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## Woman's death during protest; notices to govt, PPA

## LAHORE

THE Lahore High Court on Wednesday sought reply from the Punjab government on a petition seeking directions for regulating demonstrations and protests in the province, especially in Lahore, and administrative action against the Punjab Paramedical Alliance president over the death of an old woman during the demo before the Punjab Institute of Cardiology.

Justice Manzoor Ahmad Malik also issued notices to the government, the health secretary and PPA president for February 17. Petitioner Mian Asad Mahmood advocate said the PPA had on February 8 staged a protest before the PIC demanding allowance, revision of service structure for lower grade employees and salary protection. He submitted that such kind of protests and blocking traffic on roads were causing disturbance for the public at large and during the PPA protest a woman, Saleema Bibi, lost life on the way to PIC for emergency medical treatment.

The petitioner contended that the PPA's style of protest was against their professional ethics as they had right to protest but they did not have a right to stop any ambulance carrying patients. He pointed out that protests were increasing day by day and the City was witnessing at least two to three protests daily which were causing problems for commuters and disturbing routine life of the masses.

He pleaded for directions to the Punjab government to devise a strategy to regulate the protests. He also prayed to the court to penalize PPA President Malik Munir for his neglecting act of causing a loss of life of an old woman by adopting illegal way of protest.

The court also directed the petitioner to make the Capital City Police Officer Lahore and other police officers party in the petition.

pic deaths: Additional District and Sessions Judge Arif Sheikh on Wednesday sought comments from the Shadman SHO by February 18 on a petition, seeking registration of a murder case against former health secretary, Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) medical superintendent and a pharmaceutical director for providing spurious medicine which took lives of more than 100 people.

Petitioner Muhammad Hanif said his father was a regular visitor to PIC from where he used to take medicine for his cardiac disease. He alleged that wish father died owing to the use of the spurious cardiac medicines being provided to his father by PIC.

He implored the court to direct the SHO to register a case against the director of the medicine manufacturing company, former health secretary and

PIC MS. On this, the court has sought comments from the Shadman SHO by February 18.

Sapna case: Additional District and Sessions Judge Chaudhry Nazeer Ahmad on Tuesday adjourned the hearing of a plea challenging documents submitted by ex-Chief Minister Punjab Dost Muhammad Khosa allegedly involved in abduction-cum-murder of Sapna Khan, who was reportedly his wife

The case was put off for February 22. Advocate Zubair Khalid, counsel of Dost Khosa contended that the same matter was pending before the Lahore High Court (LHC). However, the counsel for Misal Khan, Advocate Muhammad Azhar Siddique said the respondent's counsel was hiding the fact and there was no such matter pending before the LHC.

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