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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

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To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

Vision

To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

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Fifth wave

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

WHILE the daily count is showing a declining trend, the country still remains in the grip of the fifth wave of Covid-19. Feb 4 was the fifth consecutive day that the number of total cases remained below 7,000, but just a few days before, on Jan 27, Pakistan had recorded 8,183 new coronavirus infections. That was the highest daily caseload since the beginning of the pandemic in February 2020. [more >>](#)

A regional analysis; Omicron and exports—I

Source: [Shahid Sattar and Amna Urooj, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

The fastest-spreading virus known to humankind till today — Omicron — is not only hitting the global population but also the global economy. The newly emerged strain of Covid-19 virus was first detected in Southern Africa in late November 2021 and is on its way towards a further debilitation of the already crippled world economy. The world economists have a widespread agreement among..... [more >>](#)

Threats to Post-pandemic Recovery

Source: [Editorial, Daily Times](#), 2022-02-05

Pakistan watches helplessly as geo-political tensions, winter storms and supply constraints push oil above \$92 per barrel in the international market; maintaining a seven-week rise and reaching its highest price in more than seven years. The latest push comes from a cold snap in Texas, USA, which has raised concern about production bottlenecks in the Permian Basin, where most of America's sh..... [more >>](#)

Tough decisions

Source: [Dr Khaqan Hassan Najeeb, The News, International](#), 2022-02-08

Governments all over the world routinely make the following announcements to prepare citizens for difficult days: "We are taking tough decisions; these are decisions which are in the right direction; they will set the economy on a sustainable track." Leaders further add that there is a political cost to these decisions, and yet in the larger national interest, they are willing to be..... [more >>](#)

Making Progress

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

It seems as though the fifth wave is finally ebbing as Pakistan's positivity ratio dropped to 7.45 percent, with only 3,338 cases reported in the last 24 hours. This by no means entails that we are out of the woods yet, but does signify that our fight against the pandemic is proving to be effective and that we may lose out if we don't capitalise upon this progress. The NCOC reported..... [more >>](#)

On the way out?

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

THERE are hopeful signs that we may have turned the corner. With the Covid-19 positivity rate declining, the NCOC has felt confident enough to give the go-ahead for full-capacity attendance at the cricket stadium in Lahore when the PSL enters its next phase later this month. In fact, unvaccinated children below 12 years will also be allowed to attend though it is mandatory for the [more >>](#)

mRNA and Ghalib

Source: [Zafar Mirza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

“mRNA TECHNOLOGY is a watershed moment for the future of vaccines. The same technology can be used to prevent dozens of otherwise untreatable autoimmune diseases. The same manufacturing facility and technology can be used to produce highly expensive biological drugs which are eating up a sizeable portion of national health budgets. All this is possible and I have access to the technology whi..... [more >>](#)

National News**Islamabad****Covid claims 48 more lives; over 6,000 test positive**

Source: [Amir Wasim, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

ISLAMABAD: Forty-eight people lost their lives to Covid-19 and 6,377 individuals tested positive across the country on Friday. The national positivity rate stood at 9.9 per cent. According to statistics released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the number of active cases rose to 64,121 on Friday while 1,618 patients were in critical care. Over the past 24 hours, Sindh reporte..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 claims six lives

Source: [Munawar Azeem | Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

ISLAMABAD: Though the federal capital and Rawalpindi district saw a drop in the Covid-19 positivity ratio, six people fell victim to the virus on Friday. On the other hand, four more educational institutions were sealed in Islamabad after students and staff were found infected. As many as 615 patients emerged, with the positivity falling to 8.9pc. Rawalpindi district saw the infection rate dropp..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 deaths continuously going up

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

ISLAMABAD: The coronavirus deaths with the intensifying fifth Covid-19 wave following the arrival of Omicron variant in Pakistan are continuously going up as on Friday the country recorded 48 Covid-19 deaths, which is the highest number since October 4, 2021, when 54 deaths were recorded. Following the 48 deaths the national tally of Covid-19 deaths has surged to 29,420 since the pandemic [more >>](#)

Pakistan reports 48 more corona deaths, 6,377 infections

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan confirmed 48 more deaths from the coronavirus during last 24 hours, the highest daily death toll since October 4 when 54 fatalities were recorded. As many as 6,377 people have also tested positive for the deadly virus during the same period. According to the latest figures appearing on the National Coronavirus Dashboard of the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 4..... [more >>](#)

PM aide cautiously responds to fall in Omicron cases

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health Dr Faisal Sultan said on Saturday that the spike in the cases of the Omicron-driven fifth wave of Covid-19 has slightly fallen. But at the same time, he made it clear that it cannot be called a declining trend, saying that the graph of cases has just straightened. "After a sudden spike in cases, the graph has straightened, [more >>](#)

Six more lose battle against coronavirus

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

RAWALPINDI/ ISLAMABAD: About six persons died of coronavirus in Rawalpindi during the last 24 hours. Additionally, 114 more people tested positive for the disease, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 45,062 in the Rawalpindi district. As per the latest data released by the District Health Authority on Saturday, out of the new patients, 42 came from Rawalpindi Cantonment, 33 from Potohar Tow..... [more >>](#)

Pakistan remains vulnerable to possible flare-ups of pandemic: IMF

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has pointed out that Pakistan remains vulnerable to possible flare-ups of the pandemic, tighter international financial conditions, a rise in geopolitical tensions, as well as delayed implementation of structural reforms. The Fund in its Staff Report prepared for the Executive Board's consideration on February 2, 2022 stated that Pakistan..... [more >>](#)

PM wishes complete recovery to Turkish President, his wife

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan Saturday wished President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his wife Emine Erdogan swift and complete recovery from COVID 19. In a tweet on social media platform Twitter, he said, "I just learnt that my brother Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of Turkey and Madame Emine Erdogan tested positive for Covid-19 Omicron. On behalf of our go..... [more >>](#)

Another private school sealed after sharp increase in Covid cases

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Saturday sealed another private school at sector G-15 after a sharp increase in the number of Covid-19 cases among the students. Magistrate Saddar Zone Mir Yamin sealed the premises of Beaconhouse School G-15/3 to prevent community spread of virus. Talking to media, he said the virus was traced among three students age betwe..... [more >>](#)

Positivity rate of COVID-19, number of patients on decline

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-06

Islamabad : The positivity rate of coronavirus illness, COVID-19, and the number of patients being tested positive from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district have started registering swift decline as in the last 24 hours, the positivity has been recorded as around 7.3 per cent in this region of the country while 612 new patients have been diagnosed with the infection. It is worth [more >>](#)

Another private school sealed

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-06

Islamabad :The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Saturday sealed another private school in Sector G-15 after a sharp increase in the number of Covid-19 cases among the students. Magistrate Saddar Zone Mir Yamin sealed the premises of Beaconhouse School G-15/3 to prevent the community spread of the virus. Talking to the media, he said the virus was traced among three students

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5 million doses of vaccine administered in three days

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has made history by administering over 5 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine in just three consecutive days. The country reported less than 5,000 Covid-19 cases after a gap of over 20 days. As many as 30 more persons succumbed to the virus. The announcement regarding inoculations in Pakistan was made by federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Uma..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity remains below 10% for fifth consecutive day

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-06

Pakistan has reported 6,137 new coronavirus cases on Saturday, down from 6,377 a day earlier. On Saturday, 28 more people succumbed to the virus compared to 48 on Friday. The national positivity rate stood at 9.7 per cent, marking the fifth straight day it has remained below 10pc. Another 16,347 people have recovered from the coronavirus in Pakistan, taking the country's tally to 1,333,732.....

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Pakistan sees major decline in new Covid infections

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-07

After more than a month of recording historic-high cases, Pakistan is finally seeing a decline in the trend of coronavirus infections. On Sunday, the national positivity rate fell to 8.7%. As per NCOC's stats, 56,051 diagnostic tests were performed, of which 4,874 came back positive on Sunday. The decline in the daily COVID-19 case count pushed the positivity ratio down to 8.69% and active

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Four more lose battle against Covid-19 in Rawalpindi

Source: [Ikram Junaidi | Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

RAWALPINDI: Covid-19 claimed another four lives in Rawalpindi on Sunday as the positivity rate in the federal capital and its adjoining district continued to fall. A total of 536 people contracted the virus in the last 24 hours in both districts. According to the health authority data, Naseem Akhtar, 72, a resident of Mohallah Hafizabad, Gujar Khan, was brought to Kalsoom International Hospital

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NCOC abolishes rapid antigen tests for inbound passengers from Feb 8

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre's (NCOC) on Monday decided to abolish Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) for inbound passengers from February 8. During a session of the country's nerve centre of Covid-19 response, it was decided to abolish the tests except for deportees from foreign countries and for non-vaccinated individuals arriving from land border terminals. The forum..... [more >>](#)

Country sets highest daily vaccination record in three days

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday set the highest daily vaccination record in three consecutive days, as 1,740,554 vaccines were administered during the last 24 hours in the nationwide vaccination drive against Covid-19. In a tweet on Sunday, Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar who is also chief of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), said that the target of the nationwid.....

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Corona positivity rate remains below 10pc as 30 more succumb to virus

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Sunday recorded a significant drop in the number of daily Covid-19 infections as the country logged another 4,874 cases during last 24 hours as compared to 6,236 reported a day earlier, data from the National Command and Operation (NCOC) showed Sunday morning. It was the fifth straight day Sunday that the country's Covid-19 positivity rate remained below 10 percent..... [more >>](#)

Covid positivity rate dips to 10.26pc in Islamabad

Source: [Mansoor Ali](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

ISLAMABAD - The weekly Covid-19 positivity ratio in Islamabad has dropped to 10.26 percent, which was 16.56 percent and 14.26 percent in the previous two weeks. The District Health Officer (DHO), Dr Zaeem Zia while sharing the latest data about the Covid-19 situation said that although there was a substantial decrease in weekly positivity, however the positivity wa..... [more >>](#)

NCOC Covid-19 update

Source: [Sabah](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-07

ISLAMABAD: As many as 30 people died of Covid-19 pandemic all over the country in the last 24 hours as the number of positive cases surged to 14,594,773. The nationwide tally of fatalities jumped to 29,478 on Sunday, while 1,339,498 patients have recovered so far. In addition, 108,173,867 people have been partially vaccinated against the coronavirus. [more >>](#)

5 deaths, 518 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-07

Islamabad :The number of active cases of coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district is continuously showing a depression for the last five days mainly because of a significant downward trend in the number of patients being tested positive for the illness from this region of the country. The number of active cases from the twin cities has reduced to 14.....

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4 die of COVID-19, 367 test positive

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-08

Islamabad:Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed another four lives from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours while 367 new patients have been tested positive for the illness that is the lowest number of patients reported in a day after January 13. The positivity rate of COVID-19 in the region was however recorded as around 7.85 per cent..... [more >>](#)

Five more educational institutions sealed in Islamabad

Source: [Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: While the capital saw a downward trend in the number of Covid-19 cases, two people lost their lives to the disease and 291 new cases surfaced. Positivity ratio was traced at 7.9 percent. On the other hand, five more educational institutions were sealed; these institutions are located in Diplomatic Enclave, Shadra Kalan, Bhara Kahu, Bahria Enclave and Jaghiot. Both deceased were female.....

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NCOC allows 100pc stadium capacity for PSL matches

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: As the country reported the lowest number of Covid-19 cases on Monday since Jan 12, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) allowed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to conduct the Pakistan Super League (PSL) matches in Lahore with 100 per cent stadium capacity from 16th of the current month. Moreover, unvaccinated children, under 12 years of age, will also be allowed to watch [more >>](#)

IHRA fixes standard Covid-19 test fee Five more schools sealed in different parts of capital

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA) has fixed a standard fee for Covid tests in all private hospitals and laboratories of the city. The standard fee for Covid-19 PCR test with Roche and Abbott Antigen kits has been fixed at Rs5,000, while the fee for all other kits has been set at Rs3,500. In an official letter, IHRA has notified all private hospitals and laboratories..... [more >>](#)

PSL matches: NCOC allows only fully vaccinated spectators

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to allow fully Covid-19 vaccinated spectators to watch the second phase of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) matches till February 15 at 50 percent stadium capacity and from February 16 onwards at 100 percent capacity. The decision in this regard was taken here on Monday by the meeting of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) held under the chair..... [more >>](#)

Paint co faces CCP action against anti-Covid claim

Source: [Sohail Sarfraz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has decided to initiate proceedings against a paint company, which claimed that its paint products are providing protection from Covid-19. In this regard, the CCP has issued an inquiry report against the paint company. In light of the discussions, it is evident that the false and misleading advertisement would give the company a com.....

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Over two million doses of COVID vaccine administered yesterday: Faisal Sultan

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

In a record vaccination in a day, over two million doses of COVID vaccine were administered in Pakistan on Monday, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan said on Tuesday. In a message from his Twitter handle, Dr Faisal Sultan said that more than two million COVID vaccine doses were administered in Pakistan, the highest ever in a day. "Well done everyone!" [more >>](#)

Pakistan reports 2,799 new COVID-19 cases in single day

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

The number of COVID-19 cases in Pakistan continues to witness a downward trend as the country has reported 2,799 new pandemic cases over the past 24 hours. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), a total of 52,327 samples were tested, out of which 2,799 turned out to be positive, showing 2pc decline in infection rate as compared to yesterday's 7.45 per cent. The nat.....

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Covid-related needs; Ministry seeks Rs1bn supplementary grant for Army

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has sought formal approval of supplementary grant of Rs 1 billion for Pak Army for Covid-related requirements under the head of medical stores, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. According to Ministry of Defence, Pak Army has apprised that record surge in positive rate during the 4th wave of Covid-19 required extra precautionary measures and.....

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Corona 5th wave starts slowing down in country

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

ISLAMABAD - The fifth wave of Covid-19 has started slowing down in the country as the positivity rate of the infection dropped down to 5.34 percent during the last 24 hours. This positivity rate of the infection is lowest in almost a month. According to the latest data released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the country reported as many 2,799 cases and 37 deaths due to

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Pakistan reports 4,253 coronavirus cases in 24 hours

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

Pakistan has reported 50 more deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of confirmed positive cases has surged to 1,470,163. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 29,603 on Wednesday. According to the latest figures issued by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 4,253 persons were tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Pakistan has con.....

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9 deaths, 451 COVID-19 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-09

Islamabad : As many as nine patients belonging to Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district died of coronavirus illness, COVID-19 in the last 24 hours that is the highest number of deaths caused by the virus in a day from the region in the last five months. Death of nine patients has taken death toll from the region to 2,255 while another 451 patients have been tested positive for the.....

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NCOC Covid-19 update 50 die, 4,253 test positive in 24 hours

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-10

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of total active Covid-19 cases on Wednesday recorded 86,262 with 4,253 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 50 people died of the pandemic during the last 24 hours. All the 50 corona patients died in the hospitals, according to the latest update issued by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). Most of the deaths occurred in Sindh, followe.....

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Pakistan administers over 190m doses of Covid-19 vaccines

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-10

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Wednesday announced that 190 million Covid-19 vaccines had so far been administered in the country. In a separate development, world leaders have launched a campaign to collect funds amounting to \$16 billion that would go towards eradicating the pandemic as a global emergency in the current year. According to the NCOC data, over two [more >>](#)

Pakistan reports 3,914 coronavirus cases, 47 deaths in 24 hours

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-10

Pakistan has reported 47 deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 1,474,075. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 29,648 on Thursday. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 3,914 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Punjab remains the worst-hit province in term..... [more >>](#)

Country reports 50 more Covid-19 deaths

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has recorded 50 Covid-19 deaths in the past 24 hours, which is the highest number of the past four months, taking the overall death toll to 29,601, coronavirus-related data released by the National Command and Operation's Centre (NCOC) revealed. The country last recorded a death count this high on October 5, 2021. In the recent past on February 4, 2022, the coun..... [more >>](#)

Most Pakistanis have developed short-term immunity against Covid: expert

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

ISLAMABAD: While a large number of Pakistanis have developed short-term immunity against Covid-19, 'Stealth Omicron (BA.2)', a sub-variant of Omicron, is rapidly spreading in Scandinavian countries and will reach Pakistan, sooner or later. During the past 24 hours, another 3,914 people were infected and 47 succumbed to the coronavirus. The national positivity was recorded at 7.1 per c..... [more >>](#)

10 die of COVID-19 from Pindi, 326 cases reported

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2022-02-11

Rawalpindi : Another 10 confirmed patients of coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Rawalpindi district died of the illness in the last 24 hours that is the highest number of deaths caused by the virus from the district in a day since COVID-19 hit Pakistan in 2020. To date, a total of 1,281 patients belonging to the Rawalpindi district have died of the infection out of a total of 42,156 patients s..... [more >>](#)

NCOC, dist admin checks vaccination NPIs at bus stands

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

ISLAMABAD - National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) team along with Magistrate Islamabad, Secretary Regional Transport Authority (RTA) and Police on Thursday visited various Bus Stands of the federal capital to check compliance of mandatory Covid-19 vaccination and implementation of Non-pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs). The teams visited the bus stands of Faizabad, Karachi Company (G-9) an..... [more >>](#)

Spanish king, Danish Queen, Slovenian PM test positive for COVID-19

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-11

MADRID/COPENHAGEN/LJUBLJANA: Spain's King Felipe VI, Denmark's Queen Margrethe II and Slovenia's conservative Prime Minister Janez Jansa have tested positive for Covid-19 Wednesday. The 54-year-old monarch tested positive on Wednesday morning "after experiencing mild symptoms the night before", it said in a statement. He will quarantine for seven days and will "..... [more >>](#)

US donates over 50m COVID-19 vaccines to Pakistan

Source: [Afshan S. Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-10

Islamabad : US donations of COVID-19 vaccines to Pakistan surpassed 50 million doses this week, as Washington continues its commitment to deliver life-saving vaccines to the people of Pakistan. "With the shipment of an additional 4.7 million Pfizer vaccine doses this week, US-donated vaccines to Pakistan have now reached over 52 million," said US Embassy Islamabad's Charg&eacu..... [more >>](#)

6 die of COVID-19 from Pindi, 266 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-10

Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed another six lives from Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours continuing upward trend in the number of deaths caused by the virus though as many as 266 new patients have been confirmed positive for the disease from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district that is the lowest number of cases reported in a day from the region since J..... [more >>](#)

Country reports 47 more Covid deaths, 3,914 fresh cases

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday reported another 3,914 Covid-19 cases and 47 new Covid-19 deaths, taking the cases tally to 1,474,075 and death toll to 29,648, since the outbreak of the pandemic, according to coronavirus-related data released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). According to fresh NCOC's stats, the new infections were detected after performing 54,638 [more >>](#)

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Coronavirus claims 12 more lives in KP

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

PESHAWAR: Covid-19 claimed 12 more lives and infected 920 others in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday as people continued to defy vaccination during the ongoing two-week campaign launched in 22 districts of the province early this month. Mortalities from the virus reached 6,053, incidences 203,310 and active cases 13,688 in the province, a health department report said..... [more >>](#)

Hazara varsity exams delayed as Covid cases emerge

Source: [The Newspaper's Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

MANSEHRA: The Hazara University has delayed its examinations for a week after the district administration sealed it as its vice-chancellor, 14 staffers and scores of students tested positive for Covid-19. "The district administration has sealed the university for 10 days as the vice-chancellor, 14 staff members and many students have tested positive for Covid-19,"..... [more >>](#)

Hazara University closed due to corona cases

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-07

On the directives of the Deputy Commissioner Mansehra, Hazara University shut down after receiving reports of increasing coronavirus cases, said a notification of the University issued here on Sunday. According to notification, Hazara University will remain closed till February 15. Coronavirus was also confirmed in several staff of the university, therefore the university was closed, the administr..... [more](#)

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Hazara varsity exams postponed over corona

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-07

PESHAWAR: The Hazara University has delayed its terminal examinations for a week after the district administration sealed it as its vice-chancellor, staff members and students tested positive for the coronavirus. "The district administration has sealed the university for 10 days as the vice-chancellor, 14 staff members and many students tested positive for Covid-19," the university&..... [more >>](#)

Contractual doctors in KP threaten to boycott Covid-19 duty

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

PESHAWAR: Covid-19 claimed 12 more lives and affected 974 new patients in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Monday as ad hoc doctors warned of boycotting coronavirus duty in hospitals to protest non-regularisation of their service. The ad hoc doctors said that they would boycott all duties, except emergency services, if government didn't accept their demand of making their jobs permanent within a fortn..... [more >>](#)

Two edu institutions closed in Khyber due to corona

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

PESHAWAR - In view of the increasing positivity of Covid-19 cases, the district administration Khyber has closed down two educational institutions in Bara tehsil for one week. The notification issued here Monday said that upon positive Covid-19 test results and recommendation of District Health Officer and in exercise of the powers conferred by KP Epidemic Control and Emergency Relief Act, [more >>](#)

12 more die of corona in KP

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

PESHAWAR - Coronavirus claimed 12 more lives in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as 974 new cases were confirmed during last 24 hours, said corona updates shared by the Health Department here on Monday. With 12 more deaths, the toll from the disease in the province has climbed to 6065 while with 974 new cases the tally of the active cases reached 13802. Out of 12 deaths in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa eight occurred..... [more >>](#)

Vaccinators demand stipend

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

SHANGLA: The health workers here on Tuesday demanded of the government to pay them the stipend fixed for their participation in the door-to-door Covid vaccination campaign as the funds had already been received in the district administration's accounts. Talking to mediapersons, they complained they had not been paid the stipend promised by the health department for the door-to-door vaccinat.....

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Covid-19 positivity rate soars in Swabi, Mardan

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

PESHAWAR: Coronavirus positivity level soared in Swabi and Mardan and receded in Peshawar as the province recorded 11 more deaths and 1,421 new cases on Tuesday. Three persons died of the virus in Abbottabad, two each in Swabi, Kohat and Peshawar and one each in Bajaur and Mardan, according to a report of health department. It said that the province's tally of fatalities reached 6,076 whil..... [more](#)

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KP CS directs to make door-to-door vaccination successful

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-10

PESHAWAR - In order to achieve the vaccination targets, door-to-door vaccination campaign has been launched in the plain areas of the province from February 1st, while the vaccination campaign in the snow-bounded areas will be launched from March, said Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. A high-level meeting regarding COVID vaccination and spread of Omicron virus was held under the chairmanship..... [more >>](#)

Nowshera reports highest Covid positivity ratio in country

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

Nowshera in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reported the highest COVID-19 positivity ratio of 34.62 percent in Pakistan during the last 24 hours. Pakistan's largest city Karachi reported 14.51 percent test positivity ratio, while Hyderabad recorded 9.48 pct coronavirus positivity rate, according to the sources at the country's Ministry of National Health. Mardan recorded 23.13 percent Covid p..... [more >>](#)

Five more fall prey to coronavirus in KP

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

PESHAWAR: Five more people died of Covid-19 and 941 new cases were recorded in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Thursday as the district administration continued to inspect vaccination centres in Peshawar to speed up immunisation. Peshawar, which has 35 per cent vaccination rate, has recorded the highest number of mortalities due to the pandemic and coronavirus cases in the province. Orakzai, Swat, Charsadd..... [more >>](#)

Punjab

Covid claims 18 more lives in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

LAHORE: Eighteen people died of Covid-19 and 2,031 more cases were reported in Punjab during the last 24 hours. As many as 485,856 people have been affected by the disease in the province. Eight people died in Lahore, four in Rawalpindi, two each in Rahim Yar Khan and Faisalabad and one patient died of the virus in DG Khan. A total of 13,216 people have lost their lives to the virus, according t.....

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5 die of COVID-19, 748 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-05

Rawalpindi : As many as five more confirmed patients of coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district died of the illness in the last 24 hours while 748 new patients were confirmed positive for the illness from the twin cities showing the number of patients being tested positive from the region is on a decline at least for the last three days. After conf..... [more >>](#)

11 more die as Covid onslaught continues

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

LAHORE: Eleven people lost their lives and 1,597 others tested positive for coronavirus during the last 24 hours in Punjab. Eight people lost their lives in Lahore, two in Rawalpindi and one in Gujranwala. As many as 717 people tested positive for coronavirus in Lahore, 195 in Rawalpindi, 148 in Rahim Yar Khan, 92 in Multan, 78 in Bahawalpur, 42 in Faisalabad, 45 in Gujranwala, 44 in Sialkot, 39..... [more >>](#)

PCR test cost cut at airport

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

LAHORE: The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has announced a reduced fee for the rapid polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for passengers going to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from the Allama Iqbal International Airport. According to the CAA, on the direction of the director general of the authority, Rs3,000, instead of Rs5,000, will be charged from the passengers going to the UAE from the Lahor.....

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Another five patients lose battle against Covid-19

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

RAWALPINDI: Four people died of Covid-19 in the district of Rawalpindi and one in Islamabad on Saturday. However, positivity rate decreased to 7.55 per cent in Rawalpindi and 7.04 in the federal capital. The District Health Authority of Rawalpindi said 1,509 samples were collected in the last 24 hours out of which 114 tested positive. Moreover, 189 patients recovered from the disease and were di..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 vaccination of children raises many questions

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

LAHORE: Expressing serious reservations over compulsory Covid-19 vaccination of children, the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)'s Standing Committee on Health and OTC has

urged the government to review its policy of forced vaccination. While talking about vaccinating children against Covid, LCCI's Standing Committee on Health and OTC Convenor Shamim Akhtar said that o..... [more >>](#)

12 more Covid fatalities in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

LAHORE: With 12 Covid deaths, 1,196 more people tested positive for the virus in Punjab during the last 24 hours. Of the new deaths, five occurred in Lahore, four in Rahim Yar Khan while one each in Faisalabad and Multan, taking the total number of deaths to 13,239 in Punjab so far. Similarly, the total number of the positive cases of the virus reached 488,649 across Punjab, according to the off..... [more >>](#)

10 marriage halls sealed over corona SoPs violation

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-07

The district administration's inspection teams have carried out a grand operation in various areas of the provincial capital to ensure implementation of coronavirus-related standard operating procedures (SOPs), issued by the government to contain spread of the pandemic. The inspection team of Shalimar tehsil sealed around 10 marriage halls for holding indoor events and issued warnings to var..... [more >>](#)

Visitors perturbed over closure of Red Crescent vaccination centre in Pindi

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

RAWALPINDI: While the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has been repeatedly calling on people to get vaccinated against Covid-19, the district administration has quietly closed the vaccination centre at Red Crescent Hospital. Earlier, Shehbaz Sharif Sports Complex vaccination centre had also been shut down. On Sunday, people visited the sports complex at Shamsabad for their booster do..... [more >>](#)

Rawalpindi admin bans indoor dining Coronavirus claims five more lives in garrison city

Source: [Jamil Mirza](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi district administration has banned indoor dining as five more coronavirus patients have lost their lives in the district during the last 24 hours. The total ratio of coronavirus positive cases stood at 7.22 per cent in the district. The District Health Authority has issued an advisory for the strict implementation of the coronavirus SOPs and also accelerating the vacc..... [more >>](#)

10 marriage halls sealed over violation of coronavirus SOPs

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Coronavirus devours 12 more lives

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

LAHORE - As many as 1,196 new cases of Covid-19 were reported on Sunday while the pandemic claimed 12 more lives turning the death toll to 13,239. According to the data shared by the spokesperson for Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 488,649. The P&SHD confirmed that the maximum 623 cases of coronavirus we..... [more >>](#)

Punjab reports 10 more Covid-19 deaths

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

LAHORE: With 10 more Covid-19 deaths, 1,052 more people tested positive for the virus in Punjab during the last 24 hours. Among new deaths, six occurred in Rawalpindi, two in Lahore and one each in Bahwalapur and Faisalabad, taking the total number of deaths to 13,249 in Punjab so far. Out of 18,830 tests conducted across the province in the last 24 hours; Punjab has reported 1,052 new infect..... [more >>](#)

Seven more succumb to Covid-19 in Rawalpindi

Source: [Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

RAWALPINDI: Seven patients lost their lives to Covid-19 in Rawalpindi while 102 more people tested positive in the district on Tuesday. On the other hand, 359 new cases emerged in the federal capital with the positivity rate calculated at 8.5pc. According to the District Health Authority of Rawalpindi, a total of 1,470 samples were collected out of which results of 102 people came back positive..... [more >>](#)

Corona claims 15 more lives in Punjab

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

LAHORE - The coronavirus claimed 15 more lives and infected 448 people in Punjab during the last 24 hours. In a media statement on Tuesday, Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) Secretary Imran Sikandar Baloch said that the death toll had reached 13,264, whereas, the number of total cases was 490,149. He said that 16,322 patients were under treatment in different hosp..... [more >>](#)

18 die of coronavirus, 1,415 new cases in Punjab

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-10

LAHORE - As many as 1,415 new cases of coronavirus were reported and 18 people lost their lives on Wednesday. According to data shared by the spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 491,564 while a total number of deaths had been recorded 13,282 so far. The P&SHD confirmed 300 cases in L..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 claims 15 more lives in Pindi, Islamabad

Source: [Munawar Azeem | Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

RAWALPINDI: Though the number of Covid-19 cases is declining in Rawalpindi district, there is no let-up from deaths as 10 people, including two children, lost their lives to the virus on Thursday. Moreover, the virus also claimed the lives of five people in Islamabad. According to the District Health Authority of Rawalpindi, 100 more people tested positive and 212 patients recovered from the dis..... [more >>](#)

Over 7m vaccinated in Faisalabad

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

FAISALABAD - Over 7 million (7,008,397) people have so far been vaccinated against COVID-19 in the district. District Health Officer Dr Ataul Mun'im said on Thursday 4,188,933 citizens were injected first dose while 2,745,496 were administered the second dose of vaccine. He further said that 38,538 health workers were also given first dose while 35,430 received the second dose of vaccine. He..... [more >>](#)

13 more deaths as Covid onslaught continues

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

LAHORE - At least 13 people lost their lives to coronavirus on Thursday, and 1,802 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours in Punjab. According to the data shared by a spokesperson for Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 492,535, whereas, the number of total deaths was 13,295. The P&SHD confirmed that maxi..... [more >>](#)

Covid claims 11 more lives, 100 new infections in Pindi

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

Rawalpindi-As many as one hundred more people were tested positive for fatal coronavirus during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 45,517 in the Rawalpindi district, while 11 persons lost their battle of life against the deadly disease. As per the latest data released by the District Health Authority here Thursday, among the new patients, 26 belonged to the Rawalpindi [more >>](#)

Sindh

Nine more die of Covid in Sindh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

KARACHI: Nine more patients died of Covid-19 overnight, raising the death toll to 7,878 since the pandemic began. According to a statement issued from the Chief Minister House on Friday, 1,952 new Covid-19 cases emerged when 17,094 tests were conducted across the province. Of them, 1,125 were detected in Karachi. The data showed that 347 cases were detected in district Malir, 272 in East, 219 in..... [more >>](#)

Sindh govt slashes Covid test rates

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

KARACHI: The Sindh government has directed all private sector hospitals and laboratories in Sindh, conducting Covid RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen tests, to reduce the rates. Currently the maximum cost allowed for RT-PCR is Rs6,500 which was fixed in July 2020. The revised maximum cost of RT-PCR test has been fixed at Rs4,500- and Rs4,800 for sample collected from home. The rate of Rapid Antigen Test..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 tests on reduced rates directed

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

KARACHI: The CEO Sindh Healthcare Commission has directed all private sector hospitals and laboratories conducting Covid RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen tests in Sindh to reduce the rates of both

tests. He said that the operational costs of conducting the test are greatly reduced and this benefit must pass on to the patients in larger public interest. Currently the maximum cost allowed for RT-PCR is..... [more >>](#)

Covid-19 claims 9 more lives, infects 1952

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-05

KARACHI - As many as 9 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 7,878 and 1,952 new cases emerged when 17,094 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Friday. He added that 9 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 7,878 that constituted 1.5 percent death rate. Mr [more >>](#)

Healthcare Commission directs private hospitals, laboratories to reduce test rates

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13 die of Covid in Sindh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

KARACHI: Thirteen more patients died of Covid-19 and 1,358 new cases emerged overnight, officials said on Saturday. Of the 1,358 new cases, 747 were reported from Karachi. The district-wise analysis shows that 267 cases were reported in district South, 175 in East, 161 in Korangi, 80 in West, 45 in Central and 19 in Malir. He said currently 40,759 patients were under treatment. The condition of..... [more >>](#)

As many as 13 more die of coronavirus

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-06

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Hospitals, labs directed to reduce test rates

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Country's economy performed well despite COVID-19: Dr Reza

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-05

Governor State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Dr Reza Baqir on Thursday said that the country's economy performed well during the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is a sign of good economic policies and planning of the government that the country's economy has grown even in these difficult times, he said. The Governor SBP said this while addressing the event on the theme 'Pakistan Economy' [more >>](#)

Over 0.94m people fully vaccinated in Hyderabad

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-07

As many as 945,987 people were fully vaccinated in Hyderabad district till Feb 05, health authorities said. According to official figures, 1,193,517 people had so far received the first dose, while 945,987 people were fully vaccinated by receiving complete doses of the vaccine and 14,566 people had received booster doses as per the advice of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCO). The [more >>](#)

14 more die due to Covid in Karachi

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-07

As many as 14 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 7,905 and 863 new cases emerged when 10,390 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Sunday. He said that 14 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 7,905 that constituted 1.5 percent death rate. Syed Murad Ali Sha..... [more >>](#)

Sindh reports 863 fresh Covid-19 cases, 14 more deaths

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-02-07

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Students write to Sindh CM for regular classes

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News](#), [International](#), 2022-02-08

KARACHI: A group of Karachi University students wrote to Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday, asking him to ensure regular classes at the varsity, as the ongoing boycott of classes by the Karachi University Teachers Society (KUTS) entered the seventh day. On February 1, the KUTS announced a boycott of classes after the Sindh universities and boards [more >>](#)

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Covid-19 claims one more life in Sindh

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-08

One more corona patient of coronavirus died in Sindh overnight lifting the death toll to 7,906 and 804 new cases emerged when 12,936 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement on Monday. He said that one more patient of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 7,906 that constituted 1.5 percent death rate. Syed Murad Ali Shah Shah s.....

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Covid strategy to boost confidence of expats

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

KARACHI: Successful containment of multiple Covid waves, preservation of Pakistan's macroeconomic fundamentals amid Covid shock and proactive policy response from the government and central bank to support the economy should give confidence to the overseas Pakistanis, said the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) governor. Reza Baqir was speaking at an interactive session titled "Roshan Digi.....

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No regard for SOPs in public transport

Source: [Aamir Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-08

KARACHI: The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), which serves as the nerve centre of the government's anti-Covid-19 strategy, had laid down some very specific protocols and procedures to ensure the continuation of public transport amid pandemic. These included sanitisation of vehicles before every run, in addition to complete adherence to government SOPs such as social distancing

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21 die of Covid-19 in province

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2022-02-10

KARACHI: Twenty-one patients lost their lives to Covid-19 overnight, raising the death toll to 7,927 since the pandemic started in February 2020. A statement issued from the Chief Minister House on Tuesday said that 900 new Covid-19 cases emerged when 10,567 tests were conducted across the province. Of them, 530 cases were detected in Karachi. It said 235 cases were diagnosed in district Malir,

[more >>](#)

63pc unaware of Ehsaas Rashan Riayat: survey

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-09

KARACHI: As many as 70pc respondents of a survey were found unaware of the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), while only 30 pc know about its working. At the same time as many as 63pc of those polled were ignorant of the Ehsaas Rashan Riayat and 42pc criticized the Ehsaas

Emergency Cash programme and termed it 'bad'. This was the outcome of an opinion poll conducted by Pulse Con..... [more >>](#)

25pc people find inflation as worst news

Source: [News Desk](#), [The News, International](#) , 2022-02-10

KARACHI: The schools reopening following a long closure due to Covid-19 was described by a large majority of 62pc respondents of an opinion poll as the best news of 2021, while 25pc Pakistanis declared increasing inflationary trend as the worst news. The Pulse Consultants Survey took an opinion poll about the best and the worst news of the year from 2000 people from Jan 13-21, 2022. Nearly 62pc o..... [more >>](#)

27 more fall prey to Covid-19 in Sindh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2022-02-10

KARACHI: As many as 27 more patients of Covid-19 died overnight and 961 new cases emerged in the province. A statement issued from the Chief Minister House said that the death rate and detection rate in the last 24 hours stood at 1.4 per cent and 9pc, respectively. It stated that currently 41,818 patients were under treatment including 41,436 in home isolation, 33 at isolation [more >>](#)

Progress on polio, Covid vaccination in Hyderabad reviewed

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2022-02-09

Hyderabad Commissioner Nadeem-ur-Rehman Memon on Tuesday directed the authorities concerned to ensure 100 percent coverage of anti-polio campaign and COVID-19 vaccination besides efforts should be made to improve the routine immunization process in all the districts. He said this while presiding over a meeting at his office to review the previous anti-polio campaign and make arrangements for the [more >>](#)

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India's coronavirus death toll crosses 500,000

Source: [Afp](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-05

ANEW DELHI: India's official death toll from COVID-19 passed 500,000 on Friday, although many experts believe the real figure is likely much higher. The daily update from the country's federal health ministry showed the number of fatalities reaching 500,055, up 1,072 in the previous 24 hours. Total infections stood at 41.9 million, according to the statistics, second only to the Un..... [more >>](#)

Arrest of Kashmiri activist: India replies on confidential basis to UN rights experts

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-05

GENEVA: After ignoring a series of joint communications from the UN human rights experts seeking response to the grave human rights in Indian-occupied Kashmir and India, New Delhi has finally submitted its reply to a letter that denounced the arrest of Khurram Pervaiz, a leading Kashmiri rights activist, requesting that it should not be made public. "The (Indian) government's reply [more >>](#)

Erdogan tests positive for Covid-19

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-06

ANKARA: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday he had tested positive for Covid-19 but was not experiencing severe symptoms. "After experiencing light symptoms, my wife and I tested positive for Covid-19. We have a mild infection thankfully, which we learned to be the Omicron variant," the 67-year-old president said in a tweet. "We remain on duty. We will contin..... [more >>](#)

Covid vaccination declared compulsory in Austria

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2022-02-06

It's official: Austrians over the age of 18 must be vaccinated against Covid-19 from Saturday or face the possibility of a heavy fine, an unprecedented measure in the European Union. The new measure, adopted on January 20 by Parliament, came into force on Saturday, the culmination of a process that began in November in the face of the rapid spread of the Omicron variant. The government decid..... [more >>](#)

Berlin film fest stands up to pandemic, streaming; US expects pathetic scenario amid new wave of virus

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-07

Lisbon: Portugal on Sunday announced an easing of its travel restrictions for holders of European Covid-19 certificates by scrapping a requirement to test negative before entering the country. Travellers with an EU digital health pass or other recognised vaccine passes will be exempt from having to prove a recent negative test result from Monday. The EU Covid certificate proves a traveller is f..... [more >>](#)

'Fortress Australia' reopens borders to tourists on Feb 21; China locks down city of 3.5m near Vietnam border; Morocco reopens airspace after virus shutdown

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-08

CASABLANCA, Morocco: Morocco reopened its airspace on Monday in a bid to breathe life into its crisis-hit tourism sector, two months after it cancelled commercial flights over coronavirus fears. The North African kingdom's latest move was welcomed by tourism businesses who have suffered two lost

years due to the pandemic, as well as by Moroccans stranded abroad. Passengers heading to the [more >>](#)

Pfizer sees Covid-19 drug sales topping \$50bn in 2022

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-02-09

NEW YORK: Pfizer forecast more than \$50 billion in 2022 sales for its Covid-19 vaccine and therapeutic on Tuesday as the pharmaceutical giant reported a more than doubling of annual profits on strong sales of its inoculation. Pfizer, whose vaccine developed with German company BioNTech was the first approved to counter the deadly virus, sees slightly lower 2022 revenues for the vaccine comp..... [more >>](#)

Taliban in Geneva for diplomatic, humanitarian talks

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-09

GENEVA: A Taliban delegation is in Geneva for talks with Swiss officials and NGOs on humanitarian access and human rights, Switzerland's foreign ministry said on Tuesday. Reports said the Taliban delegation is due to hold talks with the Red Cross and other non-governmental organisations in the Swiss city, which is also home to several United Nations agencies. "The members of the del..... [more >>](#)

Democratic-led US states roll back mask mandates: Covid protest convoy jams streets near NZ parliament

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-09

Wellington: A convoy of trucks and campervans blocked streets near New Zealand's parliament in Wellington on Tuesday to protest against Covid restrictions and vaccinations, inspired by a similar demonstration in Canada. Plastered with messages such as "give us back our freedom" and "coercion is not consent", hundreds of vehicles parked in streets surrounding the parlia..... [more >>](#)

Only five Afghanistan hospitals still treating Covid-19 patients

Source: [AP](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2022-02-11

KABUL: Only five hospitals in Afghanistan still offer Covid-19 treatment, with 33 others having been forced to close in recent months for lack of doctors, medicines and even heating. This comes as the economically devastated nation is hit by a steep rise in the number of reported coronavirus cases. At Kabul's only Covid-19 treatment hospital, staff can only heat the building at night becaus..... [more >>](#)

As US schools lift mask mandates, parents cry foul

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-11

London: British Covid vaccine maker AstraZeneca on Thursday warned that coronavirus product sales and profit margins would drop this year as the pandemic recedes. AstraZeneca rapidly developed a successful Covid-19 jab during the pandemic that generated full-year sales of almost \$4.0 billion (3.5 billion euros) last year, the company said in a results statement. After initially offering the va..... [more >>](#)

Mansha lauds Prince of Wales for supporting education, health in Pakistan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2022-02-11

LONDON: Renowned Pakistani industrialist Mian Mohammad Mansha has thanked the Prince of Wales for his efforts to support the educational development and health facilities for vulnerable

communities in South Asian countries, including Pakistan. Mian Mansha met His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall at the annual dinner held here by the British Asian Trust to celebrat..... [more >>](#)

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US provided 47m doses of Covid vaccine to Pakistan: envoy

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