

Chief Secretary Punjab Yousaf Naseem Khokhar on Tuesday paid surprise visits to Ramadan bazaars in the provincial capital, hearing complaints of consumers and issuing directions for resolving their problems. The Chief Secretary accompanied by Commissioner Lahore Division Mujtaba Piracha reviewed quality, demand and supply, prices of commodities and other arrangements in Ramadan bazaars of Islampura, Gulshan Ravi, and Wahdat Colony. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary said officers would have to work hard for making Ramadan bazaars beneficial for people in real sense. He mentioned all officers have been assigned duties regarding visits to Ramadan bazaars, warning that negligence would not be tolerated in any case.

He asked the officers to pay surprise visits to Ramadan bazaars to ensure best arrangements, adding that performance in this regard would be reviewed on a daily basis. The Chief Secretary said the Punjab government is giving huge subsidy on selected eatables to provide relief to people during the holy month. He ordered as well as prices strict check also be kept on quality, demand and supply to avoid shortage of any commodity. He said that number of price control magistrates has been increased in the province to ensure availability of daily-use items at fixed price in open market like Ramadan bazaars. — PRESS RELEASE



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IGP Arif Nawaz Chairs Meeting Of Field Police Formations Before Ramadan

ADDITIONAL IG, DIGS, RPOS, CPOS AND DPOS RUSHED TO THE CENTRAL POLICE OFFICE TO ATTEND THE MEETING ON WEEKLY HOLIDAY THAT COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF POLICING

"I am myself monitoring the crime situation in all districts of Punjab so an indiscriminate action must be taken," the police chief said while presiding a high-level meeting of entire field formations at Central Police Office on Sunday.

He further directed to beef up security of all educational institutes and worship places across Punjab including churches on priority basis and RPOs and DPOs monitor the security plan and security duty personally.

The IG further said that every officer should ensure his availability in the office during office hours emphasizing easy access for citizens and eliminating "parchi" culture.

"Any officer found guilty of delaying the action on public complaints will be held responsible and will also face departmental action if his negligence is proved."

He further said that without any leniency action will also be taken against such DPOs who are not taking action against the relevant SHO or Circle Officer for delaying the registration of FIR. He said that a stern and swift action should be taken against the supporters or culprits of criminal elements in police uniform. He said entry and exit point check posts at all districts should be removed immediately, starting snap checking / mobile checking.

Additional IG Training Punjab Tariq Masood Yasin, Additional IG Operations Punjab Inam Ghani, Additional IG Welfare & Finance Rao Sardar Ali Khan, Additional IG PHP Manzoor Sarwar Chaudhary, Additional IG Investigation Punjab Abubakar Khudabaksh, Additional IG Elite Police Force Shahid Hanif, CCPO Lahore B A Nasir, Additional IG Logistics & Procurement Ghulam Rasool Zahid, Commandant Punjab Constabulary Kunwar Shahrukh, all RPOs, CPOs and DPOs were present.

ADDITIONAL IG OPERATIONS UPDATES IGP ABOUT SECURITY MEASURES AHEAD OF RAMADAN

On this occasion, Additional IG Operations Inam Ghani briefed IG Punjab that utilizing all available resources and a comprehensive security plan has been devised and during Ramadan for 32,585 Mosques and Imambargahs of the province almost 80,000 police officers, officials and volunteers will perform security duty.

The IG Punjab directed to ensure the security of citizens at all costs during Ramadan and directed all DPOs to visit and monitor personally the security of Mosques, Imam Bargahs,

Ramadan Bazars and other important buildings and markets.

He emphasised upon gearing up search, sweep, combing and intelligence based operations in the vicinity of all worship places.

Khan further said checking should be more thorough at the entry and exit points of the city and during Fajar and Taraveh Prayer additional security should be provided to the sensitive worship places also patrolling should be further improved. —LAHORE MIRROR

Inspector General Punjab Police Captain (retired) Arif Nawaz Khan said his favorites are only those officers who will serve public, uphold rule of law and apprehend culprits responsible of causing trouble to the public.

Field officers from every district must prepare a list of top 20 criminals and anti-social elements, apprehend them by June 5 and dispatch reports to the Central Police Office, he announced.

Lahore: DIG Ashfaq Ahmad, SSP Ismail Kharak Assume Command Of Police's Operations Wing



Deputy Inspector General of Police Ashfaq Ahmad Khan and Senior Superintendent of Police Ismail Kharak assumed the charge of DIG Operations Lahore and SSP Operations respectively on Thursday.

Mr Khan is considered an upright and professional police officer in the government circles and was earlier serving as City Police Officer Faisalabad, says a press release.

He belongs to 28th Common of Police Service of Pakistan and has served key posts of CPO Gujranwala, RPO Gujranwala, DPO Bahawalpur, RPO Bahawalpur region.

DIG Operations Lahore Ashfaq Ahmad Khan also met with his predecessor DIG Muhammad Waqas Nazir.

DIG Khan has committed to resolve the problems of citizens by providing them justice at police stations, saying maintenance of law and order along with crime control will be his top priorities.

He urged to strengthen the policing process by adopting information technology and institutional reforms.

The DIG further further said he will take all possible measures for the welfare of Police officers and officials.

He said foolproof security will be provided to the citizens during Ramadan ul mubarak at Mosques and Imam Bargahs. Lahore Police has issued its security plan in this regard, he added.

KHARAK ASSUMES CHARGE OF SSP OPERATIONS LAHORE

SSP Ismail Kharak also assumed the charge of SSP Operations Lahore.

Talking to reporters, he said by the grace of Allah he has been provided second chance to serve the citizens of Lahore as he has served in Lahore in past years.

He said he would utilize all resources to provide relief to the people along with chalking out a comprehensive plan to boost the morale of the police force.

Kharak said he would bring out all efforts to build positive image of police as well as improve the conditions of the Police Stations.

The SSP said he would follow the guidelines and directions given by Chief Minister Punjab, IG Punjab, CCPO and DIG Operations Lahore in all the matters.

It will be our mission to make Lahore the center of peace so that people could spend their life calmly with complete sense of protection.

He further said that he will try to safeguard the rights of people and make possible to implement on the laws regarding protection of rights of people.

Kharak said the culture of public friendly police will be promoted so that people could visit police stations for the redressal of their grievances without any fear and hesitation.

According to him, common man is VVIP and will be treated with honor and respect in police stations.

He said he would review all the affairs regarding strategies to control crime and follow the decisions of leadership according to given policy line.

Projects related to IT technology, public friendly approach of Police and community policing will be continued and further improve to ensure protection of life and property of people according to our agenda, the SSP Operations concluded. —LAHORE MIRROR

DC Lahore Saleha Visits Prime Minister Imran Khan Reveals Rs162 Billion Special Package For Karachi

The District Administration Lahore has set up Ramadan Bazaars to provide maximum relief to the citizens, said DC Ms Saleha Saeed on Wednesday.

The DC paid visits to Mian Plaza Raiwind, Township and Makka Colony Ramadan Bazaars to review arrangements on first day.

She instructed all departments to provide best sort of services to the citizens and there should be proper focus on the green channels, fair price shops, sugar and flour stalls during the whole month of Ramadan.

Saleha Saeed directed the administration of mentioned bazaars to keep an eye on the demand and supply of all items.

She also instructed LWMC to maintain proper cleanliness inside and outside surroundings of all Ramadan bazaars.

She also met with the customers visiting in the bazaars and talked with them about the facilities being provided to them.

Moreover, She too paid a visit to fruit and vegetable market Raiwind and reviewed the encroachment operation conducted some days back in which more than one hundred shops were get demolished by the AC concerned.

She directed AC Raiwind to remove the remaining encroached portion of the said markets and to get all illegal cold storage of the markets.

DC INAUGURATES MODEL UNION COUNCIL OFFICE

DC Lahore Ms Saleha Saeed inaugurated the provincial first model union council office in Union Council 272 in the jurisdiction of Tehsil Raiwind.

She was accompanied by the chairman, vice chairman of the Union Council and Assistant Commissioner Raiwind Shahid Mehboob.

She said on this occasion it is the first model union council office of the Punjab province where people can have the opportunity of birth certificate, Nadra office, Patear circle and others and natives would be given facilities under one roof. She praised the new building of UC office and appreciated the role of locals in the construction of new building.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY

Moreover, DC Saeed while paying visit to Township Ramadan bazar gave monthly ration to the laborers working in the said bazaar in regard with the International Labor Day. She appreciated the role of the laborers in the



For Karachi

Prime Minister Imran Khan has announced a Rs162 billion special package for Karachi, the largest metropolitan city in Pakistan.

The premier said it included 10 projects related to public transportation and seven to sewerage system.

Mr Khan stressed that Pakistan's prosperity is contingent upon the development of Karachi.

Karachi's development was the responsibility of the Sindh government but unfortunately, the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) that came to power after winning elections from the interior of Sindh didn't take care of the port city, he lamented.

"We can't forget the promises made to the people of Karachi," PM Khan said.

He said Pakistan is going through the worst times in the context of economic conditions.

The prime minister said a campaign would have to be launched to preserve water in Karachi, regretting that no heed was paid to preservation of water in the past. "What we can do as of now is to launch a water preservation campaign."

He said if one takes bird's eye view of Karachi, it looks a heap of concrete and stressed the need for working out a master plan of Karachi.

PM Khan said it becomes increasingly difficult for a government to keep up with the basic needs of the fast-growing urban sprawl. Karachi would see development once it's sprawl will be contained, he said.

Until a master plan of Karachi is made, the government will mull over ways how to control things, the prime minister said, adding vertical construction should be carried out

PUNJAB: RESCUE 1122 OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS'

Director General Dr Rizwan Naseer says implementation of NFSCs-2016 can ensure safer Punjab

Director General Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122), Dr Rizwan Naseer on Saturday acknowledged and paid rich tribute to the firefighters who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty while rendering their services to protect precious human lives and properties of citizens.

He said fire safety is the life safety, as over 90 percent Fire & Rescue Services across the World work for fire prevention and fire Safety.

"It is the need of the hour to ensure National Fire Safety Codes-2016 in high rise buildings and new developments to promote the Fire Safety in the country."

The DG appealed to all concerned departments would have to come forward for establishment of safer communities in Pakistan as it is not the job of fire Rescuers alone.

Naseer said after establishment of comprehensive emergency management system of Rescue 1122 in Pakistan, the first Modern Fire Serviv started in 2007 that has responded to over 125,000 fire emergencies in Punjab during last 11 years and

saved losses worth over Rs376 billion.

The DG was addressing a ceremony of the International Firefighters' Day Ceremony held at the Rescue Headquarters here on Saturday.

Following the directions of the DG Rescue Punjab, the International Fire Fighters' Day was also commemorated in all districts of the Punjab.

In order to promote fire safety, awareness walks, seminars, and rallies were conducted by district emergency services in collaboration with district administrations, social organizations and other stakeholders of society to mark this day with full zeal and zest.

Furthermore, the District Emergency Officers also visited the families of martyrs in their concerned districts and showed solidarity with them.

Speaking the occasion, Dr Rizwan Naseer congratulated the best rescuers of the years and advised them for working with same dedication and commitments to developing safer communities in Pakistan.

He said the fire Rescuers are genuine champions of service and its country who achieved the same goals significantly and subsequently public have great respect for them. Earlier, fire rescuer demonstrated fire and rescue skills in a mock scenario of fire incident in a burn house and high rise building. Fire rescuers approached the incident after scene size up and used Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) to enter the smoke rooms and rescuing victims from a burning house. They also rescued victims from 8th



PPP-LED SINDH GOVT QUESTIONS SINDH POLICE'S PERFORMANCE?

—HOWEVER, POLICE OFFICERS AND CRIME JOURNALISTS SPEAK OTHERWISE

By Faisal Ali Ghumman

Adviser to Chief Minister Sindh on Information Murtaza Wahab today criticised the Sindh police, saying the law and order situation in the province has deteriorated.

Wahab told reporters in Karachi that there was police conference in the province for two days during which five people were killed. "Irshad Ranjhani was shot in the head and there has been an increase in target killing and street crimes in Karachi."

Does the police want us to stop questioning them," Wahab questioned. Criticising the police, the Sindh information adviser said, "The police job is to police and our [government's] job is lawmaking but it seems like some police officers have started making the laws. Police have become the policymaker." He added, "Justice is an important part of the society. We want poor to receive justice through laws. Through this law, the police will be held accountable because the Sindh Assembly has done record lawmaking."

Wahab's statement about Sindh police failure has bewildered police bureaucracy. Officers say on the one hand the PPP picked IG Kaleem Imam soon after general elections in 2018 and on the other the government is showing dissatisfaction over his command and control.

Mr Imam was the Chief Security Officer of former prime minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani in the past and his most of the police service in from Sindh. Statement draws criticism from police and journalist circles

The statement by the Sindh government official has drawn a criticism from police circles who say if the political governments are unable to cope with actual requirements for police to serve public the department has no other choice to conduct police conferences to introduce and implement reforms on their own.

"I don't think that the PPP-led Sindh government is doing any people's friendly police legislation as politicians are only seen interfering in police matters for their ulterior motives," said a serving Deputy Inspector General of Police. The police officer, who declined to be named in the story because of official constraints, the holding of police conferences to introduce reforms up to police station level is a pleasant trend to be followed by other provinces as well especially when the police department needs to change its perception among people and complainants.

Rising crime graph in Karachi in particular and other cities of Sindh in general and absence of accountability mechanism depict police are not working in its true spirit keeping in view the traditional and obsolete culture of poor governance in Sindh. Another factor behind poor police working is more powered assigned to Pakistan Rangers Sindh by the government to fight gangs of criminals, armed wings of political parties and target killings, he said, adding the Sindh police should be allowed to fight crimes and terrorism independently.

"The provincial police commander's top priority should be to fight crime in an atmosphere suitable for the police force," the DIG said, adding the Sindh government's recent statement against Sindh police is also the reluctance of Inspector General Syed Kaleem Imam in political interference in police matters and his central role in police reforms committee constituted by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf powered federal government.

Asif Chaudhry, a senior crime journalist and analyst, is of the view that PPP government is Sindh indulged in politics only as it has nothing to do with the betterment of police service delivery for the welfare of force and public. "If the Sindh IG is taking pain in introducing reforms to improve police working and provide maximum relief to complainants everyone should welcome it." Mr Chaudhry, who is from Daily Dawn, said crime patterns in Karachi and some other parts of Sindh are entirely different from other provinces especially from Punjab as local and international mafias are involved in target killings, robberies, extortion, kidnappings, terrorism, and illegal operations of narcotics and weapons. The ongoing recovery of weapons and ammunition from the hidden cells of militants and armed wings of political parties during joint operations in Karachi is the evident of the fact that law-enforcement and intelligence are not up to the mark. "There are reports that gangs from South Africa and remains of MQM still operate in Karachi to tarnish the peace of the city of lights," Chaudhry said, adding the Sindh police need immediate resources and manpower to restore peace in Karachi and other parts of the province.

