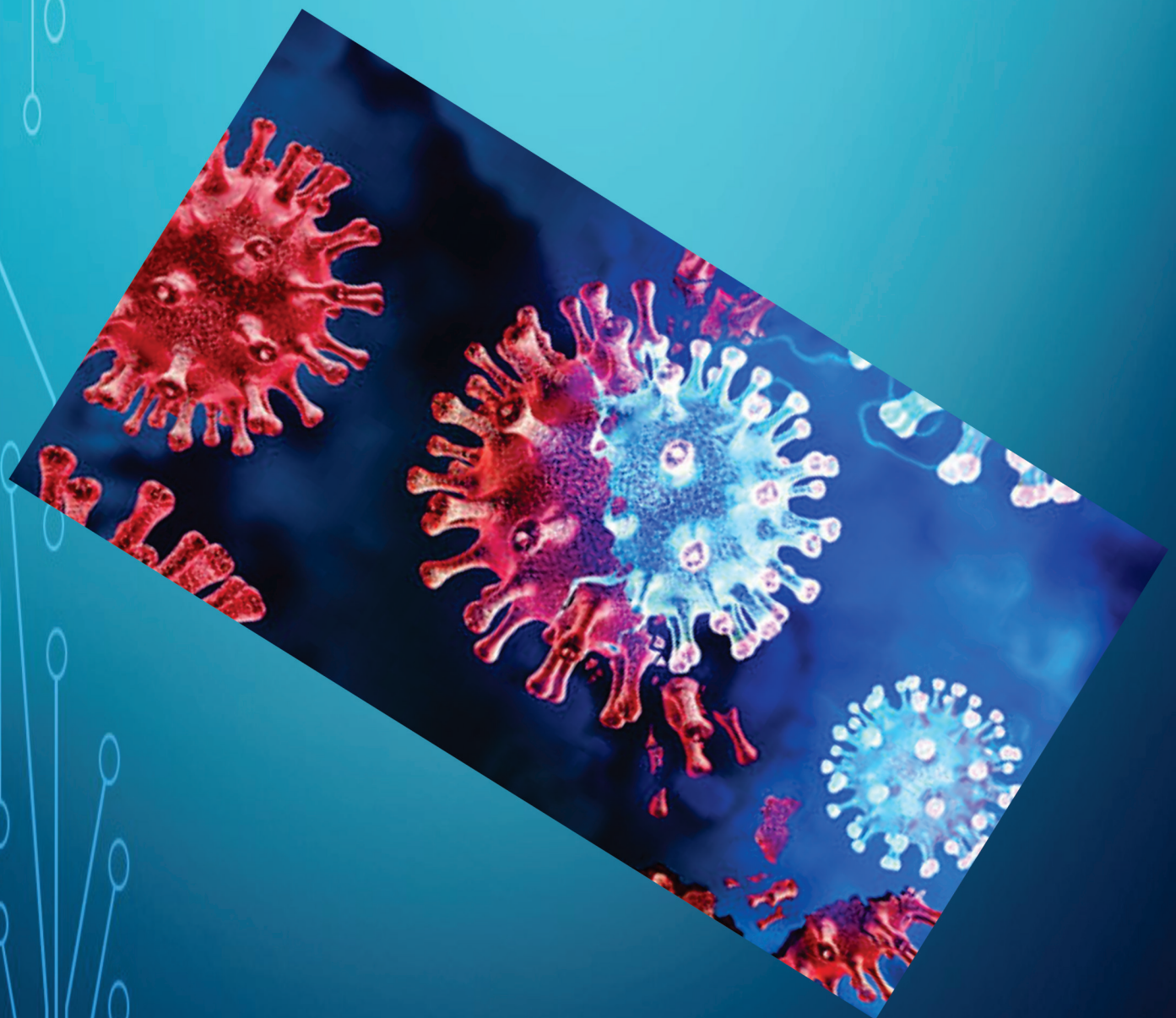


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The pandemic is not over, just yet

Source: [Dr Rana Jawad Asghar](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-06

When news about a new fast spreading deadly disease in China and beyond spread, many newly discovered epidemiologists and public health experts stormed our TV screens. Along with them were mathematicians with their fancy modeling of a fast-spreading coronavirus pandemic. It was a doomsday scenario pasted on all TV channels and some were claiming that people will start dying on the streets. I am no..... [more >>](#)

People's vaccine

Source: [Nikolas Barry-shaw](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-05

After 18 months of deadlock, negotiations at the World Trade Organization (WTO) over lifting intellectual property rights for vaccines and other essential medicines have suddenly started to move fast. But the details of a leaked tentative agreement on patents show that the EU and other defenders of Big Pharma are trying to pull a quick one on the rest of the world. The Council of Canadians and it..... [more >>](#)

Class struggle

Source: [Eric London](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-07

Shock is beginning to give way to action. Significant strikes and demonstrations are breaking out across the world in the largest wave of social protest since before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. The imperialist politicians and geo-strategists who spent years drawing up the blueprints for war are discovering that despite all their careful planning, they set their bloody plans into motion..... [more >>](#)

Covid risk

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-09

WITH the National Command and Operation Centre wrapped up and more than 80pc of the eligible population vaccinated against Covid-19, the pandemic appears to be approaching its end in Pakistan. So, was there any need for KP to extend the health emergency for another three months? In fact, it is a wise move and underscores a cautious approach, given that Covid-19 cases are still surging in China and..... [more >>](#)

Fate and the fisherman

Source: [Muhammad Aqeel Awan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-10

"We earn whatever is in our fate" – a phrase I heard from the many fisher folk I met in Karachi. They were referring to the fact that the sea is uncontrollable and catch from the sea is unpredictable. Despite the unpredictability, except for the year that brought a Covid-induced halt to all economic activity including fishing, the economic surveys of Pakistan show continuous gro..... [more >>](#)

The Need for Reverse Supply Chain Management

Source: [Ali Ashar Jaffri](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-12

Supply Chain Management is an integral part of any business operations. Reports have predicted a market value increase from US\$ 15.85 billion in 2019 to US\$ 37.41 billion in 2027 and these estimates are holding true despite the COVID-19 pandemic. In recent times increasing pressures from both within and beyond organisations have led to a growing interest in evaluating supply chains in terms of sus..... [more >>](#)

Devolution of Pakistan's Health Sector

Source: [Dr Ghulam Nabi Kazi, Daily Times](#), 2022-04-12

The 74th birthday party of the World Health Organization (WHO) fell on April 7. As we observed this day, with the theme 'Our Planet, Our Health', it afforded us an opportunity to deliberate on the state of Health in Pakistan. For over two years, we have been afflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether it is a coincidence or otherwise, such pandemics come once in a century and serve as [more >>](#)

Why is Bangladesh a Different Story?

Source: [John Rozario, Daily Times](#), 2022-04-13

According to the World Bank's latest report, Bangladesh (a South Asian country) has a strong track record of development and prosperity. Over the last decade, it has been one of the world's fastest-growing economies, owing to a demographic dividend, robust ready-made garment (RMG) exports, remittances, and stable macroeconomic conditions. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the country ex..... [more >>](#)

Emerging From The Covid Cave

Source: [Dr James Zogby, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-17

Mask mandates have ended in all 50 states and people are re-emerging. Downtown Washington feels alive once more. Restaurants are filling up, and rush hour is again a nightmare. But caution is still in order. Last summer some thought that the pandemic had receded; a relieved public began to act "normal" only to be smacked down by two new waves of the virus—which took deadly tolls..... [more >>](#)

From Covid-19 to war

Source: [Andre Damon, The News, International](#), 2022-04-16

In 1963, Barry Goldwater, the future Republican Party nominee for President of the United States, published a book titled Why Not Victory? In it, he argued that the United States was insufficiently aggressive in confronting the Soviet Union because the American population was too fearful of nuclear war. "A craven fear of death is entering the American consciousness," Goldwater wrote, [more >>](#)

Unprecedented increase: Rs120bn antibiotics consumed in Pakistan in 2021

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti, The News, International](#), 2022-04-20

KARACHI: An unprecedented increase in the usage of antibiotics was observed in Pakistan in 2021 when bactericidal drugs worth Rs120 billion were consumed in the country, officials and experts said, claiming that over 70 per cent of the antibiotics consumed by patients were unnecessary. According to the official data available to The News, oral and injectable antibiotic medicines worth Rs119,745,1..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 & the political unrest

Source: [Zafar Mirza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-22

WITH few cases and no deaths from Covid-19 in Pakistan in recent weeks, the pandemic seems to have taken a back seat while political chaos is taking centre stage. The federal government has changed and the Punjab Assembly, at the time of writing, has become a literal battleground and is in limbo. We are seeing massive political rallies by the ousted kaptaan. Divisiveness in society has never been [more >>](#)

National News

Islamabad

Curtain falls on NCOC as nation looks beyond Covid

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-01

ISLAMABAD: As the Covid-19 pandemic subsides, Prime Minister Imran Khan formally shut down the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), which has overseen the government's pandemic response and kept the nation updated on daily cases, deaths, recoveries, number of vaccinations, etc. The announcement came just four days after the centre marked two years of its establishment and two weeks..... [more >>](#)

Sharp decline in Covid cases: NCOC operation closed down, says Asad Umar

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-01

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar on Thursday announced closure of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) operations amid all-time-low COVID-19 indicators and high level of vaccination. Addressing a press conference here along with Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Faisal Sultan, Asad Umar said that keeping in view the lowest level o..... [more >>](#)

'Russia-Ukraine conflict has risked future of world order'

Source: [Jamila Achakzai](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-01

Islamabad : Besides creating a global political, diplomatic, economic, food and energy crisis, the current Russia-Ukraine conflict has also exposed the double standard of the world powers towards the principles of international politics and global governance, insisted local and foreign experts in an international conference. Some of them feared that the issue would be a long-drawn-out affair as d..... [more >>](#)

Six diagnosed with Covid-19

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-02

ISLAMABAD: Six people were diagnosed with Covid-19 in Islamabad and Rawalpindi districts on Friday and eight patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery during the last 24 hours. Officials of the capital administration said 1,634 tests were conducted and the positivity ratio was recorded at 0.1 percent, adding one case each was reported in the age group of 30-39, 40-49 and 50-59. Besid..... [more >>](#)

NCOC hands over its role to NIH

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-02

Islamabad : After two years of successful operations and response to Covid-19, the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) was established in March 2020 as a nerve center to synergize and articulate a unified national effort against the pandemic and to implement the decisions of the National Coordination Committee when the deadly virus had started spreading globally, handed over its functions..... [more >>](#)

NCOC operation ends amid all time low Covid-19 indicators

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Closing ceremony of Covid-19 held

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2022-04-02

Pakistan's leading National digital healthcare platform, aiming to democratize healthcare in the country for all using innovative tech solutions, conducted its closing ceremony for its "COVID-19 Immunization and Prevention" program, #StopTheSpread, in collaboration with Health Services Academy, Sindh Education Foundation, and UNDP, supported by The Coca-Cola Foundation at Marriot..... [more >>](#)

'Pakistan under PM's leadership successfully fought Covid-19 war'

Source: [App, Daily Times](#), 2022-04-02

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr. Faisal Sultan Friday said that Pakistan under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan successfully fought war against COVID-19 and managed to bring the positivity cases down with the help of collective efforts of citizens. Talking to a private news channel, he said that the overall cases are dipping, the number of patients is decreasing in cou..... [more >>](#)

Vaccination centres to remain open after Iftar till midnight

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-06

ISLAMABAD: The administration of the National Institute of Health (NIH) has decided to keep Covid-19 vaccination centres open after Iftar until midnight. The centres will also remain open during mornings six days a week apart from Sunday. Meanwhile, nine people were diagnosed with Covid-19 in Rawalpindi and Islamabad districts on Tuesday. The positivity ratio in Rawalpindi was recorded at 0.4pc. [more >>](#)

Nine diagnosed with Covid-19

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-08

ISLAMABAD: Nine people tested positive for Covid-19 in Islamabad and Rawalpindi districts on Thursday and three patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery during the last 24 hours. Officials of the capital administration said 1,197 tests were conducted whereas the positivity ratio was recorded at 0.5 per cent. Two cases each were reported in the age groups of 30-39 and 50-59 and one c..... [more >>](#)

Buzdar lauds measures to control COVID

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-04-08

LAHORE: The corona epidemic was brought under control with the grace of Allah Almighty and effective measures of the Punjab government. In a statement issued on Thursday, Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar appreciated the cooperation extended by the federal government and the NCOC along with the role of the medical community who burnt the midnight oil to treat the patients. Similarly, the [more >>](#)

Daily Covid cases fall below 100 first time in two years

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan reported fewer than 100 Covid-19 cases on Sunday, the first time in more than two years and at a time when China and some European countries are battling the pandemic once again. The number of critical patients has also dropped to 273 and not a single death has been reported across the country for the last eight days. The last time Pakistan reported fewer than 100 cases was on..... [more >>](#)

Time to say goodbye to COVID-19

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#), 2022-04-11

Average number of patients per day from twin cities drops Muhammad Qasim Islamabad Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 outbreak has been losing its intensity in Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district with every passing

day and in the light of data regarding a number of patients being tested positive and deaths caused by the virus in the region, it seems like the time to say good..... [more >>](#)

Islamabad reports just one Covid case

Source: [APP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-12

ISLAMABAD: Health officials on Monday reported only one Covid-19 case in the federal capital, making it the lowest single-day tally since the emergence of pandemic in early 2020. On the other hand, only two cases surfaced in Rawalpindi district on Monday. According to an official of the Ministry of National Health Services, though the figure in Islamabad remained high during the past months, the..... [more >>](#)

Covid jab, PCR test essential for Hajj: Official

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-12

The aspirant pilgrims who had got Covid-19 vaccinations were eligible to proceed for Hajj to Saudi Arabia this year, said an official of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony on Monday. Talking to APP, he informed that according to the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah, the Hajj was open to those who had received approved Covid-19 vaccinations by the Saudi Ministry of Health. He..... [more >>](#)

Capital reports lowest Covid daily cases count in present wave

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-12

Health officials on Monday reported only one new coronavirus case in the federal capital, making it the lowest single-day tally in the prevailing wave. According to an official of the Ministry of National Health Services, the figure remained high during the past months while the declining trend was observed in the last few days. He said that as many as seven cases were reported on Sunday while sev..... [more >>](#)

US donates 4.7mn more Covid vaccines

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-13

ISLAMABAD: The United States has donated 4.7 more Covid-19 vaccines to Pakistan. In a message the US Embassy in Pakistan said: "With the delivery of the most recent tranche of 4.7 million Pfizer vaccines on April 10, the US has now donated 61.5 million doses of Covid-19 vaccines to Pakistan." [more >>](#)

123 fresh Covid-19 cases emerge across country

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-15

ISLAMABAD: With the detection of 123 fresh Covid-19 cases during the past 24 hours in Pakistan, the national coronavirus tally has reached 1,526,952 since the start of the pandemic in February 2020. Coronavirus data released by the National Institute of Health (NIH) here on Thursday reveals that in the past 24 hours, Pakistan has reported no Covid-19 death. The Covid-19 positivity ratio was r..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan Reports 76 Coronavirus Cases, No Deaths In 24 Hours

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-16

Pakistan has reported no deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 1,527,151. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 30,363 on Saturday. According to the latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH) 76 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Punjab remains the worst-hit province in terms of deaths follow..... [more >>](#)

No COVID-19 case from ICT

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-17

Islamabad : It happened for the first time in the history of COVID-19 outbreak in the country that not a single case of coronavirus illness was reported from Islamabad Capital Territory in a day. It is a good omen that the population in the federal capital witnessed a day without reporting of any COVID-19 case in the last two years, said District Health Officer ICT Dr. Muhammad Zaeem Zia while ta..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 tests in Islamabad fall to 800 in single day

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-18

ISLAMABAD: The number of Covid-19 tests conducted each day has fallen from over 6,000 to less than 800 in two months. On the other hand, cases have also reduced from around 1,000 reported in a day to a single digit. According to a document, available with Dawn, on Saturday 713 samples were collected across the city out of which only two were found positive on Sunday and the positivity was recorded..... [more >>](#)

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Covid can trigger self-attacking antibodies: Study

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-15

Infection with the virus that causes Covid-19 can trigger an immune response that lasts well beyond the initial infection and recovery — even among people who had mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, finds a new study. Study, published in the Journal of Translational Medicine, found that people with prior infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, have a wide variety of auto..... [more >>](#)

Poverty dips in FY21, but pricey food dents real buying power

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-20

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank (WB) estimates show poverty in Pakistan declined 3 percent to 34 percent in the last fiscal year (FY2021), but rising food and energy inflation diminished the real purchasing power of households. The WB also warned that protracted domestic political uncertainty in Pakistan could lead to delays in urgently needed adjustment measures. Given the current imbalances in the ex..... [more >>](#)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Seminar, walk arranged on Covid-19 precautionary measures

Source: [Bureau report](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-01

PESHAWAR: An awareness-raising seminar and a subsequent walk on the importance of precautionary measures for Covid-19 was held at the Department of Social Work, University of Peshawar, on Thursday. The walk was organized by the department in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the provost office of the university. Dr P Mahpali, Country Head of the WHO Pakistan, was the chi..... [more >>](#)

21 corona patients under treatment at Peshawar hospitals

Source: [Bureau report](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-04

PESHAWAR: As many as 21 corona patients are under treatment in two major hospitals in Peshawar - Khyber Teaching Hospital and Hayatabad Medical Complex Hospital, a health official said here Sunday. The health official said that 16 corona patients were under treatment in Hayatabad Medical Complex Hospital while five others were being treated in Khyber Teaching Hospital. He said 122 beds were allo..... [more >>](#)

Health emergency extended in KP again to deal with Covid-19 threat

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

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has extended health emergency for another three months to be able to deal with any immediate threat of Covid-19. Despite downtrend in cases and mortalities due to the pandemic, emergency has been extended till June in view of the reports of new Covid-19 variants being detected in many countries around the world, according to officials. The health depar..... [more >>](#)

Corona positivity ratio further drops in KP

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-14

Positivity ratio registered further drop as only 12 new coronavirus cases have been confirmed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last 24 hours, said Corona updates shared by the Health Department here on Wednesday. With decrease in the number of new cases and recovery of the patients from the disease, the number of total active Corona cases has dropped to 445 in the province. The virus since its out..... [more >>](#)

Punjab

'83 per cent of Punjab population vaccinated against Covid'

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-02

LAHORE: Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department Secretary Imran Sikander Baloch has said nearly 83 per cent of Punjab province's population has been fully vaccinated for Covid-19. While presiding over a meeting held here on Friday to review the performance of health chief executive officers (CEOs) of all the districts of Punjab, he said the 5th wave of Covid was under control. P..... [more >>](#)

Four test positive for Covid-19

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-03

RAWALPINDI: Four people tested positive for Covid-19 in the district and three patients discharged from the hospitals after recovery on Saturday. There are 34 active patients in Rawalpindi district-- one patient is in the hospitals and 33 patients are isolating at home. One patient each arrived from city areas, Potohar Town and Kallar Syedan and one from Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The patient of C..... [more >>](#)

Roadside iftars back after two-year hiatus After Covid-19 cases dropped, roadside iftar stalls, setups have come around in Pindi

Source: [Imran Asghar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-06

RAWALPINDI: Traditional roadside iftar for passers-by, motorists and drivers has returned to Rawalpindi after a suspension of around two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The district administration had banned all gatherings and mass iftars due to the escalation of the coronavirus cases. After the coronavirus cases dropped in the Rawalpindi district, roadside iftar stalls and setups have revived..... [more >>](#)

3 test positive in Rawalpindi

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-09

RAWALPINDI: Three people tested positive for Covid-19 and four patients were discharged from hospitals in the district after recovering during the last 24 hours. According to data, a total of 1,010 samples were collected in the district, with the positivity ratio calculated at 0.29pc. In Rawalpindi district, there are 24 active patients out of whom one was hospitalised and 23 home isolated. The..... [more >>](#)

45,156 Corona patients treated in Rawalpindi

Source: [App, Daily Times](#), 2022-04-11

As many as 45,156 COVID-19 patients had been discharged after getting treatment from the district's health facilities, out of which 41,655 were Rawalpindi's residents and 3,501 were from other districts. According to data shared by the district health authority here Sunday, two more cases were reported during the last 24 hours, including one from Kahotta and Potohar town. The report s..... [more >>](#)

Five new corona cases in Faisalabad

Source: [Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2022-04-23

FAISALABAD: Five new corona cases were reported here on Friday. According to a spokesperson for the Health Department, the COVID-19 death toll rose to 1,358 in the district and 509 tests for coronavirus were conducted in public and private sectors during the last 24 hours. He said that so far 28,338 patients had recovered from the disease while total active cases in Faisalabad reached 57. He said [more >>](#)

Pakistan reports 82 fresh Covid-19 cases, one death in 24 hours

Source: [INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-24

LAHORE: Pakistan has reported one death in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 1,527,751. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 30,369 on Saturday. According to the latest figures by the National Institute of Health (NIH) 82 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Punjab remains the worst-hit province in terms [more >>](#)

Sindh

End to Covid curbs spurs Ramazan sales Prayer mats, hats and other items selling fast

Source: Ehtesham Mufti, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-03

KARACHI: Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted and the result is a 50-70 per cent increase in the sale of items used for worship during the month of Ramazan. Caps, rosaries (tasbeeh) and mats have been selling like hot cakes. Philanthropists are also donating items to mosques and madrassas. However, the demand for these locally made goods is higher than imported ones due to the latter's low..... [more >>](#)

Prosperity lies in health Covid-19 clearly reveals dangers of not considering health in policymaking

Source: Shagufta Shabbar, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-04

KARACHI: When the population of a country is healthy, it makes them not only more productive, and earn more income but also enhances their happiness and collectively contributes to the socio-economic development. The Covid-19 pandemic has clearly revealed the danger of not considering health in all policies. The third Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) is "Good Health and Wellbeing",..... [more >>](#)

Public debt swells 10.5pc to Rs42.761tn in July-Feb

Source: Our Correspondent, [The News, International](#), 2022-04-06

KARACHI: Pakistan's public debt and liabilities increased 10.5 percent to Rs42.761 trillion at the end of February, the central bank data showed on Tuesday, mostly owing to a surge in domestic borrowing to fund budget deficit. The debt stood at Rs38.699 trillion as of February 28, 2022. It went up 16.74 percent year-on-year. The debt was Rs36.627 trillion at the end of February 2021. A lar..... [more >>](#)

76 new coronavirus cases surface in country

Source: PPI, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-17

KARACHI: Pakistan on Saturday reported no deaths due to coronavirus while the number of positive pandemic cases has risen to 1,527,151 and the countrywide death toll from the disease surged to 30,363 so far. According to the National Institute of Health (NIH), 76 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. So far, 13,559 individuals have lost their lives to the epidemic in Punj..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's economy grew 5.6pc in FY21 despite Covid-19: WB

Source: TLTP, [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-20

Pakistan's economy enjoyed a strong recovery and grew 5.6 percent in FY21 following measures taken by the government to mitigate the adverse socio-economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. According to the World Bank's Pakistan Development Update, released on Tuesday, while economic activity maintained its momentum during July-December 2021, high demand pressures and rising global co..... [more >>](#)

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Shanghai puts whole city on lockdown as Covid cases surge

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-06

SHANGHAI: Chinese authorities extended the lockdown of Shanghai to cover all of the financial centre's 26 million people on Tuesday, after city-wide testing saw new Covid-19 cases surge to more than 13,000 amid growing public anger over quarantine rules. The lockdown now covers the entire city after restrictions in the city's western districts were extended until further notice, in what h..... [more >>](#)

Moscow scraps Covid flight restrictions for 'friendly' states

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-05

Moscow: Russia on Monday said it was ditching Covid-19 flight restrictions for over 50 "friendly" countries, after Moscow found itself cut off from the West over the conflict in Ukraine. "The infection rate is declining, which means it's time to expand the destinations available to our Russian airlines," Russian news agencies quoted premier Mikhail Mishustin as saying. &q..... [more >>](#)

Russia scraps Covid flight restrictions for Pakistan

Source: [NNI](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-07

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Blood clot risk higher for six months after having Covid

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-08

LONDON: After a Covid infection, there is an increased risk of developing a serious blood clot for the next six months, a study from Sweden suggests. The research found people with severe Covid, and those infected during the first wave, had the highest clot risk. This highlights the importance of being vaccinated against the virus, the researchers say. Blood clots can also occur after vaccinatio..... [more >>](#)

Shanghai wrestles with food shortages under virus shutdown

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-08

BEIJING: Residents of Shanghai are struggling to get meat, rice and other food supplies under anti-coronavirus controls that confine most of its 25 million people in their homes, fueling frustration as the government tries to contain a spreading outbreak. People in China's business capital complain online grocers often are sold out. Some received government food packages of meat and vegetab..... [more >>](#)

China's health system faces raft of challenges

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-10

BEIJING: China is battling its biggest spike in coronavirus cases since the start of the pandemic, with millions under lockdown and the healthcare system feeling the pressure. One of the last countries sticking to a zero-Covid strategy, China aims to stamp out every infection with strict lockdowns and by sending all cases to secure facilities. That is placing a strain on China's already un..... [more >>](#)

Shanghai widens Covid-19 testing as other Chinese cities impose curbs

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-09

SHANGHAI: Shanghai on Friday announced a record 21,000 new cases and a third consecutive day of Covid-19 testing as a lockdown of its 26 million people showed no sign of easing and Chinese cities tightened curbs - even in places with no recent infections. Beijing intervened in Shanghai after the failure of its slice-and-grid approach and insists that the country sticks to its elimination approach..... [more >>](#)

India to offer Covid booster shots to all adults

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-09

NEW DELHI: India will make Covid-19 booster shots available to all adults for a fee from Sunday, officials said, as the number of new virus cases in the country drops sharply. The nation of 1.3 billion has administered 1.85 billion shots so far, giving 96 percent of the population a single dose and 83 percent two jabs. "It has been decided that a precautionary dose of the Covid vaccine will [more >>](#)

Crisis-hit Sri Lanka nearly out of medicine, doctors warn

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Spokesman](#), 2022-04-11

Sri Lanka's doctors warned on Sunday they were nearly out of life-saving medicines and said the island nation's economic crisis threatened a worse death toll than the coronavirus pandemic. Weeks of power blackouts and severe shortages of food, fuel and pharmaceuticals have brought widespread misery to Sri Lanka, which is suffering its worst downturn since independence in 1948. The Sri..... [more >>](#)

As pandemic fades, Spain Easter traditions resurrected

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-11

With Easter processions cancelled for the past two years due to the coronavirus pandemic, Spain's colourful Holy Week marches made their eagerly awaited return to the streets on Sunday. The holiday, which runs until Easter Day on April 17, is a time when huge crowds traditionally gather to watch the elaborate processions in this deeply Catholic country. Organised by brotherhoods, the parade..... [more >>](#)

Shanghai virus lockdown drags on China slams US 'accusations'

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-11

Shanghai: China blasted the United States for making "groundless accusations" about its Covid-19 policy, after surging cases in Shanghai prompted the American consulate to let some staff leave the locked-down megacity. Beijing's zero-Covid strategy has come under strain since March as over 100,000 cases in Shanghai have seen its 25 million inhabitants locked down in phases, inciti..... [more >>](#)

'Saudi-approved Covid jab must for Haj'

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-12

ISLAMABAD: The aspirant pilgrims who had got Covid-19 vaccinations were eligible to proceed for Haj to Saudi Arabia this year, said an official of the ministry of religious affairs and interfaith harmony Monday. Talking to APP, he informed that according to the Saudi ministry of Haj and Umrah, Haj was open to those who had received approved Covid-19 vaccinations by the Saudi ministry of health. [more >>](#)

Shanghai starts easing lockdown in some neighbourhoods

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-12

SHANGHAI: Shanghai eased restrictions on some neighbourhoods on Monday after mounting outcry over inflexible Covid-19 rules that have locked down 25 million people, caused food shortages and left thousands in quarantine.

Authorities said they would gradually begin to allow those in areas with the least number of virus cases to leave their communities, although it was unclear how many people will [more >>](#)

Covid jab, PCR test essential for Hajj: Official

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Partygate: UK PM Boris apologises on TV

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-12

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has apologised and paid a fine for breaching Covid rules, making him the first British leader to be sanctioned for breaking the law while in office. "Let me say immediately that I've paid the fine and I once again offer a full apology," Johnson said in a TV address on Tuesday that was run by all media outlets. [more >>](#)

No relaxation of Covid-19 measures for China, says Xi

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-13

BEIJING: China must not relax Covid-19 control and prevention measures, President Xi Jinping said during a visit to the southern island of Hainan on Wednesday, state radio reported. His comments came as China's commercial capital, Shanghai, reported more than 25,000 new cases. It is under huge pressure to contain China's biggest Covid-19 outbreak since the coronavirus was first discovered..... [more >>](#)

WHO experts insist Covid still a global emergency

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-13

GENEVA: The WHO's emergency committee on Covid-19 on Wednesday unanimously affirmed that the virus remains a major public health danger and insisted that countries must stop dropping their guard. With many nations relaxing public health and social measures, and drastically reducing testing for the virus, the World Health Organisation's group of experts said the pandemic was far from b..... [more >>](#)

UK Tory MPs hold Boris Johnson's political fate in their hands

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-13

LONDON: Boris Johnson has survived the initial fallout from becoming the first British prime minister to be fined for breaking the law, but his long-term position remains precarious, analysts said on Wednesday. The embattled UK leader offered a "full apology" Tuesday after being penalised for breaching Covid lockdown laws by attending a brief celebration of his birthday in 2020, but def..... [more >>](#)

Novel Covid vax may provide protection against cancer

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-14

German researchers have developed a new Covid vaccine that is effective among people with weaker immune systems like cancer patients, particularly those with B-cell deficiencies. B cells are the immune cells responsible for antibody-mediated responses, which is the main target of all currently approved Covid vaccines. But cancer patients remain immunocompromised as treatments such as chemotherapi..... [more >>](#)

Covid curbs spark shipment delays

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-16

SHANGHAI/TAIPEI: Shipments of some Apple products, as well as Dell and Lenovo laptops are likely to face delays if China's Covid-19 lockdowns persist, analysts said, as curbs force assemblers to shut down and closed-loop arrangements get harder to maintain. China's race to stop the spread of Covid-19 has jammed highways and ports, stranded workers and left countless factories awaitin..... [more >>](#)

More Chinese cities impose Covid-19 curbs as Shanghai cases rise

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-17

SHANGHAI: Shanghai reported a record number of symptomatic Covid-19 cases on Saturday and other areas across China imposed restrictions as the country kept up its "dynamic clearance" approach that aims to stamp out the highly transmissible Omicron Covid-19 variant. The Zhengzhou Airport Economic Zone, a central Chinese manufacturing area that includes Apple Inc supplier Foxconn, a..... [more >>](#)

World Covid cases surpass 500m as Omicron variant BA 2 surges

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-04-15

Global Covid-19 cases surpassed 500 million on Thursday, according to a Reuters tally, as the highly contagious BA2 sub-variant of Omicron surges in many countries in Europe and Asia. The rise of BA2 has been blamed for recent surges in China as well as record infections in Europe. It has been called the "stealth variant" because it is slightly harder to track than others. South Kore..... [more >>](#)

Shanghai residents scuffle with police over virus policy

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-16

SHANGHAI: Shanghai residents scuffled with hazmat-suited police ordering them to surrender their homes to Covid-19 patients, videos on social media showed, providing a rare glimpse into rising discontent in the megacity over China's inflexible virus response. The city of 25 million and China's economic engine room has become the heart of the country's biggest outbreak since the [more >>](#)

India slams WHO report claiming 4m Covid casualties

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-19

NEW DELHI: India has sharply criticised a forthcoming World Health Organization study which reportedly claims coronavirus killed 4 million people nationally, the latest analysis suggesting a significant undercount of the pandemic's death toll. The New York Times reported last week that New Delhi had stalled the study's release after disputing that India's true fatality count was..... [more >>](#)

Shanghai reports first Covid deaths since lockdown

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-19

SHANGHAI: China said on Monday that just three people have died from Covid-19 in Shanghai since a gruelling lockdown began last month, despite recording hundreds of thousands of cases of the fast-spreading Omicron variant in the eastern megacity. Authorities said the first deaths from China's biggest outbreak since the virus wave in Wuhan over two years ago were three people aged 89 to 91, [more >>](#)

Shanghai reports more Covid deaths

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-20

SHANGHAI: China reported seven more Covid-19 deaths in Shanghai on Tuesday, as major firms such as Tesla forged ahead to resume production after a damaging weeks-long lockdown. Supply chains have clogged and businesses have been forced to halt production in the metropolis of 25 million, as authorities cling to a zero-Covid approach to combat China's worst outbreak since the virus first emer..... [more >>](#)

Greece aims to 'coexist' with Covid

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-21

ATHENS: Greece aims to "coexist" with Covid-19, its health minister said on Wednesday as the country prepared to further relax restrictions to boost its key tourism industry. "After two years of pandemic, we are in a different management phase... the phase of coexisting with the virus," Health Minister Thanos Plevris told a news conference. New cases and intensive care hospita..... [more >>](#)

Shanghai cautiously eases lockdown as deaths rise

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-21

SHANGHAI: Shanghai further eased its weeks-long Covid-19 lockdown on Wednesday despite mounting deaths and tens of thousands of new cases -- but some residents are furious that uneven enforcement is still leaving them trapped at home. China's largest city is inching towards reopening as businesses and residents grow increasingly desperate over closures and food shortages. Faced with the cou..... [more >>](#)

Americans church membership at lowest

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-21

WASHINGTON: Americans' church membership is at its lowest numbers in years, Gray News reported. According to a poll from Gallup, memberships to houses of worship continued to decline last year and dropped below 50 percent for the first time in Gallup's eight-decade trend. In 2020, 47 percent of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque, down from 50 percent in 2018 and..... [more >>](#)

UK Covid patient was positive for record 505 days

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-23

LONDON: British researchers believe they have documented the longest-known Covid-19 infection, in a patient who tested positive for a total of 505 days before their death. The previous record for persistent infection -- rather than repeated bouts of Covid -- is thought to be 335 days, the team from King's College London and Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust said. One of..... [more >>](#)

Donors News**Covid far from becoming endemic: WHO**

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-15

GENEVA: Covid-19 is far from becoming an endemic disease and could still trigger large epidemics around the globe, the World Health Organisation said on Thursday. WHO emergencies director Michael Ryan said it was also wrong to think that if Covid-19 did settle down and become endemic, that would mean the end of the problem. "I certainly do not believe we've reached anything close to an..... [more >>](#)

WHO monitors hepatitis of unknown origin in UK children

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-16

LONDON: The World Health Organisation said on Friday it was monitoring cases of hepatitis of unknown origin in dozens of children in Britain, some of whom required a liver transplant. Britain initially reported 10 cases of severe acute hepatitis in Scotland to WHO on April 5, before reporting a total of 74 cases across the country three days later, the UN agency said. WHO expects more cases to be..... [more >>](#)

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ISLAMABAD, (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 20th April, 2022): The experts and entrepreneurs on Wednesday termed better coordination, policy consistency and awareness in the private sector is imperative to trigger economic growth. Inclusive policy making, better coordination between relevant government departments, policy consistency, and better awareness of the private sector regarding..... [more >>](#)

Coordination and Policy Consistency Crucial for Economic Growth in KP

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Inclusive policymaking, better coordination between relevant government departments, policy consistency, and better awareness of the private sector regarding government initiatives could play a crucial role to trigger economic growth and development of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Hazara Division in particular. Experts said this while sharing their views during the Public-Private Dialogue on the "..... [more >>](#)

Lessons from Lanka

Source: [Aqdas Afzal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-21

SRI Lanka figures very largely in the imagination of the people of South Asia. Not only is 'Ceylon tea' considered the best tea money can buy, a long line of illustrious cricketers from the island nation have also been admired for their prowess. Sri Lanka also holds the distinction of having the highest literacy rate in the South Asian region at 92.3 per cent. Unfortunately, Sri Lanka..... [more >>](#)

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All real world governments fail at some of the things they attempt; most do well in some area or the other. Come a reckoning, it is common sense to highlight the achievements and try to explain away the failures. In my opinion, one of the major failures of the coalition led by Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) has been its inability to take due credit for the things it got right. Some of the things [more >>](#)

Water stress and climate change

Source: Abdullah Khalid, [The News, International](#), 2022-04-10

World Water Day is observed on March 22 every year to highlight the importance of freshwater. The day is used to advocate for sustainable management of water resources. Pakistan is among the water scarce countries. Pakistan was once rich in fresh water, with more than 5,200 cubic metres fresh water available per capita at the time of independence. To..... [more >>](#)

Lessons from Colombo

Source: Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, [The News, International](#), 2022-04-11

Pakistan is not the only country in the region going through political turmoil. Sri Lanka, too, is facing a political impasse. Last week, all 26 members of the Sri Lankan cabinet (including the brother and nephew of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa) resigned en-masse amidst widespread protests in the country over the state of the economy. Mr Rajapaksa's government no longer enjoys a simple majority..... [more >>](#)

Five 'band-aids' the new government must immediately apply to revive the bleeding economy

Source: Dr Sajid Amin Javed, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-11

The National Assembly finally elected a new prime minister following over a month of political turmoil, narrowly escaping a constitutional crisis that threatened to pit the various arms of the state against each other. There is, however, a much bigger challenge awaiting the newly formed coalition government, headed by Shehbaz Sharif — how to revive a haemorrhaging economy. That the economic..... [more >>](#)

Five ways PM Shehbaz Sharif can fix the economy

Source: Dr Vaqar Ahmed, [Geo News](#), 2022-04-13

Political instability, during the past few days, gave rise to unprecedented volatility in economic indicators. During the month of March, consumer prices jumped by 12.2%. On the external side, the current account deficit widened, and central bank reserves as they stand today can barely cover two months of the country's import payments. While reserves held by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP)..... [more >>](#)

What is to be Done?

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [BOL News](#), 2022-04-17

Partly due to the recent political impasse, Pakistan faces a balance of payments crisis on a short-term basis. A pause in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) negotiations, the reluctance of friendly countries to oblige an outgoing government through rolling over their deposits in the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and the panic buying of dollars during the political uncertainty led to a situati..... [more >>](#)

A consensus on the economy

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-19

Endorsing the previous government's relief package by turning down the summary of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) for an increase in prices, Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has decided to keep oil prices unchanged till May 1. It was an easy decision for him, as the formal engagement between his government and the IMF for the resumption of the ongoing programme is yet to start. Pol..... [more >>](#)

A roadmap for political reform

Source: [Ahad Nazir](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-24

The word 'politics' has a Greek origin. It means decision making in groups. The most important aspect of practical politics is the need to build consensus on important decisions affecting the group of people involved. Political systems in Pakistan have seen many changes but the importance of consensus building remains paramount. Major political parties in Pakistan range from centre-ri..... [more >>](#)

A clear economic agenda, immediate action needed

Source: [Sajid Amin Javed](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-24

The new coalition government, which has inherited an unprecedented macroeconomic crisis, needs to stabilise economic indicators and protect the poor and vulnerable groups by striking a balance between its domestic and international economic priorities. It has to walk a virtual tightrope. The government seems stuck in the twin challenges — a dilemma — of correcting economic imbalances [more >>](#)

SDPI News**SBP urged to play proactive role**

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Islamabad: Renowned economist Dr Sajid Amin has said that Pakistan needs a central bank and monetary policy which, while delivering its formal mandate of price stability, is considerate of the pressing challenges faced by the country today including extreme poverty, joblessness, employment, and burgeoning inequality. Dr Amin was sharing his views at a hybrid seminar on "Social footprint of [more >>](#)

'Pakistan must raise \$12bn to dodge balance of payment crisis'

Source: [Mateen Haider](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-23

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan would have to raise \$12 billion till June 2022 to avert a balance of payment (BoP) crisis, said Dr Hafeez A Pasha, former finance minister, on Friday, proposing a plan to bolster the crumbling economy. "Pakistan requires a comprehensive reform strategy for reviving IMF programme as the former PM's Relief Package for providing fuel and electricity subsidy with an es..... [more >>](#)

Experts spell out steps aimed at taking economy out of the woods

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2022-04-23

ISLAMABAD: Economists at a seminar while expressing serious concern over the present state of national economy have stressed the government to take viable and consensus-based long-term economic measures to bail the country out from the worst economic challenges of the country's history. At a roundtable meeting titled, "Immediate Economic Priorities for Pakistan" organised by the..... [more >>](#)

Coalition govt must prioritize comprehensive economic reforms strategy: Hafeez Pasha

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Coalition Govt An Opportunity To Make Much,- Needed Economic Reforms. Dr Pasha

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Experts call for comprehensive economic reform strategy

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-04-24

ISLAMABAD: Comprehensive economic reform strategy should be on top of the agenda of the new coalition government, former finance minister Dr Hafeez A. Pasha said on Saturday. “For the first time, we have such a broad-based national consensus government. An opportunity has presented itself to correct the economy and rationalise the taxation system,” Dr Pasha said. He was deli..... [more >>](#)

Dr Hafeez Pasha For Rationalising Taxation System To Improve Economy

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ISLAMABAD – Dr Hafeez A Pasha, former finance minister of Pakistan, has said that Pakistan would be needing 30 to 32 billion dollars of financing every year to manage the transactions with rest of the world. He further said that the agenda of comprehensive economic reforms strategy should be the top most priority for the new coalition government. It is for the first time that we are having..... [more >>](#)

Coalition govt needs economic reforms strategy, says Pasha

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-04-25

Islamabad : Former Finance Minister Dr. Hafeez A. Pasha has said that the agenda of comprehensive economic reforms strategy should be the top priority for the new coalition government. Dr. Pasha was delivering the keynote speech at the roundtable meeting on “Immediate economic priorities of Pakistan” jointly organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and Friedrich Eb..... [more >>](#)

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Imran: positives and negatives

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First the positives: as a post-colonial constructed nation, Pakistan is an amalgam of ethnicities, languages, sects and other diversities. Therefore, the most important task for a leader is to forge national consensus. In this regard, Imran Khan's policy regarding Deko Riq was astute. Allowing Balochis to feel that they are part of the decision-making process and will rightly reap a major p..... [more >>](#)

Roundtable: The future of Pakistan's energy

Source: [Farahnaz Zahidi](#), [The Third Pole](#), 2022-04-19

After weeks of uncertainty, Imran Khan was ousted as Pakistan's prime minister and Shahbaz Sharif was sworn in as the 23rd premier of the country. The big question now: Will the policies, initiatives and changes spearheaded by Khan – especially on the future of Pakistan's energy – be cut short, or will they continue? Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PT..... [more >>](#)

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Indicators show economy performing well despite challenges

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Increasing temperature on Earth

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The ever increasing temperature on the earth is a verification that climate change is gathering pace. In Pakistan, the early summer gives a hint that the country is included in those South Asian states that are vulnerable to climate change and can become a victim of its implications in a quick manner. This is the reason that climate experts issue warnings time and again and a recent seminar organi..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan's new government faces tough challenges, warn economists

Source: [ANI](#), [The Print](#), 2022-04-11

Islamabad [Pakistan], April 11 (ANI): Economists have warned that rising inflation would pose a major challenge for Pakistan's incoming government and it would have to reverse so-called relief measures announced by the Imran Khan government. Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director at Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) noted that it would be hard for the incoming government fo..... [more >>](#)

Economists warn Pakistan’s new administration faces major hurdles

Source: [Desk](#), [Bollyinside-The Daily News](#) , 2022-04-11

Economists have warned that increasing inflation will be a key hurdle for Pakistan’s next administration, which will have to reverse the Imran Khan government’s so-called relief measures. Because the incoming administration came to power after the “Manghai Makao March,” Dr. Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), said it..... [more >>](#)

Webinar News

‘Govt, scientists need to work together to handle climate change’

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Islamabad: Climate Change experts have said that South Asia is the most vulnerable region in the face of Climate Change and thus, collective efforts are the need of the hour to deal with different threats posed by changing weather patterns and increased risk of natural calamities. The experts were sharing their views at the hybrid seminar “Climate Change impacts, adaptation and vulnerabili..... [more >>](#)

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South Asia most vulnerable region to climate change: experts

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