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Quetta population exceeds 2.6 million: Census Commissioner

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Commissioner Census Balochistan, Noor Ahmed Pirkanji on Sunday revealed that the population of Quetta city exceeded 2.6 million. He dispelled the impression that the city, which is the capital of Balochistan province was 1.7 million.

Balochistan population crosses 20.6 million: Commissioner

Mr. Pirkanji also informed that the population of Balochistan also exceeded 20.6 million people. "We tried our best not to miss a single individual and ensure counting", Mr. Pirkanji told Daily Quetta Voice in an exclusive interview. He said political parties and people had expressed



reservations about the method of census conducted in 2017. "This time, we tried our level best to ensure transparency", Mr. Pirkanji informed.

Political parties demanded extension in census date

Almost all political parties have demanded of the federal government to make sure fair census in Balochistan and that no individual should be missed. The Balochistan Assembly had also adopted a resolution with regard to the extension in the census date. The house had also expressed reservations about the preliminary results of the census commission about various districts of Balochistan.

PDM stands firm on SC protest despite govt plea for relocation

The Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), a multi-party coalition that includes the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), has



belongs to the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) which is also part of the PDM coalition, said that the administration

refused to relocate their planned protest sit-in outside the Supreme Court in Islamabad despite the government's request to move it outside the Red Zone due to security concerns.

Speaking at a press conference with Information Minister Mariyum Aurangzeb earlier on Sunday, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had directed him to meet with Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) and PDM chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman.

After receiving "alarming" information from security institutions, Sanaullah had urged the PDM chief to relocate the planned protest sit-in of his multi-party coalition away from the Supreme Court building. Sanaullah, who

informed him that it will be very difficult to control the protest and that the information being received from security institutions was very alarming. He said that he had requested the JUI-F chief to hold the protest outside the Red Zone. However, reports suggested that the PDM was holding firm on its choice of venue, with Fazl and other leaders regretting any chance of relocating the sit-in which is supposed to continue for an indefinite period. In a statement later in the evening, JUI-F Central Secretary General Secretary Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri expressed concern over the spread of false rumours that the planned location of the protest had been changed. Web Desk

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Health Desk

QUETTA: Chief Secretary Balochistan, Abdul Aziz Uqaili vowed to completely eradicate the polio virus from the province. He expressed these views while addressing a meeting of the task-force established for the eradication of polio virus on Sunday.

Chief Secretary Balochistan directed all concerned departments and officials to obtain 100 percent results during the anti polio campaign. He urged the parents to ensure provision of polio drops to their children.

The anti-polio campaign would kick start from Monday (today) in Quetta and 18 districts of Balochistan. Syed Zahid Shah, the Coordinator Emergency Operation Cell (EOC) informed the meeting that the campaign would be launched in 393 union councils of 18 districts of Balochistan.



1.2 million children to be administered polio drops

During the campaign, more than 1.2 million children under the age of five years would be administered anti polio drops. This is going to be a seven day anti polio campaign, Mr. Shah informed the task force meeting.

During the polio campaign, around 4,969 teams will be assigned to administer polio drops to children.

Zahid Shah, the coordinator of Emergency Operation Center Balochistan, said that fool-proof security will be provided to all staff during the campaign, on which Balochistan Levies, police and FC personnel will be deployed.

No polio case reported since January 2021

He said that no case of polio has been reported in Balochistan since January 2021, no polio virus has been reported in the environment of Balochistan since April 2021.

The presence of polio virus in the districts of the country and in Afghanistan is a big threat for the children of Balochistan province.

Fool-proof security provided to polio workers

World migratory birds day observed in Balochistan

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QUETTA: International migratory Bird Day was observed in Quetta like in other parts of the globe. In connection with this day, an awareness seminar organized by Ten Billion Tree Tsunami Program and Wildlife was organized in a private hotel in Quetta.

Chief Conservator Forest, Niaz Khan Kakar while briefing the participants of the seminar on the movement of guest birds in Balochistan said that every year 12000 thousand visitors visited the districts of Bird, Nushki, Dalbandin, Kharan, Division In Zhob, Dana



The number of these foreign guest birds is decreasing every year, Niaz Khan said. He said that the participants of the seminar said that a survey was conducted in 1995.

Sar Takht Suleiman range, they used to land in thousands from Siberia, but due to the illegal hunting of people, today this number has reached 1200, which is alarming.

Migratory birds cover a distance of 4,500 kms

Participants in the seminar, Vice Chancellor Lorelai Zahoore Ahmed Bazai, Secretary Law, Saboor Kakar, Secretary Forests and Wildlife, Noor Ahmed Pirkanji, ShariFuddin Baloch, Dr. Rabia Zafar, and other participants of the seminar demanded the government to stop illegal hunting in Balochistan. A complete ban should be imposed so that foreign birds can make Balochistan their home. Because these birds cover a distance of 4500 km and start their journey in the month of September, and during 15 days. It inhabits various districts of Tajikistan, India, Ahmedpur, Indus River and Baluchistan till March.

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Editor Asim Khan

Flaws in the Balochistan census

Flaws have been witnessed in the seventh census underway in Pakistan's Balochistan province. The census is underway amid reservations and apprehensions expressed by the Baloch and Pashtoon nationalist political parties.

The census staff is yet to reach the people living in urban parts of the province. What to speak about the remote areas of the province, which covers half of the country in terms of area and houses only 6% population of entire Pakistan.

Census staff is yet to reach the population in Balochistan
Specific law of order situations, rugged and mountainous long distances, plains, and administrative issues make it very difficult to make sure proper and accurate counting of all individuals in Balochistan.

As per the 2017 national census, Balochistan makes hardly 6% population of the entire country. Indeed, this is equal to salt in the flour. It is ironic that if this meager population is not counted properly during the census of 2023.

Census also a sensitive topic in Balochistan
Like in some cities of Pakistan, census/enumeration is also considered to be one of the sensitive topics in Balochistan. Almost all political parties are skeptical about the process of the current enumeration/census.

The Baloch nationalist parties are concerned about the inclusion of Afghan refugees in the census process and fear that this would bring a demographic change in the province. The Pashtoon nationalist parties fear that their (ethnic Pashtuns) population should not be ignored under the garb of Afghan refugees.

Balochistan makes up only 6% population of the entire country
The resource-rich province of Balochistan has a nominal representation in the parliament with only 19 members of the national assembly out of a total of 342. The province has no say in the formation of the federal government, and distribution of development funds under the federal public sector development program (PSPD). Even its (Balochistan) meager share of 6% percent in services is swallowed by Islamabad through fake domiciles.

Balochistan is lagging behind all other provinces in terms of key social indicators including education, health, sanitation and clean drinking water. Nevertheless, its own funds are not utilized in a transparent way because of the worst governance.

To be precise, all political parties should put their heads together and bury the hatchet and come up with one point agenda that a fair and transparent census should be conducted before it is already late.



Article 25 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan says that there will be no discrimination on the basis of sex. It means that the rights of men and women should be equal.

Gender equality is a basic fundamental right in any self-respecting democracy. Do ground realities substantiate this assertion? Are there even playing ground for both genders? If not, why it is so? And how can gender mainstreaming be achieved? Gender Responsive, Gender Sensitive and Gender Aware budgeting.

There are many policy options to reduce this imbalance and it is very important as a policy and planning instrument for governments that can be used for reaching the goal of Gender Equality. Gender Responsive, Gender Sensitive and Gender Aware budgeting in a country, region, or a province can create enabling environment to bring equality? The fundamental objective of gender budgeting refers to refining budget and related policies with a view to promoting gender equality as an integral part of human rights. Gender budgeting makes the gender-specific effects of budgets visible and raises awareness about their frequently implicit dimensions of discrimination against women.

Gender impacts of budgets and policies. Gender budgeting identifies the gender-specific effects of the government's public finance - which is usually presented as gender-neutral and impartial. It also identifies policy options and expenditures which are required in order to promote gender equality and address the needs of the female population in Balochistan is 47.4% and the needs are completely ignored at

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we talk in the context of Balochistan, the first question that strikes us is that: Is there any study ever conducted to find out the Gender Gaps? Did we undertake any post or pre-budget assessment of the annual budget of different segments of the society, especially women, who form almost 50% (48.76%, to be specific) of our national population? In Balochistan, this ratio is 47.47%. If our budget is not Gender Sensitive, almost 47.47% of the population is left out. In our set up unemployment starts and ends with the provision of Sewing Machines, the opening of embroidery centers, and the holding of cultural shows. It means a gender-based assessment, incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process, revenues and expenditures is required in order to promote gender equality and address the needs of the female population in Balochistan is 47.4% and the needs are completely ignored at

all levels and they are hardly involved in the budgetary process. An analysis of PSDPs since 2013-14 till 2020-21 shows that there was not a single project in the years 2013-14, 1st Round (2014-15), 2nd Round (2015-16) to 2019-20, there were one to three projects and the total amount invested from 12% to 22%. It shows how much priority that 47.49% of the population gets in the province. Although the world over women are not categorized as a vulnerable group in the provision of Sewing Machines, the opening of embroidery centers, and the holding of cultural shows. It means a gender-based assessment, incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process, revenues and expenditures is required in order to promote gender equality and address the needs of the female population in Balochistan is 47.4% and the needs are completely ignored at

ered vulnerable because they are solely dependent on male counterparts both home as well as at the work place. Surprisingly there are no separate Rest Rooms/Washrooms for ladies in Secretariat and directorates. For the entire female population of Balochistan, there are only a few female park in Smugli Road and they have no recreational facilities whatsoever.

Women development department managed by male officers.

There is a women's Development Department, mostly managed by male officers and workers, who are supposed to work for the welfare of the female workforce. They lack the capacity to formulate and implement the policies and programs. Conditions outside the capital city are simply deplorable. Economic Report of 2022 states that remain an unrealized dream unless the government takes concrete steps. Gender budgeting for Gender mainstreaming and using this untapped potential.

The Iran-Saudi pact, Mirror, mirror on the wall...

By Abdul Sattar

By Kamila Hyat

The recent rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia has created a ripple of excitement among the people of the region, who have been badly affected by the undeclared cold war between the two countries.

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some years, its leadership has adopted a pragmatic approach that seems to be promoting regional trade and economic growth. At the national level, it can enhance Iranian share in regional trade.

It comes when we have a magic mirror on the wall higher than the other of our nation is to be Beyond the mirror, there are really no answers. Cleverly, young people are forward a variety of opinions, some arguing that after three years of austerity hardship caused by inflation, unemployment and reduced income.

Bank has pointed out, more and more flaws have been revealed in the system of governance leading to the crash of the IMF and the crisis that hit it. It is now attempting to climb back and appears to be somewhat successful. In doing so, with help from international donor agencies such as the World Bank as well as other foreign nations who believe that it is imperative that they countenance its prior position in the world.

Through its country, it can find similar support over the years to come and it must also face up to the challenges of the next three years, at the very least, are bound to be no less than nine times that of the IMF's last default for Argentina came in 2001 and it is currently reeling from the situation again with the aid from the IMF and other donor agencies.

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The power and energy crisis in Pakistan is about its power policies

By Raishid Wali Janjua

By Farrah Saleem

Pakistan's power and energy crisis has reached a crisis of proportions. The power sector's circular debt of Rs2,377 billion combined with Rs1,400 billion of the gas sector - and Rs60 billion payable to PSO speak volumes of the mismanagement and the unsustainable structure of power-and-energy-sector governance.

Our power sector structure is flawed - a combination of wrong generation, sourcing, defective transmission and distribution system, poor bill recovery and demand management mechanism. Our present generation capacity touches a peak of 30,000MW once a while in extreme weather conditions especially in summer and then plunges down significantly and compels us to keep the reserves as reserves. It is disproportionate reliance on thermal-based sources of power generation is 88 percent. The planning failure has also contributed to the present situation.

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term structural reforms through better regulation of the power sector and professional management. Pakistan needs to enhance its electricity capacity for efficient consumption of its power capacity in addition to better management through administrative measures like weather-friendly house designs, installation of smart metres and AMRs, plugging thefts and reducing electricity transmission and distribution system and the gradual altering of energy mix enhancing the share of hydro and renewables like wind and solar energy.

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Rioters damaged 23 premises, burnt 108 vehicles: Mohsin Naqvi

LAHORE: Punjab's chief minister Mohsin Naqvi while delineating losses in protest Sunday said 23 premises were damaged and 108 vehicles were gutted in the province.

In Lahore, police vehicles, 12 buses, motorbikes, six Wasea vehicles, eight Escuo 112 vehicles and a car in a car showroom were set on fire," Naqvi said. "Protesters damaged 23 buildings including Corps Commander's house in Lahore," he said. "Provincial chief minister said that military installations and government premises were attacked under a plan 'Around 34 attackers were involved in an attack on Jinnah House' above," he added.

The rioters and arsonists burnt safe city cameras on May 09 and two metro stations in Lahore, he said. "Each and every attacker is being pointed out and all will be brought to justice," he said. "Around six billion losses have been estimated in rioting incidents so far," CM Naqvi said. "In Gujranwala an Army check post and a private building were gutted, while in Multan buses and police coasters were burnt," he said.

"There were no ordinary people in Miawwali, most of them were carrying arms," chief minister said. "The attackers of Miawwali Base wanted to burn aircrafts at the installation," he said. "There are pictures and video of each person, and everyone is being followed," Punjab CM said. "We won't arrest a person wrongly despite any pressure," he said. INP

Govt intensifies efforts to implement Urdu as official language

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives is taking practical measures to implement Urdu as an official language in all government departments under Article 251 of the Constitution.

Accordingly, it recently approved a revised PC-1 of the project worth Rs 78.186 million titled "Establishment of National Language Processing Laboratory (NLP-Lab)", expediting its efforts to comply with the Supreme Court's order passed in 2015 for enforcement of Urdu as an official language.

The Ministry of National Heritage and Cultural Division is the sponsoring agency, while the National Language Centre (NLC) in the Department (NLPD) will execute the project.

The core objective of the project is to elevate Urdu to the status of languages with extensive digital data resources and equip it with modern technology applications," said Director General NLPD Dr Rashid Hameed, who is associated with the department established in October 1974. Dr Rashid Hameed explained the project includes the development of several applications like Machine Translation (MT), Speech Recognition (SR) and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) that would learn the language, leading more accessible, facilitate cross-border communication and commerce, enable people to access online content, promote cross-cultural understanding and help preserve language resources.

He believed that the digital tools adapted to the latest technology would survive in today's world. Since assuming

power in April 2022, the incumbent government has taken several steps towards implementing digital transformation in the country.

Planning Minister Professor Ahsan Iqbal has been a driving force behind these efforts, with a focus on shifting from manual to digital processes.

Last month, the minister established a Steering Committee consisting of experts from the information technology and private sectors aimed at facilitating the implementation of digital transformation and increasing the country's export volume.

P r o g r a m m e Manager for Research & Development at the NLPD Syeda Roshana Ali Naqvi while sharing further details of the project explained that the Machine Translation (MT) algorithms to automatically translate text from English to Urdu. INP



QUETTA: General Secretary of All Creation Plant Association Balochistan Mir Haseeb Ahmed Lahri along with others addressing a press conference.

Mariyum deems Imran 'mastermind' behind May 9 mayhem

ISLAMABAD: Information Minister Mariyum Aurangzeb said on Sunday that the violent events that took place on May 9 were premeditated and orchestrated by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supreme Imran Khan.

Mariyum's remarks came in response to Khan's last day first address after release in which he denied a free probe into vandalism during protests.

"Launching a broadside at Khan, Minister said "Imran did not have any information about (PTI workers) attacks, terrorism, and arson just as he did not know about his marriage during 'Idar' (period) waiting for divorce and being a father of Tayan White.

"You and your planning are behind the desecration of the memorials of martyrs and Ghazis," added Mariyum.

She said that PTI chairman had repeatedly threatened that if he was arrested, attacks would be done and for this elaborate planning was done. Imran was the mastermind behind the terrorist attacks in Pakistan, she maintained.

The minister said that the Chief Army Staff and the Director General Inter-Services Public Relations were repeatedly being named as they had refused to meet the "foreign agent" behind closed doors whom she said that as no secret meeting in the President's House was being held, so the Army

Chief and DG ISPR were being named by PTI repeatedly.

Castigating Imran Khan, she said before advising DG ISPR he should change the name of his party to "Pakistan Tehreek-e-Terrorism".

Taking a jibe at Imran Khan, she said he will be held accountable for Rs 60 billion of the nation.

She said Imran Khan and his spouse had grabbed precious land in Al-Qadir Trust.

Termining Imran a foreign agent, she said his anti-nationalist mindset against the country had been fully exposed now.

Like foreign funding, foreign agents and their agencies have been fully exposed, she remarked INP

Govt to bear expenditures of hajj sacrificial animals

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Religious Affairs Senator and Interfaith Harmony Talha Mahmood on Sunday announced that the federal government will bear the expenditures of the sacrificial animals by itself during Hajj this year.

Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, the federal minister said that the government was taking all-out steps to provide maximum facilities to intending pilgrims for Hajj this year.

Talha Mahmood said 185,000 intending pilgrims from Pakistan will perform the religious ritual this year.

He noted that the expenditures related to sacrificing of animals were included in the hajj expenditures and the intending pilgrims will not have to incur additional costs in this regard.

The Senator said that the rise in hajj expenditures this year is due to devaluation of Pakistani rupee and a comparison of full hajj cost will be shared with the nation soon.

Referring to Road to Makkah project, he said currently only Islamabad airport was authorised for this facility and the intending pilgrims leaving from the federal capital will be facilitated through it.

He said Immigration of 26,000 intending pilgrims would be made from Islamabad airport.

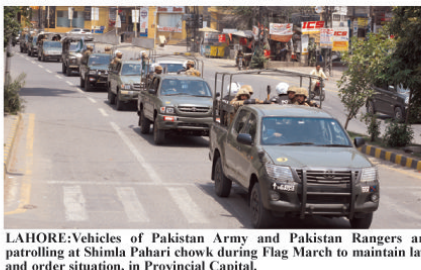
Punjab CTD arrests outlawed TTP terrorists in IBOS

LAHORE: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Sunday claimed to have arrested four alleged terrorists associated with the Pakistan Taliban (PT) Pakistan (TTP) and ISIS in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in different cities of Punjab.

The terrorists were arrested during Intelligence-Based Operation (IBO) carried out in Sangodha, Rawalpindi and Gujranwala. The terrorists were identified as Salmaan, Sherzaman, Malik Asrar and Imran Khan.

Explosive materials and equipment for making suicide vests were also recovered from the terrorists, the CTD spokesperson said.

The statement reads that 51 suspects were arrested during 248 combing operations in this week alone while over 11,000 people were questioned in the combing operations. The authorities said CTD is determined to root out the scourge of terrorism. INP



LAHORE: Vehicles of Pakistan Army and Pakistan Rangers are patrolling at Shimla Pahari casket during Flag March to maintain law and order situation, in Provincial Capital.

IIOJK mothers awaiting detained, disappeared sons

ISLAMABAD: When International Mother's Day is being observed across the world, today, thousands of Kashmir women continue waiting for the return of their sons subjected to enforced disappearance in custody by Indian troops in occupied Kashmir and detained in different jails.

A report released by the Research Section of Kashmir Media Service on International Mother's Day, today, pointed out that continued Indian state terrorism has resulted in the killing of 96,192 Kashmiris, including women and children, from 1989. As many as 22,960 women have been widowed by Indian troops and 11,257 raped, disgraced or molested during the period.

It said, relatives including mothers, wives and daughters of illegally detained APLD leaders, activists, Ulemas, journalists, human rights defenders and youth have expressed serious concern over the health of their relatives languishing in different jails of India and IIOJK.

The report deplored that over two dozen women, including 63-year-old resistance leader, Aasiya Andrabi, Naheeda Nasreen Fehmeda SO, Shazia Akhter and Insha Tariq were illegally facing detention in different jails, including India's women and children, on false charges.

The report pointed out that the mothers of these women are subjected to custodial disappearance during the period and the mothers of

PDM seeks local admin's permission for sit-in outside SC

ISLAMABAD: The ruling coalition party, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) on Sunday sought the local district administration's permission to hold a sit-in outside the Supreme Court in Islamabad.

Former minister and PML-N leader Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry confirmed to journalists that an application on the matter had been submitted to the concerned authorities. PML-N workers from across Islamabad will fully participate in the protest," he said.

The application states that the ruling party alliance Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) wishes to "hold a public gathering at D-Chowk, Islamabad on Monday at 10am".

Notably, the top court had come to the rescue of former prime minister Imran Khan on Thursday as it declared his arrest by the country's top graft-buster from the premises of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) illegal and directed immediate release of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief. Shortly after the IHC's decision was reported, PDM announced that it will stage a protest demonstration in front of the SC to protest against its "unjust behaviour".

"We have decided that we will protest against this behaviour. As someone who is representing the PDM, I appeal to the entire nation to reach Islamabad on Monday. INP



Chaman: Maulana Mufti Qasim, President of Anjuman Tajran Sadiq Khan, Abdul Qayyum Achakzai, Mirwais Achakzai praying on the occasion of the inauguration of Hardwood Ceiling and Wall Panel Center.

Governor Balighur Rahman promulgates two ordinances in Punjab

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rahman on Sunday promulgated the Code of Criminal Procedure (C r i m i n a l P r o c e d u r e (A m e n d m e n t) Ordinance 2023 and the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority (P a n j a b A g r i c u l t u r a l M a r k e t i n g R e g u l a t o r y A u t h o r i t y (A m e n d m e n t) Ordinance 2023.

The governor promulgated the first ordinance as the Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrP) brought legal complications. It was not practically possible to immediately refer every case to the Cabinet in urgency.

Promulgating the second Amendment Ordinance has eased the enforcement of Section 144 (Criminal Procedure Code) in emergency situations by removing legal complications.

Under the Amendment Ordinance, the Deputy Commissioner or any other officer specially empowered by the Punjab government would be authorized to issue orders under Section 144 in urgent cases. Per the provisions of the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Amendment Ordinance, the provisions of the Punjab Agricultural Marketing Regulatory Authority Act, 2018 didn't refer to immediate termination of political services of all heads of the institutions appointed on political basis and to send their lists to the Punjab Commission. The ordinance has been promulgated to comply with the directions of the electoral watchdog. INP

Week-long anti-polio campaign to begin from today

ISLAMABAD: Under the National Polio Programme, a week-long anti-polio campaign will kick off on Monday (tomorrow) when children under 5 years of age will be given polio drops in numerous streets of the four provinces in the country.

According to details, a five-day-long campaign will be held from May 15 to 19 with the aim to immunize more than 2 million children to boost the immunity of children. District Health Officers Punjab talking to a private

news channel said that almost 12 districts of Punjab have been made part of the campaign including Lahore, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Bhakkar, DG Khan, Layyah, Miawwali, Multan, Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Sheikhpura.

In Lahore, Rawalpindi and Faisalabad, the campaign will continue for seven days while in other districts it will last for five days. All-out arrangements have been finalized by the National Immunization Campaign against Polio to save children from the crippling disease of polio.

He said mobile teams have also been formed which would visit all the areas including the remote, hard-to-reach, flood-affected areas and Afghan refugee camps in what is being done by other districts to accomplish the task. He also urged the religious scholars, NGOs and local community to make this campaign successful by involving their all-possible efforts so that the children of the whole district do not get immunized against this crippling disease.

He said the private schools should also cooperate with the district administration in implementing the polio eradication campaign. The government should further accelerate its efforts for vaccine procurement by strengthening polio surveillance systems and ensuring high vaccination coverage during this time. According to details, a five-day-long campaign will continue from May 15 to 19 with the aim to immunize more than 2 million children to boost the immuni-



HYDERABAD: Vice Chancellor LUMHS Prof. Dr Ikram Udin upon giving certificate to participant during Three Days Hands on Train the Trainer Workshop, biological Risk Mitigation, at Diagnostic & Research Laboratory LUMHS.

