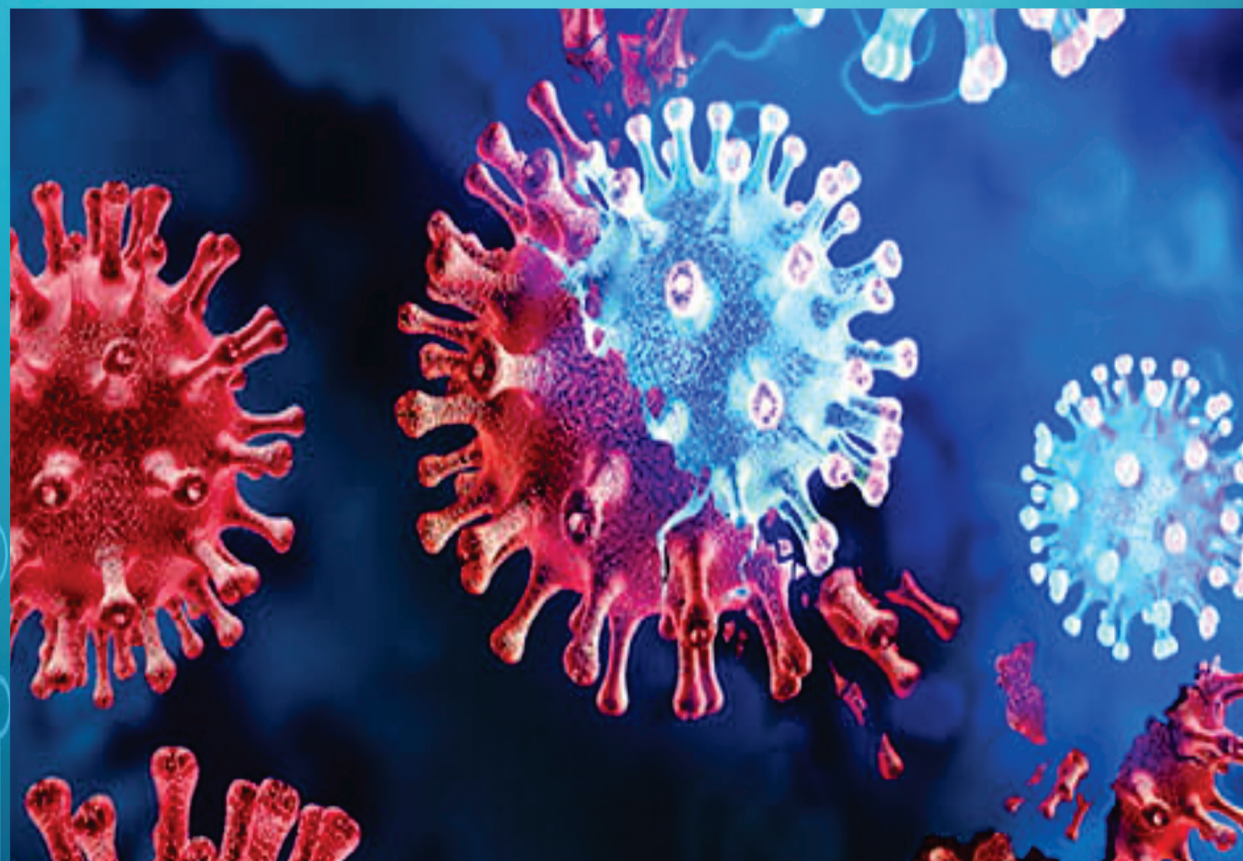


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Covid surge

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

RECENT Covid-19 fatality numbers should be a cause of great alarm for health authorities in the country. In spite of the threat that these figures pose, regarding the rapid resurgence of the virus over the past month or so, little has changed in terms of the public's response to what can potentially snowball into a major health emergency. Given the continuing negligence and complacency, it w..... [more >>](#)

Vaccine hesitancy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-25

A case of polio was detected in an unvaccinated adult man in a suburb of New York City earlier this week, the first since 2013 and the first domestic infection since 1979. The news surprised much of the world, as cases since 1979 have all been infections caught abroad. While the Centres for Disease Control is still investigating the matter, details made available so far would imply that the victim..... [more >>](#)

How long could you evade Covid-19?

Source: [Dr Rana Jawad Asghar](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-28

After two and half years of successfully evading Covid-19, the virus eventually caught on to us. It is not important how we caught the virus, but the more critical part of the story is how we kept the virus at bay for so long? Another important question is that: is there a benefit in still trying to avoid infections or reinfections? The reason why I was able to avoid Covid-19 for so long was beca..... [more >>](#)

Missing the window

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-29

Pakistan's performance during the pandemic was impressive by any standards, but it can't get any better because it's unable to take advantage of a rare WTO (World Trade Organisation) waiver that eases intellectual property restrictions on mRNA jabs, which enables countries to produce vaccines against multiple viral diseases, especially Covid. And the reason is that the country do..... [more >>](#)

A new viral threat

Source: [Editorial](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-30

While Covid-19 is still active, though in its milder variants, a new viral threat has emerged. The other day the World Health Organisation sounded the highest alarm about the fast spreading monkeypox — so named for jumping from a monkey to a human — declaring its outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern.” Appearing first in Africa in the 1970s this viral..... [more >>](#)

Russia, US, China, Iran, Turkiye, India et al

Source: [Aliya Anjum](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-08-04

The Covid lockdown and restrictions confined the world to their homes. Global powers are now posturing for dominance and almost all flashpoints are presently triggered. Russia has been heavily sanctioned by the west, similar to Iran. Facing an economic crisis, Russia initially reached out to its long-time ally, India. Seeing India being held back by the rebuke of the United States, President Putin..... [more >>](#)

National News

Islamabad

Citizens asked to shun conspiracies on vaccination, family planning

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for National Health Services (NHS) Abdul Qadir Patel on Monday deplored that some elements were trying to create the impression that the concepts of family planning and vaccination — against polio and Covid-19 — are not compatible with religion. Terming it “very dangerous behaviour”, he said that on the issue of population welfare, the..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Reports 459 Coronavirus Cases, No Death In 24 Hours

Source: [News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

Pakistan has reported no death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 1,547,203. The nationwide tally of fatalities stands at 30,445 on Tuesday. According to the latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH), at least 459 persons were tested positive for COVID-19 across the country in the past 24 hours. Pakistan has conducted 16,419 tes..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19: hospitalization rate registers 3-fold increase

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-21

ISLAMABAD: The coronavirus hospitalization rate has witnessed a three-fold increase over the past one month in Pakistan as the Covid-19 critical cases' tally jumped up from 57 on June 20th to 174 on July 20, 2022, an analysis of the Covid-19-related data of the National Health Institute (NIH) revealed. According to the NIH, on June 20th nationwide a total of 171 cases were detected at a..... [more >>](#)

'Lack of tech' keeps Pakistan from making own Covid vaccine

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-22

ISLAMABAD: Following a waiver by the World Trade Organisation, which eases intellectual property restrictions on mRNA vaccines, Pakistan looks poised to domestically produce jabs using this advanced technology but due to lack of technical capacity this “golden opportunity” may not materialise. The waiver provides Pakistan an opportunity to produce jabs using mRNA technology — va..... [more >>](#)

Number of active Covid-19 cases tops 10,000

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-22

ISLAMABAD: The number of active Covid-19 cases in the country has crossed the 10,000 mark once again following the detection of 599 new cases in the past 24 hours, data released by the National Institute of Health on Thursday revealed. The last time the tally of active cases went past the 10,000 mark was on July 16 when the total number of such cases stood at 10,003. In the past 24 hours..... [more >>](#)

Biden tests positive for Covid

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2022-07-22

WASHINGTON: United States President Joe Biden on Thursday tested positive for Covid-19, the White House confirmed. In a statement, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said that the 79-year-old president, who is fully vaccinated and has received two Covid booster shots, is experiencing “very mild symptoms.” According to CNBC, Biden has begun taking an antiviral pill, Paxlovid, that can..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19: Uptick in number of infections, fatalities in past 24 hours

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has registered an uptick in the number of daily coronavirus infections and fatalities during the past 24 hours. According to coronavirus data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) here on Friday, Pakistan has recorded another 679 coronavirus infections and seven deaths during the past 24 hours. As per the NIH data, the death toll in the country now moved [more >>](#)

Seven-fold increase in Covid-19 cases recorded in Islamabad

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-26

ISLAMABAD: The number of Covid-19 cases in the capital in July increased seven times compared to April, according to data of the District Health Department. In April this year, the city had reported only 133 cases. However, so far in July 928 people have been found infected. By the end of the month, the figure might go up by nine-fold as 47 people tested positive on Monday. The data available wi..... [more >>](#)

Nationwide positivity ratio stands at 3pc; Another 582 Covid-19 cases detected

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-26

ISLAMABAD: The authorities have reported 582 new Covid-19 cases along with two coronavirus-related deaths in the last 24 hours, revealed the data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH). According to the NIH data released on Monday, the death of two more persons has taken the nationwide death toll to 30,469, which accounts for about two percent of the total cases reported. Of the t..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan sees uptick in Covid cases as seven more lose lives

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-07-23

Pakistan recorded a slight increase in fresh Covid-19 cases as the virus claimed seven more lives, the National Institute of Health, Islamabad's (NIH) data showed Friday morning. According to the NIH data, during the last 24 hours, 23,035 diagnostic tests were conducted, out of which 679 came back positive. However, as per NIH statistics, the positivity ratio across the country was recorded..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 positivity rate sees uptick in Pakistan; hits 3%

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-07-26

After several weeks of fluctuating stats, the COVID-19 positivity rate has reached 3% in Pakistan, with 582 fresh cases reported during the last 24 hours, the National Institute of Health, Islamabad's (NIH) data showed Monday morning. The new infections were detected after diagnostic testing on 19,389 samples. Moreover, the virus claimed two more lives overnight, pushing the country's..... [more >>](#)

Covid claims 2 more lives, 693 fresh cases reported in country

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-24

RAWALPINDI: A marginal increase was witnessed on Saturday in new Covid-19 cases in Pakistan, data from the National Institute of Health, Islamabad (NIH) showed, reported Geo News. According to the NIH data, 23,423 diagnostic tests were performed in the last 24 hours, with 693 returning positive, indicating a 2.96% positivity ratio. The virus claimed two more lives in the last 24 hours, bringing [more >>](#)

Three more die as Covid positivity rate slightly declines

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-25

ISLAMABAD: The Covid-19 positivity ratio in Pakistan has witnessed a slight decline after nearing 3% for several days, the National Institute of Health, Islamabad (NIH) data showed Sunday morning. Pakistan reported 532 Covid-19 cases during the last 24 hours, which placed the country's coronavirus positivity ratio at 2.74%. The new infections were detected after diagnostic testing on 19,4..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Reports 661 COVID Cases In 24 Hours: NIH

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-31

At least one person died while 661 fresh cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the country during the last 24 hours, the data shared by the National Institute of Health (NIH) showed Sunday. According to the NIH report, 20,080 Covid tests were conducted across the country in the past 24 hours, out of which 661 turned out to be positive. The nationwide Covid-19 test positivity ratio declined to 3..... [more >>](#)

Covid claims eight lives in single day

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-29

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan reported the highest number of Covid-19 deaths in the last 20 days, as eight people succumbed to the virus in a single day, National Institute of Health, Islamabad's (NIH) data showed Thursday morning. The country reported nine deaths in a single day on July 7. According to the latest stats, the COVID-19 positivity rate in Pakistan stands at 3.65%. As many as 761 new COV..... [more >>](#)

People advised to wear face masks at Muharram congregations

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

ISLAMABAD: With Pakistan logging hundreds of COVID-19 cases everyday, the National Institute of Health, Islamabad (NIH) has advised strict adherence to standard operating procedures (SOPs), including mask wearing and social distancing during Muharram gatherings. Gathering and majalis to remember the Shuhada-e-Karbala (martyrs of Karbala) have started as the country observes the first day of t..... [more >>](#)

NCOC urges caution amid uptick in Covid cases

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-01

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has urged people to observe social distancing and take precautionary measures especially in light of Muharram as Pakistan reported at least 661 coronavirus infections on Sunday amid fears of an imminent Covid wave. A person in Punjab also succumbed to the virus over the past 24 hours as the country reported a national positivity rate of [more >>](#)

Samples from seven cities found positive for polio

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-03

ISLAMABAD: Contrary to the government's claims that poliovirus was restricted to southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa districts, environmental samples from seven cities have returned positive, indicating the presence of the virus in major urban centres. The virus was also reported in sewage samples collected from Islamabad and Lahore after a gap of 16 months. Both cities were declared polio-free in [more >>](#)

Health department focusing on Covid booster jabs

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-04

PESHAWAR: The health department is focusing on the administration of first and second coronavirus booster jabs to the people already vaccinated against the infectious disease to prevent its outbreak in case of the emergence of new variants, say officials. Under new guidelines of the National Command and Operation Centre, the nerve centre for the country's anti-Covid measures, vaccinators ha..... [more >>](#)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

New kits to enhance KP health dept's Covid-19 testing capacity

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

PESHAWAR: Health department will use new technology to conduct tests of suspected people conveniently and rapidly to increase screening of Covid-19 patients and know the exact prevalence of the pandemic among the population. Officials said that as per the present mechanism, samples from the suspected patients were collected only in the designated centres and hospitals. It delayed detection of pat..... [more >>](#)

Month-long Covid vaccination drive begins today in KP as cases increase

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-25

PESHAWAR: The health department is launching a month-long special Covid-19 vaccination campaign to scale up immunity of people as cases have been on the rise for the last one week. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has the lowest Covid-19 vaccination rate among all the provinces. National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has asked the province to achieve at least 80 per cent vaccination target. On Sunday, t..... [more >>](#)

KP decides to go for month-long Covid-19 vaccination drive

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-26

PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr Shahzad Khan Bangash has directed one month long Corona preventive vaccination campaign and further directed the relevant authorities to achieve daily targets set for the drive. Terming vaccination of paramount importance against coronavirus, the Chief Secretary urged masses to cooperate with district administration and health department offi..... [more >>](#)

Coronavirus cases continue to surge as 81 more test positive

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-29

PESHAWAR: The health department showed concern over non-adherence to the Covid-19 precautions as numbers of virus-hit people continued to rise in the province as 81 more cases were recorded on Thursday. Officials at the department said that most of the infected persons suffered from other diseases including diabetes and issues of liver, heart and lungs due to which they stood exposed to the virus..... [more >>](#)

Punjab

Covid revisiting Lahore Case detection on the rise amid disregard for SOPs

Source: [Adnan Lodhi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

LAHORE: The Omicron variant of coronavirus is again spreading in Lahore, with three deaths confirmed in past 24 hours and the diagnostic test positivity rate rising to 6.8 per cent. At least 157 new cases of Covid-19 were confirmed across Punjab, of which 124 were reported in Lahore. Punjab Health Secretary Ali Jan Khan sad the government had started a new round vaccination at doorsteps of the [more >>](#)

Corona Situation To Be Monitored On Daily Basis: CS

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

LAHORE – Punjab Chief Secretary Kamran Ali Afzal has directed the health department to complete all arrangements and monitor the coronavirus situation on daily basis amid rising number of positive cases. He gave these instructions while presiding over a meeting to review the situation of coronavirus in the province here at the Civil Secretariat on Monday. The chief secretary said that prot..... [more >>](#)

Health dept to monitor Covid-19 situation on daily basis

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

LAHORE: In the wake of increase in positive cases, Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal has directed the health department to complete all the arrangements and monitor the situation of coronavirus on a daily basis. He gave this instruction while presiding over a meeting to review the situation of coronavirus in the province at the Civil Secretariat on Monday. The Chief Secretary said [more >>](#)

Corona SOPs invoked for Urs celebrations

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-20

SAHIWAL: Devotees coming to the 780th Urs of saint Baba Farid Shakar Gunj will have to produce a corona vaccination certificate to enter the premises of the shrine in Pakpattan. The Urs starts on Muharram 1. A meeting at the commissioner's office reviewed Urs arrangements where participants showed concern over the misuse of VIP routes during the five days when the 'Bahishtee Drawaza&..... [more >>](#)

Capt Safdar Tests Positive For COVID-19

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-23

LAHORE – Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) leader and Maryam Nawaz's husband Captain Safdar has tested positive for COVID-19. According to details, Captain Sadar had to attend the hearing of a case but he could not attend due to contracting COVID-19. His COVID-19 positivity report has been submitted in court. The court accepted Captain Safdar's plea for exemption from attend..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity rate reaches 7.5 in city

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-25

LAHORE: With a gradual increase, the positivity rate of the Covid cases in Lahore has reached 7.5 per cent during the last 24 hours. According to the official figures reported by the health department, 198 more people tested positive for the virus during the same period across the province, taking the total number to 511,548 in Punjab so far. Of them, 165 were reported from Lahore while no death..... [more >>](#)

10 Covid-19 patients surface

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-25

RAWALPINDI: As many as 10 people contracted Covid-19 during the last 24 hours. As per data released by the District Health Authority on Sunday, out of the total number of infected cases, 43,559 were from Rawalpindi and 3,563 from other districts. Among the new patients, four arrived from the capital territory, two each from Rawalpindi cantonment and Rawal town and one case each from Potohar Town [more >>](#)

Rawalpindi sees steady rise in Covid cases

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-25

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi has seen a steady rise in the coronavirus as people have completely abandoned following SOPs against the deadly virus. According to health authorities, 10 more people have been confirmed to be infected with the coronavirus during the last 24 hours. Since the outbreak of the disease, around 1,336 people have lost their lives in the Rawalpindi district. According to the heal..... [more >>](#)

Covid claims life in city

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-27

LAHORE: A critical patient brought with Covid complications died in Lahore here on Tuesday, taking the number of deaths to 13,587 across Punjab. According to an official spokesperson for the health department, 159 more people

tested positive for the virus during the last 24 hours (Tuesday) in Punjab, bringing the total number to 511,958. Of them, 124 were reported from Lahore and 16 from Rawalpindi..... [more >>](#)

No shortage of dengue, Covid drugs, claims health dept

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-27

LAHORE: An emergency meeting of provincial health authorities on Tuesday rejected reports that there was any shortage of medicines commonly used during dengue and Covid-19 epidemics, devising a strategy to take action against profiteers and hoarders. The meeting was called following reports of shortage of some medicines in the official stock and the local markets used during the dengue and Covid-19..... [more >>](#)

310 New Corona Cases Reported In Punjab

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-29

LAHORE – As the coronavirus has struck again, 310 new cases of the pandemic have been reported from across Punjab in the last 24 hours, according to the data released by the Department of Primary and Secondary Healthcare Punjab. Sharing the statistics of corona cases, Secretary Health Ali Jan said that the total number of Covid-19 cases in the entire province had reached 512,486. &ldqu..... [more >>](#)

Sindh

Rheumatoid arthritis reported in patients recovering from Covid-19

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-21

KARACHI: An unprecedented increase in the complaints of muscle and joint pain has been reported by patients who recovered from COVID-19 in Pakistan, experts said on Wednesday and advised such patients to approach trained and qualified Rheumatologists for the timely diagnosis and treatment their conditions as COVID-19 has emerged as another culprit behind inflammatory arthritis. They said in o..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 'key reason' behind inflammatory arthritis, say experts

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-22

KARACHI: Healthcare professionals and experts shared their recent experience on Wednesday which suggested that there's an unprecedented increase in the complaints of muscle and joint pain reported by patients who recovered from Covid-19 in the country. They also advised such patients to approach trained and qualified rheumatologists for the timely diagnosis and treatment for their condition..... [more >>](#)

Food prices: expand social protection now!

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-03

After 36 straight months of double-digit rise (with three seasonal dips), food CPI is on its way to double next month. To be exact, food CPI will be double of its level in August 2018, meaning prices of food commodities (both perishables and non-perishables) as tracked by PBS will be twice where they stood four years ago. Yes, the last two months of increases may very well have put the inflat..... [more >>](#)

US provides mobile lab to Sindh for enhancing Covid-19 testing capacity

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-05

KARACHI: The US government has presented a mobile biosafety laboratory to the Sindh Department of Health to strengthen capacity to diagnose COVID-19 and other communicable diseases, especially in Pakistan's remote locations where there is limited capacity to monitor and test for potential outbreaks of infectious disease. This state-of-the-art laboratory will improve the accuracy of diagnoses..... [more >>](#)

Thanks to vaccination, Karachi sees significant drop in Covid cases

Source: [Faiza Ilyas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-08-07

KARACHI: At least 13 Covid-19 patients have succumbed to the infection at different hospitals in a week in the city, which has seen a significant reduction in the number of coronavirus cases over the past two months, it emerged on Saturday. Sources said the case positivity ratio in the city had dropped from 20-25 per cent in July to 1.36pc in August. They said nine of the 13 deaths were reported..... [more >>](#)

International News

Countries News

Australia Approves Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine For Children

Source: [Anadolu](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-19

Australian health authorities on Tuesday approved Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 6 months to 5 years, an official said. In a statement, the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) said "vaccines for younger children will provide protection from the most severe outcomes of COVID-19, such as hospitalization and death." The dose for children contains a lower concentra..... [more >>](#)

US to donate 16m doses of Covid vaccines for children

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-27

WASHINGTON: The United States (US) has announced that it will be donating at least 16 million doses of paediatric vaccines against Covid-19 to Pakistan. The announcement was made by the officials of the State Department during a Health Dialogue in Washington between US and Pakistan. The vaccines will be delivered in partnership with COVAX. Further, in line with the pledge of global vacci..... [more >>](#)

Former president Asif Zardari tests positive for Covid-19

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-28

Former president and Pakistan People's Party co-chairperson Asif Ali Zardari tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday. According to a tweet from Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, his father tested positive for the virus but is "fully vaccinated, [and] boosted". President Zardari has tested positive for Covid. He is fully vaccinated, boosted, isolating with mild sy..... [more >>](#)

Biden's Covid symptoms 'continue to improve'

Source: [afp](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-24

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden's Covid symptoms "continue to improve" and he is tolerating treatment well, his White House physician said on Saturday, two days after the 79-year-old tested positive for the virus. Biden, who is isolating at the White House, completed a second full day of Paxlovid on Friday night, his doctor Kevin O'Connor wrote in a memorandum to the Whit..... [more >>](#)

Donors News

WHO warns of 'challenging' Covid autumn, winter

Source: [afp](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-20

COPENHAGEN: The World Health Organisation's European office on Tuesday warned of a "challenging" autumn and winter amid a summer surge of Covid-19 cases and reduced surveillance among member states. The warning was accompanied by a call from the health body for countries to "urgently address gaps in pandemic monitoring and response to avoid preventable deaths and severe disru..... [more >>](#)

US to donate 16 million more anti-Covid Pfizer doses

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-07-27

ISLAMABAD: The United States, which has already provided 61.5 million Covid-19 vaccine doses, will further donate 16 million doses of paediatric Pfizer vaccine to Pakistan besides an additional \$20 million to supplement Pakistan's vaccination drive. According to a statement issued by the health ministry on Tuesday, this was revealed during a US-Pakistan Health Dialogue hosted by the US Stat..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Engagements

MoUs News

MoU Inked Between SDPI, KSI Strategic Institute For Asia Pacific For Joint Research

Source: [Nazia Gulzar](#), [NEWSMAN](#), 2022-07-27

ISLAMABAD; (July 26, 2022): It was imperative to forge partnerships to develop effective strategies, resilience and policy recommendations and response to the triple C crisis confronting the global community. This was said by Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on the MoU signing ceremony between SDPI and The KSI Strategic Institute for Asia..... [more >>](#)

SDPI signs pact with KSI institute

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-27

ISLAMABAD: The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific to conduct joint research, developing resilience and strengthening response to triple C (Covid, Climate, Conflict) crisis, a statement said on Tuesday. The MoU aims to explore potential areas of cooperation in trade and investment by engaging [more >>](#)

SDPI and KSI to strengthen relations and collaborate on identifying new avenues of cooperation and strengthening relations.

Source: [Daily Parliament Times](#), [Daily Parliament Times](#), 2022-07-27

ISLAMABAD (Parliament Times): It's time to forge partnerships to develop effective strategies, resilience, and policy recommendations in response to the triple C crisis confronting the global community, said SDPI Executive Director Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri at the MoU signing ceremony between SDPI and KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific organized here on Tuesday. The MoU aimed to explore po..... [more >>](#)

Need of hour to forge partnerships among countries to develop effective strategies: Dr. Abid Qaiyum

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2022-07-26

ISLAMABAD, July 26 (SABAH): It is imperative to forge partnerships to develop effective strategies, resilience and policy recommendations and response to the triple C crisis confronting the global community. This was said by Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on the MoU signing ceremony between SDPI and The KSI Strategic Institute for Asia P..... [more >>](#)

SDPI Articles

Rural Women on The Frontlines of Climate Apocalypse

Source: [Nudrat Fatima](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-07-22

The worsening climate situation in Pakistan calls for a greater understanding of rural women as change agents who need to be given a position at the decision-making table. Gender-balanced climate policies that elevate and empower women will contribute to the creation of a more resilient, peaceful, and sustainable future. Considering the correlation between gender and climate concerns and research..... [more >>](#)

Social dimensions and IMF deals

Source: [Dr Shafqat Munir Ahmad](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-23

Political economists believe that economic growth is important, but it alone cannot help reduce poverty and inequality, marring prosperity, unless the right choices and unbiased selection of priorities are made for the economic stabilization process by governments, especially while they join any IMF programme whether concessional or non-concessional. The literature available (dates back to 2000) [more >>](#)

Make way for the floodwaters

Source: [Maryam Shabbir Abbasi](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-07-24

Recently several events of urban floods, flash floods, glacial lake outbursts and torrential rainfall caused havoc around the globe, affecting human lives, infrastructure, livestock, roads and bridges. In West Virginia, US, 44 people were unaccounted for after a flood swept away homes. 14 people were rescued in Tennessee, US. Around 50,000 people have..... [more >>](#)

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ESG gaining greater significance globally, says SECP commissioner

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ISLAMABAD: The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) Commissioner, Sadia Khan said on Friday that the Environmental Social Governance (ESG) initiatives are gaining greater significance worldwide and the SECP has been at the forefront in addressing these sustainability issues for the corporate sector in Pakistan. She was speaking at a seminar here on Friday, organised by SDPI and N..... [more >>](#)

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Illegal constructions in waterways caused disaster during rains in urban areas of twin- cities

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Illegal and unplanned constructions in waterways caused recent disaster in urban areas of twin cities during the monsoon rains. The experts viewed this during a seminar on 'illegal constructions in waterways in peri-urban areas' Tuesday. They demanded strict compliance on the Environmental Impact Assessment and implementation of the Master Plan to protect water from contamination and..... [more >>](#)

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Islamabad: Romina Khurshid, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, has said that inefficient monitoring by public sector departments of corporate housing societies is causing poor development in urban areas leading to problems of sanitation, water contamination, air pollution, and urban flooding. The SAPM was speaking at a seminar on 'Illegal constructions in waterways in peri-urban area..... [more >>](#)

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