to the fresh delimitations on the basis of the 2023 census out of fear of losing a few seats as an increase in the number of Karachi seats was expected.

Remarks of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) senior leader came during wherein he maintained that a delay in conducting general elections beyond 90 days would not make any difference.

He said that the Council of Common Interests (CCI), in which PPP leaders were also present, had approved the new census by consensus. On August 17, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) announced the elections couldn't be held in three months due to the requirement of fresh delimitations after the notification of census 2023, as decided by the CCI.

"There is a consensus of the entire nation on this census. New delimitation is a constitutional requirement," Sanaullah said.

He explained that everyone objected to the 2017 census, but since elections were around the corner, a one-time "amendment" was made to hold polls on that particular headcount.

He stressed that holding elections on a "tainted census of 2017" would be unconstitutional. Therefore, delaying polls for another 80 or 90 days would not be an issue, he added.

Special Enrollment Campaign 2023



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School Education Department
Government of the Punjab



Under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab,
School Education Department has launched

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN 2023

to bring out-of-school children in the mainstream education system.

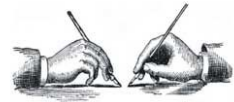
KEY INITIATIVES

- 48,495 Schools across Punjab
- Over 11.7 Million Children Enrolled
- 6729 Afternoon Schools
- Over 18000 Early Childhood Classrooms
- Free Text Books of Rs. 13 Billion distributed
- Rs. 6 Billion allocated for Girls Stipend
- More than 400,000 Teachers Trained



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Arif Alvi President or Politician

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has noted with grave concern the President's recent tweet. As per Article 75 of the Constitution, when a Bill is sent for assent, the President has two options: either give assent, or refer the matter to the parliament with specific observations. Article 75 does not provide for any third option. In the instant

matter, neither of the requirements were fulfilled. Instead, the President purposely delayed the assent. Returning the bills without any observations or assent is not provided for in the Constitution. Such a course of action is against the letter and spirit of the constitution. If the President had any observations, he

could have returned the bills with his observations like he did in the recent and distant past. He could have also issued a press release to that effect. It is a matter of concern that the President has chosen to discredit his own officials. The President should take responsibility for his own actions.

Elite Capture: A Bleak Future for Pakistan



Altaf Kumail

enjoy high social status and influential family backgrounds. The crux of the matter revolves around whether these individuals will be subjected to the rule of law or be exempted. Although justice must be served impartially, one wonders why the media's focus remains disproportionately fixated on the elite.

This lopsided emphasis reveals a distressing aspect of Pakistani society's perspective towards the middle and lower classes. These segments of the population are marginalized and neglected to such an extent that their lives are arguably worse than those of insects. This profound social injustice is particularly evident in Sindh, Balochistan, and Gilgit Baltistan, where skyrocketing inflation, widespread poverty, tribalism, feudalism, and indifferent political parties exacerbate the sufferings and miseries of the people. Not too long ago, many individuals were brimming with enthusiasm about reshaping the destiny of the nation and playing a positive and vibrant role in the process. However, the prevailing circumstances have turned them into disheartened souls, yearning to escape the country's suffocating grip. Living in a country that offers nothing but despair, frustration, hopelessness, and the capture of power by the elite leaves little room for optimism. For those unable to leave for various reasons, their only

recourse is to cling to the tiniest glimmer of hope that, one day, the situation will ameliorate in the country.

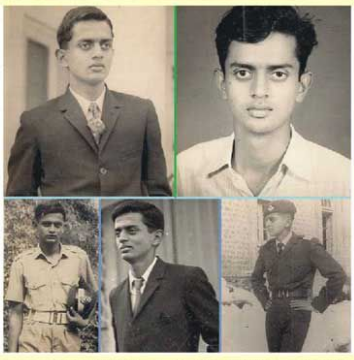
The existing predicament of elite capture in Pakistan demands a comprehensive and profound analysis, expanding beyond the confines of media representation. Various factors have contributed to this state of affairs, including systemic inequalities, inadequate governance, and an absence of equal opportunities. Any meaningful solution to this pressing issue requires the collective effort of the entire nation, transcending social and economic boundaries.

To pave the way for a brighter future, Pakistan must prioritize inclusive policies, promote social justice, strengthen institutions, and enhance educational opportunities for all. Nurturing a sense of unity and shared purpose among citizens can lead to a collective voice against elite capture and pave the way for a more equitable and prosperous nation. As we navigate through these trying times, the hope for a better Pakistan must not waver. The responsibility to uphold the vision of Quaid-e-Azam, Liaquat Ali Khan, and other founding leaders falls upon the shoulders of every citizen. Only through unified determination and concerted efforts can we break free from the clutches of elite capture and forge a path towards a truly progressive and promising future for Pakistan.

PAF PAYS TRIBUTE TO

RASHID MINHAS SHAHEED

ON HIS 52ND MARTYRDOM ANNIVERSARY



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD

To pay homage to Pakistan's valiant son and the youngest recipient of Nishan-e-Haider, Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas Shaheed, the Directorate General Public Relations (Air Force) has released a short documentary on his 52nd martyrdom anniversary. Pilot Officer Rashid Minhas Shaheed was born on 17 February, 1951. Having a dream of defending the aerial frontiers of the motherland, he got commission on 14 March, 1971 in the 51st GD (P) course. He was later posted to No 2 Squadron stationed at Maripur (Masroor) for an Operational Conversion Course, where he was destined for sublime heights by Almighty Allah. On 20 August, 1971 an unforgettable saga of bravery was crafted with his ultimate sacrifice. On this fateful day, Rashid vanquished the iniquitous intentions of his instructor pilot Flight Lieutenant Mati-ur-Rahman, who tried to hijack his training jet T-33 towards India. Rashid battled to take back the controls of the aircraft and finally preferred to crash the plane before it could cross the border. The brave son of soil accepted to sacrifice his life but didn't allow the country's dignity to be tarnished. In

recognition of Rashid Minhas's supreme sacrifice and indelible courage, the Government of Pakistan awarded him with the highest gallantry award Nishan-e-Haider. He will always be remembered as an icon of bravery & sacrifice and will remain a beacon for our future generations.

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Sl. No.	Tender Enquiry No.	Description	Qty. (Nos.)	Opening Date
1.	LED-08/23	Annual Support Renewal for IBM Security/ScanMail Software	001	12 Sep 23
2.	LED-08/23	Solar Water Heater	500	14 Sep 23
3.	LEP-03/23	Fire Extinguishers	402	05 Sep 23
4.	LED-04/23	Water, Cables Items	32,500	05 Sep 23

EXTENSIONS

Tender Enquiry No.	Description	Extended Closing Date
SNP-24/23	Dry Vent Mover	18 Sep 23
LE-5/23	Chain Link Fencing	05 Sep 23
LED-04/23	Protective Earthing System for (SCADA) Distribution	05 Sep 23



Shahnaz Arooj honored with the best culture singer award:



Soon Times Correspondent Karachi:

Singer Shahnaz Arooj was honored with the best culture singer award in the award show on the occasion of the 76th Independence Day, in which the well-known social leader, patriotic Yusuf Alia Awan, Central Senior Vice Chairman and Fauzia Rehman, Vice President Karachi participated. Pakistan's famous Singer Shahnaz Arooj has done a lot of work on the culture of Pakistan. Shahnaz Arooj while talking to the media said, I am grateful to the people of Pakistan wherever I went I have been honored in different languages ??of Pakistan. "Gana Gaya Hai" show was attended by

celebrities from all walks of life. Social leader and patriotic person Yusuf Pakistani, maintaining his tradition, organized a prestigious event this year as well. Durrani made a special appearance besides prominent businessmen Leader Atiq Mir, SSP Ashraf, leaders of various communities, senior leader of PPP, Alia Awan, Shazia Baloch Zubaidah Iqbal, Talih Mughal of Functional and others participated. Yusuf Pakistani distributed honorary shields and certificates to them. Elected Chairman Yusuf Pakistani, Central Chairperson Ladies Wing Alia Awan, Central Senior Vice Chairman Naeem Ashraf Durrani, Ladies Wing Karachi's President Shazia Baloch Elected Fouzia Rehman Vice President Karachi.

Police arrest accused who made false callon Pukar 15:

Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha:

The accused who made a false call of robbery on Sargodha Pukar 15 was arrested. The accused made a false robbery call on Pukar 15 to register a case against his opponents. Accused Waqas Ahmed, son of Azmat Hussain, called for the seizure of the dumper worth 55 lakhs. SHO Laksian police station Asad Hayat reached the spot and inquired. He found that the accused had a transaction dispute who had made a false call to register a case against the opponents. Police say that Pukar 15 is an emergency service and should not be misused. Making false or unfounded calls to Pukar 15 is a punishable offence.



Officials of LPG Dealers Association protested against district administration:

Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha:

Officials of the LPG Dealers Association protested against the district administration and the police. The protestors said, the district administration's actions against the LPG Association dealers are equivalent to their economic murder. We all will help to

make LPG association dealers SOPs in mutual consultation with the district administration so that our business can continue and avoid any major accident in future. They further said that we are ready to do all kinds of cooperation with the administration.

I am trying to improve Hyderabad Education Board with my experiences: Brohi



Soon Times Correspondent Hyderabad:

Divisional President of Pakistan Private Schools and Colleges Association under the leadership of Saeed Mohabbat Ali, Senior Vice

President Ibrahim Waghio, District President Hasan Murtaza Ansari, District General Secretary Usama Zafar Siddiqui, Taluk President Asif Iqbal Faridi, Zohaib Memon, Muhammad Ali Sheikh and

Aqeel Soomro met the Chairman of Hyderabad Education Board Professor Dr. Ahmad Ali Brohi in his office and congratulated him on becoming the Chairman of Hyderabad Education Board and presented Sindh traditional gift of Ajrak and a bouquet of flowers. Dr. Masroor Ahmadzai, the moderator of examinations of Hyderabad Education Board was also present. Dr. Professor Ahmad Ali Brohi said, I am trying to improve the Hyderabad Education Board with my experiences and soon online STM Hyderabad Education Board will be started. It will enable students to get benefit easily in the modern era. Hyderabad Education Board is the mother board and soon it will be the first in every department. Divisional President of Pakistan Private Schools and Colleges Association Saeed Mohabbat Ali assured all possible support to the Chairman of Hyderabad Education Board.



Laborer stabbed a worker to death over bricks' dispute:

Soon Times Correspondent Salanwali:

A laborer stabbed a worker to death over a bricks dispute at a kiln in Salanwali 137 South. The victim died on the spot while the killer escaped. The deceased is 40-year-old Muhammad Riaz, son of Ahmed Khan, a

resident of Kalkota. The name of the killer is said to be Ghulam Jilani, a resident of 133 South. The body of the deceased was shifted to THQ Hospital Salanwali for post-mortem. After conducting the post-mortem, the police handed over the body to the heirs. Police are busy investigating to catch the killer.

ANF conducted crackdown on drug smuggling by train:

Soon Times Correspondent Rawalpindi:

There was intelligence information that drugs were being smuggled through the train. As a result of the tip-off, the ANF planned tight monitoring of junctions and trains. Trains were checked at all major junctions

including Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore, Karachi and Quetta. During surveillance, an operation was conducted in Jafar Express at Gujran Junction. During the operation, guard in-charge and Assistant Examiner Electric of Jafar Express were arrested. 4kg hashish and 2kg opium were recovered from the official bag of the

accused. The accused were trying to smuggle drugs from Rawalpindi to Jacobabad. Following the incident, surveillance at all major junctions and trains has been tightened. A case has been registered against both the accused, residents of Rawalpindi. The arrested accused are being further investigated.

SVDO organized condolence meeting;



Soon Times Correspondent Nowshera Soon Skansar:

A condolence meeting organized by Soon Valley Development Organization was held under the chairmanship of Central Executive Committee SVDO Malik Mahmoodul Hasan. Mazdoor Kisan Committee's leader Malik

Nazeer Awan, Malik Ghulam Fareed Chegi, Malik Zahid Farooq Awan, Mian Muhammad Ashraf Supervisor SVDO Muhammad Asghar Atiq and others participated in it. In the meeting, deep sorrow was expressed over the death of late former councilor of Mauza Mardwal, Malik Muhammad Ali. Malik Mahmood Al Hasan appreciated the selfless services of the deceased in the area. Malik Nazeer Awan said, Malik Muhammad Ali used to actively participate in welfare works. Fateha was recited and prayers were made for the deceased.

Sports Department organize seminar on Dengue:



Soon Times Correspondent Gujranwala:

Gujranwala Sports and Youth Affairs Department organized a seminar on dengue prevention campaign. It was presided over by Tehsil Sports Officer Madam Samina Rao, Tehsil Sports Officer Rana Farman and Dr. Khalid District Entomologist. Addressing the seminar, Tehsil Sports Officer Madam Samina Rao said, to prevent dengue, we should make every possible effort to eliminate the dengue mosquito. Special attention should be paid to the cleanliness of homes. Dengue is a deadly mosquito and it is very important to protect humanity from it. District Entomologist Dr. Khalid explained in detail about the causes of dengue mosquito, how to prevent its growth and the treatment of dengue fever. Students and other citizens were informed about measures to prevent dengue.

Anti Corruption Sargodha has launched crackdown against fugitives:

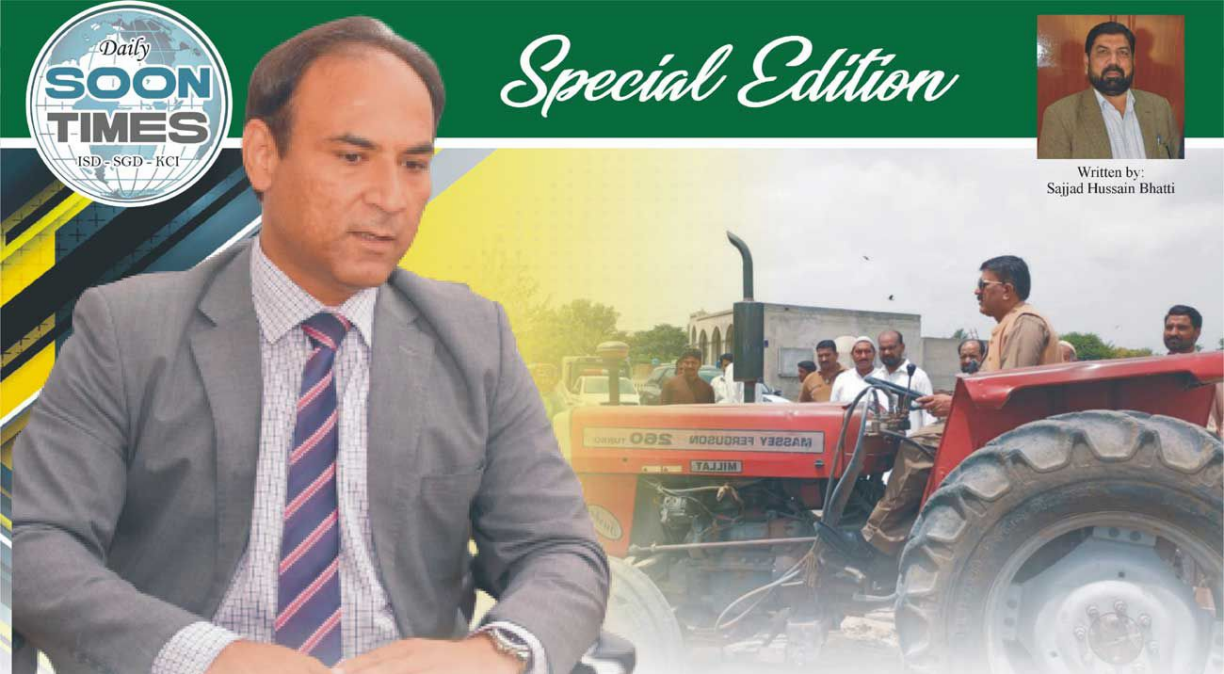
Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha:

Under the special instructions of Director General Anti-Corruption Punjab Mr. Sohail Zafar Chhatta and Abdul Razaq Dogar Director Anti-Corruption Sargodha, Anti-Corruption Sargodha has launched a crackdown against judicial fugitives. According to the details, wanted culprit accused in case 2018, Asad Abbas, former driver constable of Punjab Police Sargodha, was recruited as a driver constable in Punjab Police

on bogus certificate of matriculation by forgery. During the investigation, the accused could not prove his innocence. On this, Regional Director Anti-Corruption Sargodha approved judicial action against the accused and ordered to arrest the accused and present the challan in the court. On which the accused absconded to avoid arrest. He has been arrested by anti-corruption Sargodha's raiding team, under supervision of Zeeshan Haider, circle officer with the help of modern technology.



Written by:
Sajjad Hussain Bhatti



"Ab Gaon Chamken Gy"

program is launched in villages

The path of rural development passes through the villages. Villagers can be empowered by giving special attention to villages at the government level. Realizing this matter, Commissioner Sargodha Division Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti has prepared a plan for implementing a separate sanitation system in villages and for rural economic development and given it to the Punjab government. Accordingly, committees will be formed at village or union council level. These committees will include Union Council Secretary, Patwari, Numberdar, Imam Masjid, Field Agriculture Department, Police representative and dignitaries of the area as members. These committees will take steps to address small scale problems at the village level and improve the quality of life of the people living in the villages, as well as to ensure that villagers' agricultural products are brought directly to the market without middlemen and that they are remunerated fairly. Commissioner Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti, on the other hand, has also formulated a plan to ensure implementation through public-private partnership to build a city-style sanitation system in villages on a permanent basis. It was greatly appreciated by Chief Minister Punjab Syed Mohsin Naqvi and he has announced the launch of this project in the entire province under the title "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy" and officially inaugurated it in a ceremony on August 14 in village Qila Sharif of Sharapur. Under this program, for the first time in the history of Punjab, villages will also be provided with city-style cleaning staff and facilities. Along with this, city-style computerized birth certificates, marriage and death certificates will also be available in villages. Modern machinery will be provided at the Union Council level for cleaning the villages. Committees will be formed at the village level to ensure the implementation of this program. This program will solve the biggest problem of cleaning and sanitation in the villages. Dumping sites will be determined in consultation with local people for waste disposal. Regular cleaning of the streets and drains of every village will be ensured. Commissioner of Sargodha Division Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti inaugurated this program in a grand ceremony at village Chak No. 84 South of Union Council 99. Local dignitaries including Deputy Commissioner Sargodha Captain Retired Shoab Ali, ADCR Mohsin Salahuddin, AC Sargodha Nabeel Memon, Director Local Government Malik Asif Iqbal Malik and Deputy Director Babar Shahzad Ranjha participated in the event. On this occasion, Commissioner Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti said, "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy" is a great gift of the government to the people of the villages. For the first time in the history of Punjab, villages will also be provided with cleaning staff and facilities on the pattern of cities. He added, love of country demands that we keep it clean. The residents of the villages will also have to take ownership of this program and will have to join hands with the government agencies to make their villages clean. This program will help to improve poor sewage and sanitation systems in rural areas. People can be protected from infectious diseases by cleaning staff in the villages. Speaking at the event, Deputy Commissioner Captain Retired Shoab Ali said, machinery will be provided at the Union Council level for cleaning the villages. Deputy Director Local Government Babar Shahzad Ranjha informed about the details of the program and said that under the program "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy"



every street, drain and stream of more than 850 villages of Sargodha district will be cleaned. Places for disposal of garbage will be determined in consultation with local people. He said, a lot of thought and planning has been done before the release of this program. 2 sanitary workers and one loader rikshaw with driver will be provided in each village who will be responsible for picking up garbage from the villages, cleaning the drains and cleaning the streets. Committees consisting of dignitaries will be formed at the UC level. 200 Rs. from every house while Rs.1000 per month will be collected from shops, petrol pumps,



will be provided through the committees. In this context, all the necessary equipment will also be provided to the cleaning staff. Deputy Director Babar Ranjha further said, approval of the house maps will also be given by the committees formed at the Union Council level and action will also be taken against those who establish encroachments beyond the map. He further said, no project of the government can be successful without the support of the people.

Council No. 17 in District Khushab. Deputy Commissioner Khushab Zeeshan Shabbir Rana was the Chief Guest of the function. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Khushab Mutahir Amin Hayat Wattoo, Assistant Commissioner Khushab Muhammad Ijaz Malik, Deputy Director Local Government Chaudhry Muhammad Ijaz, CEO Education Authority Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed, CEO Health Authority Dr. Akbar Mehmood, DHO Dr. Gulzar Yusuf Rao, Additional Director of Livestock, Dr. Bakshish Haider, along with numberdars, officials, dignitaries and villagers participated in large numbers. Speaking at the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner Khushab Zeeshan Shabbir Rana said, for the first time in the history of Pakistan, a comprehensive program of sewage cleaning and encroachment removal is being started in rural areas under the program "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy". He said, earlier this system was in place in the urban areas but the villages continued to be completely neglected. Now the present government has taken a revolutionary step by providing this facility at village level. Deputy Director Local Government Muhammad Ijaz, while highlighting the features of this program said, for the success of this program, separate committees will be formed at the tehsil level and village level. At the Tehsil level, this committee will be supervised by the Assistant Commissioner of the concerned Tehsil. While one representative of Revenue, Local Government, MCS, Health, Schools Education, Livestock, Agriculture, Police will be included. Apart from this, this committee will also solve other problems at the village level. In this regard, Deputy Commissioner Sajjad Ahmed Khan in Mianwali cut the ribbon in a ceremony held at Union Council Yarkhel and officially inaugurated the program "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy". The event was attended by Deputy Director Local Government Habibullah Khan, Assistant Director Munir Jafri, Kalcemullah Khan, employees of the Local Government Department and a large number of residents of Union Council Yarkhel. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said, on the special instructions of the Chief Minister of Punjab, this revolutionary program has been started to clean up the rural areas of the province and protect the residents of the rural areas from diseases. He said, sanitation is easily done in urban areas but there was no adequate sanitation system in our rural areas due to which Punjab government has started this program. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Noor Muhammad Awan formally launched the program "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy" in Chak No. 30 Union Council Gadola of Bhakkar. Local government department officers, numberdars of the concerned Union Council and local dignitaries were present in the ceremony. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Noor Muhammad Awan said, "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy" program is a revolutionary program of the Punjab government under which problems like sewage, sanitation and illegal encroachment in rural areas will be solved on a priority basis so that in the villages prevention of infectious diseases can be ensured. He said, like the cities, plans have been prepared to make the sanitation system integrated and efficient in the villages as well. The government has launched an adaptation plan to ensure a clean and disease-free environment for the rural population. Now it is the responsibility of the rural people to come forward and play their part in making this project a success.



educational institutions and other commercial entrepreneurs. The collected funds will be spent on the welfare of the people of the villages and the salaries of the cleaning staff

The people of the villages will also have to change themselves to be equipped with urban facilities. "Ab Gaon Chamken Gy" program was launched in Chak No. 54 MB Union