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Drive against sheesha sale to minors

ISLAMABAD, March 15: The capital administration is all set to launch a major campaign against the sale of cigarettes and sheesha to minors, *Dawn* has learnt.

Sheesha, also known as a water pipe, is a single or multi-stemmed (often glass-based) instrument offers flavoured tobacco in which the smoke is cooled and filtered by passing through water.

The capital city has seen a mushroom growth of sheesha sellers during the last few months as different kiosks and cafes have started offering flavored sheesha at prime business commercial centres.

Deputy Commissioner Amir Ali told *Dawn* on Tuesday that sale of sheesha and cigarette to under-age was completely banned but the law needs to be implemented.

"Initially we have started an awareness campaign for the sellers to discourage the sale of cigarette to under-age children," the deputy commissioner Amir Ali, told *Dawn* on Tuesday.

In a later stage, he said, the administration would fine all those who violated the ban.—Staff Reporter