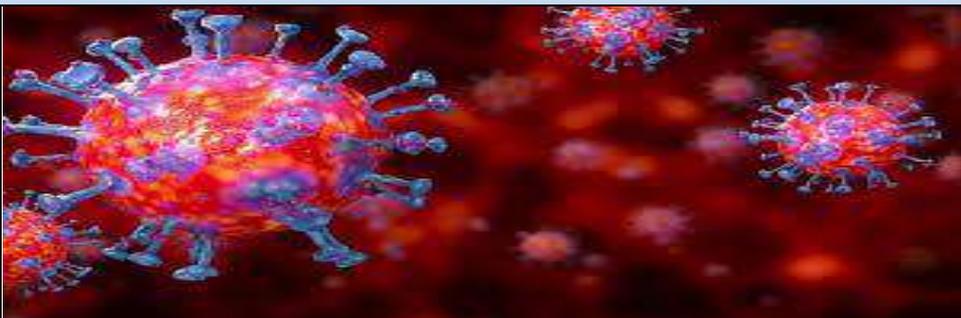


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Op-Eds/Articles/Editorials

Budget in times of Covid-19

Source: [Miftah Ismail, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Making a budget for Pakistan is always tough but it has been particularly difficult this year. The economy is in doldrums, in part due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and it is hard to even estimate when the impact of the pandemic will recede and life return to normal. Moreover, given the lacklustre performance of the taxman and the record deficits we have encountered over the last two years, the options available to the government are also lim.....[view more](#)

Post-Covid learning

Source: [Fatima Zaka & Bashir Ahmad Khan, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Investment in K-12 education allows societies to bridge economic resource gaps, permeate new ideas and innovations, and make optimal use of technological processes, which are the basis of the new 'industrial revolution'. In fact, anyone who has been associated with teaching in an underprivileged (we use this term to describe disparities in resource allocation and access) environment, will be aware that education is considered[view more](#)

Care and Covid

Source: [Martha Burk, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Childcare in the time of coronavirus is one of the most challenging financial and logistical hurdles facing families. But while it's certainly much more difficult now with many childcare facilities closed, it's far from a new problem. Most families – single-parent and two-parent alike – struggled with child care even in normal times, regardless of their incomes. That's because we have a hodge-podge of arrange.....[view more](#)

Perception and the pandemic

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

The perceptions of people are important in tackling any crisis including the Covid-19 pandemic. According to a new survey by Gallup Pakistan, 55 percent of Pakistanis now believe the threat of the coronavirus is exaggerated. As a nation, Pakistan is fourth on the list of those most likely to believe the pandemic's effect has been overplayed. In Japan, for example, only 12 percent of people are least likely to agree and Japan is the country[view more](#)

The rise of anti-intellectualism

Source: [Muhammad Hamid Zaman, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

Conspiracy theorists are not the only ones who are coming up with some really creative stuff. They no longer have a monopoly on imagining what most people are unable to imagine. Members of parliament and government ministers have decided that they are not to be left behind. In May, there was a claim by the Minister of Communications that New York State was borrowing ideas from Pakistan to control Covid-19. The minister argued that the state in th.....[view more](#)

BRI: mutual path to global success

Source: [Yasir Habib Khan, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

Today the world is rife with daunting challenges involving economic sustainability, high-tech growth, trade, infrastructure, finance, global connectivity, people-to-people connections, climate, social order and most urgently, the

COVID-19 pandemic. No one can neutralise these problems individually. All global players from big economies to small economies require the pooling and sharing of knowledge across institutions, across disciplines and across.....[view more](#)

The elusive vaccine

Source: [Abbas Sarwar Qureshi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

The world is on pins and needles, waiting for the magical drug to step into a post-COVID era, leaving an awful chapter written in pain, sorrow and fear behind. A coveted slot next to Louis Pasteur, Edward Wright and Green Morton is vacant for another Messiah who would rescue millions from horrible lockdowns and thousands more from ending up on ventilators. In the absence of an effective vaccine, however, nations have been relying on lockdown.....[view more](#)

FDI – of hopes and fears

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

FDI for 11MFY20 is being celebrated for its 91 percent year-on-year growth, but the performance is not actually that extraordinary - everyone keeps missing that the growth in FY20 is mostly driven by a significant outflow in FY19, and hence a comparison with a low base FY19. Inflows in 11MFY20 are up by 17 percent year-on-year, while outflows are down by 51 percent year-on-year. And 11MFY20 FDI stats are not better than 11MFY18 either. Net foreign.....[view more](#)

Can Pakistan and the likes ever test enough?

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

Pakistan is testing less than 5 people per 1000. This is slightly better than Sub-Saharan Africa, at par with South Asia and Latin America, and significantly lower than Europe, North America, Oceania and Far East. Want to know, which are the countries and regions with the highest speed of spread, measured by tests conducted per confirmed case, or alternatively, by share of positive cases as total tests? With a few exceptions, most countries th.....[view more](#)

Haj decision

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

THE Saudi authorities have finally announced what many had been fearing ever since it became clear that Covid-19 was not going to go away anytime soon: this year's Haj has been scaled back considerably due to the threat of the coronavirus, and only Saudis and foreigners residing within the kingdom will be able to perform the pilgrimage and associated rites. On Tuesday, the Saudi authorities announced that only 1,000 people will be performin.....[view more](#)

Missing local link

Source: [News Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

OBSERVATIONS by a number of UN organisations put together in one volume by the UNDP have once again tried to make us confront a reality that we have been too shy to acknowledge. The assessment, Covid-19 — Pakistan Socio-economic Impact Assessment and Response Plan, says how a top-down authoritative style of governance can weaken the social contract between society and state. The picture that emerges is not too different to the one regularl.....[view more](#)

Increased testing needed

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

On multiple days since mid-June, official figures for coronavirus-related deaths in the country have been well over 100. According to press releases issued by the National Command and Operation Centre, 111 people lost their lives to Covid-19 on June 16 and 136 on June 17. Just last week, the Covid-19 official death toll in a single day was 153 — the highest in 24 hours since the start of the outbreak in Pakistan at the end of February. As[view more](#)

Post-Covid pandemic

Source: [Zofeen T. Ebrahim, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

THE Covid-19 pandemic may have spared many women from directly getting infected, but in many ways it has exacerbated the impact on their sexual and reproductive health. Giving birth already comes with its own set of risks but during the Covid-19 pandemic the delivery process is complicated manifold. Many have to face a difficult decision — whether to give birth in a hospital setting or opt for a home birth. The former comes with the risk o.....[view more](#)

The mess that is Karachi

Source: [Rafia Zakaria, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

THIS is a horror story. A global pandemic rages outside. The newspapers are emblazoned with death counts, with reports of the suffering, of ever-dwindling resources at hospitals trying to tend to patients. Then there is the heat, rising up to 41 degrees Centigrade, making life and living in the open as arduous as can possibly be. Even if nothing else were happening, these are difficult days in Pakistan including Karachi. Suppose after making pea.....[view more](#)

Home and away

Source: [Arifa Noor, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

What to do with a problem like Covid-19? Lockdown is the answer and that is where our debate remains stuck it seems. Few of us delved deeper into how a lockdown is or can be imposed and whether we could tweak the idea to suit our circumstances. As a health specialist, Mishal Sameer Khan, wrote in *The News on Sunday* over the weekend, the debate over the lockdown has paralysed the country, adding that each country uses different strategies to contro.....[view more](#)

South Asia and Covid-19

Source: [Zunaira Inam, The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

The novel coronavirus is a pandemic that is affecting every country and region around the globe. The detrimental effects of this virus will be felt for years to come. Just the economic cost globally is predicted to be around \$4 trillion by the Asian Development Bank. Even though this is a global pandemic, countries are turning inwards. Borders are closed down, citizens are under lockdown, and international institutions have to grapple wit.....[view more](#)

No specific COVID-19 treatment so far

Source: [Amer Malik, The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

The Corona Expert Advisory Group (CEAG) has categorically stated that there is no evidence of any specific treatment for coronavirus currently, and it is not expected until next year, therefore it will keep changing its treatment plan according to the condition of each patient. CEAG Chairman Dr Mahmood Shaukat Monday opposed the use of medicines for COVID-19 patients without doctor prescription. Actemra should be used in specific conditio.....[view more](#)

Food insecurity and hunger in Pakistan

Source: [Hari Lohano](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-24

Pakistan's economy is being hit hard by the twin shocks of Covid-19 and now the desert locust. These have created a high risk of food insecurity and hunger in the country. The main problem is not the availability of food. It produces more cereal crops, wheat and rice, than the national requirement. Unfortunately, the country's food policy has failed to recognise food as an entitlement for its citizens, particularly for the poor and th.....[view more](#)

Limited Hajj

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-24

Saudi Arabia has finally decided that Hajj this year will be performed only symbolically, and a "very limited number" of believers from among those already residing in the kingdom will be allowed to perform Hajj. So this is going to be the first time in the known history that no foreigners will be able to travel to the holy land to attend the annual religious pilgrimage. The decision has, of course, been taken in view of the corona.....[view more](#)

Cuban response to the coronavirus pandemic — II

Source: [Prof Dr Maqsoodul Hasan Nuri](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-24

In the field of bio-technological research Cuban contribution is noteworthy, e.g., a drug, Interferon Alfa-2B has been used to combat the coronavirus – both inside the country and in China. In this connection, the Cuban Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB), was set up in 1986. Among the thirty medicines the Chinese National Health Commission selected to fight the Coronavirus is a Cuban anti-viral drug, INTERFERON ALP.....[view more](#)

Family firms and COVID-19

Source: [Mahvesh Mahmud](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-24

80 percent of Pakistan's industrial base are family businesses. This is a misunderstood economic phenomenon which needs to be first understood in detail in order to draw out important lessons from it to create a positive impetus for overcoming the economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis. For economists, the theoretical debate on family firms (FFs), like the fable of the elephant and the blind men, remains rich in its parts, bu.....[view more](#)

Controlling the narrative

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2020-06-24

PTI (Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf) is once again on a slippery slope as far as controlling the narrative about the coronavirus goes. Since the prime minister chose the way of targeted lockdowns and this is a very sensitive phase of the fight against the coronavirus, the need for a very clear code of conduct for everybody as well as complete transparency about how things are proceeding cannot possibly be stressed enough. Yet conflicting reports in the.....[view more](#)

Covid-19 and Pakistan's Economy

Source: [Khayyam Munawar](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2020-06-24

The Corona Virus, codenamed COVID-19 was first traced and reported back on the 1st of November in the Wuhan city of China and has since wreaked havoc worldwide. With over 8.66 Million reported cases and approximately 460,000 deaths to date it was declared a global pandemic by WHO on the 11th of March-2020. Although the exact

source of this RNA virus remains to be officially named, amidst numerous conspiracy theories and opinions it is believed to[view more](#)

Corona versus reality in Punjab

Source: [Muneezay Moeen](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-24

Unfortunately, we live in a country where immorality is a bigger threat than corona. I feared more for how our nation would combat with the chaos, which comes as complimentary with the disease itself rather than the health-related repercussions. What frightened me was that this disease would test our nation's morals and ethics more thoroughly than it would test our immunities. But the situation is nearly inverse in the case of the f.....[view more](#)

Some success?

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-23

While any good news regarding the coronavirus pandemic is always very welcome, it is extremely important to read the numbers correctly to get the right idea about the kind of situation that still confronts us. The number of new cases as well as deaths is one the decline for the first time in a while in Punjab, for example, but then there are also reports that people with mild symptoms are no longer bothering to get tested because of long lines an.....[view more](#)

How to reopen educational institutes

Source: [Muhammad Asim Siddique](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-23

Educational institutions are open in the countries most affected by the Corona virus, even in the Chinese province of Wuhan which was the place of origin and epicenter of COVID-19, then why Pakistani children are deprived of education? Reopening schools carries the public health risk of viral resurgence. Parents and teachers are understandably wary. Safely reopening the educational institutions will be an expensive and herculean task. Ho.....[view more](#)

Government should open Karachi's beaches for the public

Source: [Shakir Lakhani](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-23

The government recently relaxed restrictions and lifted the lockdown imposed for the past two months. Shopping malls are now open, public transport has resumed, and people made to wear masks and maintain social distancing. As the Great Khan said, it was done to prevent people from starving and revive the economy. One of the oldest truths I've known is that people are usually safe from air-borne viruses in open spaces like beaches. F.....[view more](#)

Corona epidemic, Agronomics and Economy of Pakistan

Source: [Muhammad Waqar Aslam](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-23

As the pandemic has spread all over the world inflicting with its deadly ferocity to the masses, more than 80 lacs and 30 thousand people have become the victim of this outbreak from which 4 lacs sixty thousand people became morsel of death and it is widely spreading due to its contagious transmission. The virus initiated from its epicenter Wuhan in China that has recuperated now and is now back to life, but the rest of the world is facing the sp.....[view more](#)

International wildlife trade and spread of the Coronavirus: From market to restaurant

Source: [Faizan Rashid](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-24

The spread of the COVID-19 virus has hampered economic activity, limited international travel, cross border trade, and left businesses at the threat of bankruptcy. Another intentionally overlooked sector of international trade is illegally trafficking wildlife. China had announced in February, a permanent ban on wildlife trade and consumption, drafting legislation to end “the pernicious habit of eating wildlife” that internationa.....[view more](#)

Dangerous information

Source: [Kamila Hyat](#), [The News, International](#) , 2020-06-25

We live in an age when information surrounds us and at times overwhelms us. Information is obviously extremely beneficial to people everywhere but its misuse can be extremely dangerous. The exposure by Edward Snowden of the manner in which the United States government and its controversial National Security Agency worked collecting private data and even private conversations from citizens was perhaps one of the first indicators of the extent to[view more](#)

The year of corona

Source: [M Saeed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#) , 2020-06-25

The Chinese new year predates the Christ Era calendar by nearly 2700 years. To be precise, the Chinese new year 4718 began on January 25, 2020 and marked the beginning of a new 12 year cycle with each year identified with an animal. Accordingly, this is the year of the rat which symbolizes renewal, resourcefulness and wealth. Only if life was that predictable. The new year was actually hit by a deadly virus sending not only China but the entire p.....[view more](#)

Fading optimism

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#) , 2020-06-25

The early belief that South Asia may escape the worst ravages of Covid-19 as inflicted on Europe and the US has long disappeared. In fact experts warn that South Asia, from Kabul to Dhaka, is turning into a hotspot for the virus with the congested conditions in which people live, the lack of healthcare facilities, high levels of illiteracy and confusion over whether official figures are accurate adding to the problem. Certainly, the predictions t.....[view more](#)

'Novel coronavirus reinfection is very rare, not a big deal'

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#) , 2020-06-25

The chances of recovered COVID-19 patients getting reinfected are “very rare”, and as in cases of other infectious diseases, it is “not a big deal” when it comes to COVID-19 as well, health authorities and experts told The News on Wednesday. In response to reports about Pakistanis getting reinfected, Dr Faisal Sultan, the prime minister’s focal person on COVID-19, said that only a few such cases have emerged so far[view more](#)

Covid-19: Educating the masses

Source: [Shariq Jamal Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-25

Nature has created a temporary life-supporting bubble known as the biosphere upon the Earth within which we live, thrive and die. We share this bubble with millions of other living organisms. The formidable forces of evolution are constantly reconfiguring and realigning the biosphere. During the unfolding of this awesome phenomenon, Nature routinely imperils our existence. Thus, whilst this planet is good at weaving a web of life-supporting parap.....[view more](#)

Leadership in the midst of Covid-19

Source: [Sirajuddin Aziz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

The real test of leadership or the character of a leader emerges only when faced with challenges emanating from the unknown. In the last quarter of 2019, all of us looked forward to the advent of the year 2020, filled with great hope and enthusiasm, to arrest all the declining numbers in the economy, both locally and at international level. Until then it was focus on the regular challenges of economy, social upliftment, unemployment, inflation, e.....[view more](#)

COVID-19 and global cement demand

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

Coronavirus is not just a pandemic, it is also a fast-growing cancer on economies, particularly those that are weaker and already struggling. Lockdowns and curfews have shut down industrial shops and markets. The crows are cackling sounds of despair. Cement, much like other manufacturing industries is facing a global slaughtering. Tighter and more restrictive lockdowns and protocols have resulted in a greater shrinking in output and demand.[view more](#)

Spending behavior and COVID-19

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

Consume spending can serve as a proxy for economic health; coronavirus pandemic has changed consumer spending around the world over the course of last four to five months. Erratic spending patterns appeared largely because of fear and uncertainty as countries across the world started going into lockdowns. But along the temporary stockpiling of essentials, emerged some consistent behaviors that are expected to last at least till the world is back[view more](#)

A symbolic Hajj

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-25

Saudi authorities have taken the threat from the coronavirus very seriously right from the beginning; and with good reason. For even with the strictest controls in place it is still number 15 in the world in terms of infected persons and one of the most vulnerable places in the Middle East. And it was no surprise that just as much of the country was under curfew for many weeks over the past few months, authorities also took the painful but necess.....[view more](#)

Dying To See The President

Source: [Harlan Ulman](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-25

Last Saturday, Donald Trump held a political rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma as outbreaks of Covid-19 were reaching new highs in the state. Virtually every medical and scientific expert predicted that the rally would further ignite infections and possible deaths raising this critical question: would you risk dying to see the president? Never before in American history has this question been asked. Knowing the risks, why would any responsible pre.....[view more](#)

Their life is isolation

Source: [Mohammad Hasan Khokhar](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

Stigmatised, stereotyped and socially disgraced—these words encapsulate the unfortunate reality of the transgender community in Pakistan. Their expression is questioned and their lifestyle is ridiculed, leaving them in a position where they are forced to beg on the streets. They are abandoned at birth and discarded as an alleged 'punishment of God,' only to be taken in and raised by Gurus who bind them in a rebirth that initiate.....[view more](#)

COVID-19: How can we still protect ourselves?

Source: [Dr Rana Jawad Asghar, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-25

COVID-19 is believed to be widely-spread in Pakistan. All of us now know multiple people from our own families and friends, who were infected with SARS-COV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19). Sometimes, it appears that governments have stopped trying to prevent people from getting infected. They may be quietly hoping for herd immunity. But that is a long way of unimaginable deaths and misery; even with low death rate. Many of us also now know many.....[view more](#)

On Animal Markets

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

The decision of the Punjab government to not set up sacrificial animal's markets in cities before Eid-ul-Azha is appreciable. The provincial government made the right decision, given COVID-19 continues to rage almost uncontrollably in the province and beyond. While the government has decided against establishing these markets within the city limits, shifting the bazaars outside the city does not offer much protection against the virus either.....[view more](#)

Premature optimism

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

REPORTS that Covid-19 cases in Pakistan have been falling in recent days should be viewed with caution. According to data released by the National Command and Operation Centre, the past few days witnessed between 4,000 to 5,000 daily cases as compared to mid-June which saw between 5,000 and 7,000 cases. If reviewed without context, these figures do look promising. However, the same period in which coronavirus cases supposedly declined also witnessed.....[view more](#)

Dystopia beckons

Source: [Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

IT is here. More than four months of almost daily acrimony and bungling on the part of officialdom later, Pakistan has become one of the global hotspots for the novel coronavirus. It was a matter of if rather than when, but we — and the two-fifths of humanity that reside in the Indian subcontinent — are now in the thick of it. Speculating about the ultimate damage that this deadly pathogen will do is an exercise in futility. It has a.....[view more](#)

A crippled healthcare system

Source: [Shah Fahad, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

The writer is a Karachi-based freelance journalist. The recent novel coronavirus has exposed the fault lines in the healthcare system around the globe. It has unmasked the ugly face of the big money-hungry pharma monsters. Even states that spend a huge amount on healthcare failed to tide over the crisis. For instance, the United States spends more on healthcare as compared to other wealthy countries but even then the number of fatalities is high.....[view more](#)

Child poverty

Source: [Khalid Bhatti, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

Women and children suffer the most in any crisis, whether a natural disaster, war, pandemic or economic crisis. The economic crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic has pushed millions of people into poverty. Rising poverty, unemployment and falling incomes mean more miseries for poor families, and women and children bear the brunt of these worsening social and economic conditions. There is a widespread lack of recognition about the impact.....[view more](#)

Has Covid-19 made health budgets respectable?

Source: [Dr Pervez Tahir, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

Pakistan's public expenditure on health has not only been notoriously below the internationally recommended percentage of GDP, but also declining. From 0.1% in 1951-52, it took 36 years to achieve the peak of 1.25% in 1987-88. Then it was downhill, touching the foothill of 0.2% in 2010-11. Thanks to the 7th National Finance Commission (NFC) and the 18th Amendment, there was a recovery in the present decade to 1.2% by 2017-18. Besides a new se.....[view more](#)

'No confusion'?

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-26

Prime Minister Imran Khan stressed that there was no confusion at all in his government about how to handle the coronavirus threat, despite all the criticism from the opposition and the press, and even claimed that his was the only government in the whole world that was not confused at all about the problem. Yet even as he delivered these comments during the parliamentary budget session the Punjab government was imposing sudden and selective lock.....[view more](#)

Covid restrictions force people to 'simple' weddings

Source: [Imran Asghar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

RAWALPINDI: The tradition of holding marriage ceremonies with simplicity has made a comeback, not because of the poor economic situation, but due to the stringent social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) and to avoid action from the authorities. Many families in Rawalpindi abandoned the age-old trend of holding elaborate functions with hundreds of guests and at least half-a-dozen cuisines and ha.....[view more](#)

Some Hope

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

With the alarmingly fast spread of the coronavirus in Pakistan, one could be forgiven for thinking that there is no effective way to combat this pandemic. Yet that is not true. With the right policies and diligent monitoring, it is possible to at least lower the spread and control the virus, slowly, day by day, even in a place like Pakistan which cannot afford a strict lockdown. The proof is in the pudding. For the past few days, Pakistan&rs.....[view more](#)

Clawing out of a deep hole

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

Hopefully whatever 'positive difference' Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar has noticed in areas where people are observing SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) will continue to grow and consequently there is a slight dip in the number of new infected cases. It is earnestly hoped that this trend will hold and proceed with increasing speed. The Sindh health minister, Dr Azra Pechuho, has already cautioned that the country[view more](#)

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Covid's got an ally

Source: **BR Research**, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

A new theory or a new study on Covid-19 every now and then has made the pandemic more overwhelming. But that is what a new virus needs. One theory is becoming more relevant as infections close a sixth month. Coronavirus is being strongly linked to poor air quality and there is ample evidence to prove that this correlation holds ground. Experts and researcher are finding strong connection between Mumbai's and Delhi's Covid cases a.....[view more](#)

Balochistan

CM Kamal orders district level testing in Balochistan

Source: [Mohammad Zafar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-23

QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal on Monday directed health authorities to finalise preparations to establish new labs across Balochistan, ordering district level Covid-19 testing. The decision was taken during a high-level meeting held at Chief Minister House presided over by CM Kamal in order to review provincial government's efforts against the novel coronavirus outbreak. The provincial chief executive stressed upon imp.....[view more](#)

Balochistan reports 112 new cases

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-23

QUETTA: Balochistan on Monday reported another 112 cases of Covid-19 taking the total to 9,587 with two new reported deaths. According to the daily situation report of the Health Directorate of Balochistan, total number of deaths has reached 104 and 98 per cent of the total cases in Balochistan are locally transmitted. The active cases in the province stand at 5,813. At present, 3,670 positive patients have recovered in Balochistan so far[view more](#)

Ex-CM slams govt over Covid-19 handling

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QUETTA: Former Balochistan Chief Minister and President of National Party Dr Abdul Malik Baloch alleged the provincial government for snubbing the situation triggered after the outbreak of coronavirus, adding that the incumbent government handling the pandemic seriously. "Due to negligence of the current government, the virus has spread across the province and innocent people are being killed as no health facilities are available for[view more](#)

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Islamabad

I'd have never endorsed lockdown had provinces asked: Thanks God we did not take cue from India, says PM Imran Khan

Source: [Our Correspondent & Agencies](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Monday said if the provinces had asked him for the lockdown option, he would have never endorsed such a step because Pakistan had a very different situation compared with Wuhan. He was speaking at a ceremony held here for the launch of three Ehsaas initiatives – Ehsaas Rahan Portal, Ehsaas Langar, and Panagah App – and PM's COVID-19 Relief Fund website. Sharing his experience during his re.....[view more](#)

Corona toll rises to 3,604 as 89 more die

Source: [Agencies](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD: The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) killed 89 more people countrywide in the last 24 hours, taking the death toll to 3,604. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 4,471 new cases were detected, taking the toll to 182,552 with Sindh reporting 71,092 cases, Punjab 66,943, Balochistan 9,475, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 21,997, Islamabad 10,912, Gilgit-Baltistan 1,288, and AJK 845. The Centre said around 549 sm.....[view more](#)

Admin to seal more areas in ICT

Source: [Shakeel Anjum](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Islamabad :The District Administration of Islamabad has warned that in wake of rising suspects and confirmed cases of Covid-19, Sectors G-6, G-7 and Ghori Town could likely to be sealed in next 36 hours. Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Hamza Shafqaat said that in sectors G-6, G-7 and Ghori Town, more than 40 confirmed cases of coronavirus have been reported subsequently 25 deaths in the federal capital owing to Covid-19. As per statistics o.....[view more](#)

MoU signed to be partners with PM's Ehsaas Programme

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Islamabad:PepsiCo's Millions of Meals programme joined hands with the Ehsaas ration programme to deliver millions of meals to those affected by the COVID-19 outbreak across Pakistan. The MoU was signed at the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) headquarters. The signing ceremony was followed by a briefing to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts of PepsiCo other companies that have partnered on this impo.....[view more](#)

'Health workers fighting corona are heroes'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Islamabad: The founder of Islamabad Chamber for Small Traders (ICST), Shahid Rasheed Butt on Monday said the health workers fighting coronavirus are heroes but those who are using the pandemic to exploit masses are enemies of humanity. Harsh statements and some actions have failed to deter any mafia, therefore they should be booked under the anti-terrorism laws, he said. Shahid Rasheed Butt the health mafia would stop at nothing, they hav.....[view more](#)

NCHD to avail services of 2,929 volunteers

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Islamabad: National Commission Human Development (NCHD) would avail services of its 2,929 volunteers in 16 districts to create awareness against COVID-19 pandemic. Director General NCHD, Hassan Baig said, it is a joint initiative of NCHD and Pakistan Human Development Fund (PHDF) to support government and people to fight COVID-19, said a news release. He said under the pilot project, 96,100 households of Muzaffargarh, Sargodha, DG Khan, K.....[view more](#)

LIVE: Hajj to be held in limited numbers this year as Pakistan's COVID-19 tally jumps to 185,034

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

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Next one month difficult for tackling Covid-19: PM | Imran Kh

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday launched commencement of Ehsaas initiatives including Ehsaas Rashaan portal, Ehsaas Langar, Panagah apps and PM Corona Relief Fund website to ensure better coordination among the civil society and the government in combating the coronavirus pandemic. Speaking during a meeting in which he was given briefing by Special Assistant to the PM, Dr. Sania Nishtar; the Prime Minister said that the gover.....[view more](#)

Virus deaths, positive cases fall nationwide

Source: [Our Staff Report](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD - The National Command Operation Centre (NCOC) on Monday held a situational brief meeting with Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar as the chairman. The forum undertook a comprehensive stock of the targeted lockdown by provincial Chief Secretaries, need assessment of oxygen, EPI Curve data and update on Resource Management System (RMS) and the Pak Nigheban App. Speaking on the occasion, Asad Umar sa.....[view more](#)

Coronavirus rate in Pakistan alarming: Sherry Rehman

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan People's Party Vice President Senator Sherry Rehman, on Monday, said coronavirus rate in Pakistan was alarming. In her response to Prime Minister Khan's speech, the PPP Parliamentary Leader in the Senate, said; "Of all people being tested in Pakistan, almost 20 percent are reporting positive, which is the 3rd highest ratio in the world." She said; "On June 19, deaths crossed the 3,200 mark.[view more](#)

PM directs for corona SOPs for Eid-ul-Azha

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan has directed to ensure finalization and implementation of SOPs regarding coronavirus in consultation with the provincial governments in view of the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha. Chairing a meeting here on Monday to review the coronavirus situation in the country, the Prime Minister said this year Eid-ul-Azha is being celebrated in exceptional circumstances and the prevailing situation demands that SOPs are.....[view more](#)

Sindh submits report to SC in coronavirus suo motu case

Source: [Our Staff Report, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD - The Sindh government on Monday submitted a report to the Supreme Court in relation to the suo motu case on the government measures regarding the coronavirus crisis. In the report, the provincial government said that it issued guidelines in unequivocal terms to all the local councils to ensure that no sanitary worker is put to duty without adequate safety gear. For regular supply of the safety kits/ PPEs to the sanitary staff thro.....[view more](#)

ICT to seal 4 more sectors due to rapid spread of Covid-19

Source: [Fazal Sher, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD: In the wake of rapid spread of Covid-19 in federal capital, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration has decided to seal four more residential areas of the city. The administration has decided to seal sectors G-6/2, G-6/1, G-10/4, and G-7/2. Over 40 cases have been reported from these areas in the last two days, an official told, saying that these areas would be completely sealed in the next 48 hours. Earlier.....[view more](#)

549 lockdowns imposed across country: Umar

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD: The Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Asad Umar, on Monday briefed that as many as 549 lockdowns were imposed across the country. While the aim of targeted lockdowns was to isolate maximum Covid-infected cases instead of merely restricting huge number of population, he said. The meeting of the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), held under the chairmanship of Asad Umar, discussed the situat.....[view more](#)

Qureshi, Saudi counterpart discuss Covid-19 pandemic, situation in IOJ&K

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi shared deep concern over the continuing “double lockdown” as well as the intensification of military crackdown by Indian occupation forces and attempts to change the demographic structure of the occupied territory by introducing new domicile law in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, with Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan of Saudi Arabia in a telephonic conversation on M.....[view more](#)

Eid-ul-Azha; Body formed for prevention of Covid-19: Zafar

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD: The Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Health Services and Regulations, Dr Zafar Mirza, has said that the government has constituted a committee for the prevention of coronavirus during Eidul Adha. He said that that the government in collaboration with the other stakeholders including scholars would soon formulate a strategy for Eidul Adha. The SAPM further stated that as per a research conducted by national ins.....[view more](#)

Govt, Vital Strategies to launch Covid-19 awareness campaign

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD: In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the government has partnered with global health organisation Vital Strategies to launch a communication campaign to share critical information on preventing the spread of Covid-19 with the public. Currently, Pakistan has 188,259 confirmed cases of Covid-19. Through its resolve to save lives initiative's global Covid-19 response efforts, Vital Strategies is providing support for electroni.....[view more](#)

PepsiCo joins hands with Ehsaas ration program

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD: PepsiCo's Millions of Meals program joined hands with the Ehsaas ration program on Monday to deliver millions of meals to those affected by the COVID-19 outbreak across Pakistan. The MoU was signed at the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) headquarters here on Monday. The signing ceremony was followed by a briefing to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister appreciated the efforts of PepsiCo other companies that have par.....[view more](#)

LIVE: Emirates suspends flights from Pakistan as COVID-19 tally soars to 188,926

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

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Govt allows duty-free import of Remdesivir

Source: [Irshad Ansari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD: The federal government on Tuesday waived the duty and taxes on the import of Remdesivir – a medicine used in the treatment of Covid-19 patients. The authorities have also allowed duty-and-tax free import of 60 other tools used in the diagnosis and treatment of coronavirus until September 30. The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) issued three notifications in this regard. According to the first notification, the FBR exempted t.....[view more](#)

Govt fails to avail \$130m Covid loans

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD: The federal government had launched a flash appeal for \$595 million to fight against the coronavirus pandemic but failed to avail loans worth \$130 million that have either been disbursed or offered by foreign lenders. The reason behind the inability to make good of this amount – which is around Rs22 billion and nearly 22% of the flash funding appeal that Pakistan's Foreign Office launched on April 24 in collaboration[view more](#)

Number of coronavirus cases decreases in capital

Source: [Fazal Sher](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD: The number of deadly coronavirus cases has decreased in the federal capital following smart lockdown in the various residential sectors of the city. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat said that before the smart lockdown in the sub-sectors G-9/2 and G-9/3, more than 25 cases were reported daily, which had come down to eight. The decision to de-seal both the sub-sectors would be taken after receiving reports of 60.....[view more](#)

Confirmed COVID-19 cases surge to 188,926 in Pakistan

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

Pakistan on Wednesday has confirmed 60 deaths in a single day by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 188,926. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 3,755. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 3,892 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Sindh has become the worst-hit province by the pandemic in terms of cases followed by Punjab, Khybe.....[view more](#)

Players Testing Positive

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

With the rising volume of cases in Pakistan, it should not come as a surprise that as many as ten cricketers of the Pakistan team have tested positive for COVID-19 before the upcoming tour of England. While this is distressing news for the concerned players as well as their fans who have been waiting eagerly to see them in action, it is nonetheless critical for the safety of everyone involved that strict screening is carried out and affected play.....[view more](#)

Global cooperation vital to manage disease, its economic impact: COAS

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD - Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Tuesday said while the world is still making efforts to find cure against COVID-19, multinational support and global cooperation is vital to boost national efforts to manage the disease and also its economic impact. Pakistan Army Chief Gen Bajwa stated this while talking to a 10-member People's Liberation Army medical team led by Major General Doctor Zhou Feihu, Chief[view more](#)

Positive difference seen in urban areas due to face masks

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar on Tuesday said that the aim of the targeted lockdown is to isolate maximum COVID-19 cases. The minister while chairing a meeting at the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) said there is a positive difference seen in urban areas where people are using face masks at public places. Meanwhile, 3,946 new coronavirus cases surfaced in the country over the last twenty-fo.....[view more](#)

Two more virus-related deaths reported in loK as tally rises to 88

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD - Two more persons died of novel coronavirus infection in the Indian occupied Kashmir (IoK) on Tuesday, taking the number of deaths from the virus in the territory to 88. According to Kashmir Media Service, the victims include an 85-year-old man from Kadar area of Kulgam and a 58-year-old woman from Natipora area of Srinagar. The octogenarian from Kulgam was admitted to Soura Hospital in Srinagar on June 5 and died today (Tuesday)[view more](#)

Webinar discusses economic challenges amid Covid-19

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD - Experts at a webinar said yesterday that in the current situation when coronavirus has adversely impacted economies around the world, there is a dire need to pragmatically assess the situation, strategize and

ensure sustainability is maintained. The live session, organized by Iqbal Institute of Policy Studies, the participants focused on the challenges and opportunities available during the cur&.....[view more](#)

COVID-19 pushing millions into poverty in South Asia: UNICEF

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD - The COVID-19 pandemic is unravelling decades of health, education and other advances for children across South Asia, and governments must take urgent action to prevent millions of families from slipping back into poverty, UNICEF said in a statement released on Tuesday. The statement released said that with the pandemic expanding rapidly across a region that contains a quarter of the world's population, Lives Upended describe.....[view more](#)

Glimmer of hope as number of cases goes down slightly

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: With all trends of the novel coronavirus changing downwards for the last five days, health experts hope it can be the start of declining of the graph. They anticipate that the number of cases may further decrease but the number of deaths may increase as a large number of patients are still on ventilators and around 90 per cent of them may not survive. The country reported 3,622 Covid-19 cases and 78 deaths over the past 24 hours, tak.....[view more](#)

Coronavirus spread being controlled as new cases stay below 400: capital admin

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: Less than two weeks after the capital reported 771 cases of Covid-19 in a single day, the administration is claiming to have controlled the spread of the virus enough that Islamabad has reported fewer than 400 new cases every day in the days following lockdowns in hotspots. Officials in the capital administration said the highest number of Covid-19 cases reported this month was on June 14, with 771 new patients. This fell t.....[view more](#)

Ground surveillance in Ramna sub-sectors to begin in three days

Source: [Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Ground surveillance in recently sealed sub-sectors in Ramna will begin after three to four days, as part of efforts to control the spread of the coronavirus among residents. The areas will be locked down until the spread of the coronavirus is reduced to zero, or two to three new cases reported each day. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Hamza Shafqaat told Dawn that G-6/1, G-6/2, G-7/2 and G-10/4 were sealed Wednesday evening. Ground surve.....[view more](#)

Drop in corona cases, deaths as smart lockdowns deliver

Source: [News Report, The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Effective lockdowns slapped across the country have handsomely contributed towards minimizing the number of confirmed cases and deaths from the new coronavirus disease COVID-19. According to the COVID Portal, the number of confirmed cases reached 191,022 with Sindh reporting 74,070 cases, Punjab 69,536, Balochistan 9,817, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 23,887, Islamabad 11,483, Gilgit-Baltistan 1,337 and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) 892. The cou.....[view more](#)

Crash report presented in NA: Corona was riding high on pilots' minds

Source: [Muhammad Anis, The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Aviation Ghulam Sarwar Khan while presenting preliminary inquiry report into the PIA plane crash in Karachi in the National Assembly on Wednesday said the tragedy occurred due to human error and there was nothing technically wrong with the aircraft which fell on a population just before landing on May 22. The minister said the report held pilot, co-pilot and air traffic controller responsible for the plane crash. He said[view more](#)

Global virus death toll nears half a million

Source: [News Report, The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Coronavirus cases are surging across large parts of the United States and in Latin America, according to experts and figures, highlighting how far the world remains from stopping the pandemic as the global death toll neared half a million on Wednesday. The number of deaths worldwide from the outbreak has surged past 482,000, a doubling of the toll in less than two months, according to international media reports. Around 3,500 d.....[view more](#)

'40% of poorest nations fail to facilitate learning during COVID-19'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

Islamabad: Fewer than 10% of countries have laws that help ensure full inclusion in education, according to UNESCO's 2020 Global Education Monitoring Report: Inclusion and Education - All means All. When learners are inadequately represented in curricula and textbooks they can feel alienated. Girls and women only made up 44% of references in secondary school English-language textbooks in Malaysia and Indonesia, 37% in Bangladesh and 24% i.....[view more](#)

LIVE: New survey for Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme to be conducted in Waziristan as national tally hits 192,970

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

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Burden on hospitals to increase if SOPs not followed: PM Imran

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday warned that the burden on hospitals and health facilities across the country will increase if the citizenry does not adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOPs) devised to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus. Talking to volunteers of Corona Relief Tiger Force in Islamabad, the premier said it is essential to make the common people understand the importance of following precautionar.....[view more](#)

Abrarul Haq recovers from coronavirus

Source: [Entertainment Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

Singer-turned-politician, Abrarul Haq, has revealed that he has been recovered from Covid-19. The PTI leader took to Twitter to share the news on Wednesday. "Alhamdulillah, I have been tested corona negative and today is my 1st day in the office after quarantine," the singer-turned-politician wrote. "Thanks to all those who prayed for my success. May Allah SWT bless all the patients with quick recovery and keep everyone safe.....[view more](#)

Positive cases surge to 190,340

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: The confirmed coronavirus cases in Pakistan have surged to 190,340, while Covid-19 deaths have reached 3,792, according to the latest statistics released by the authorities here on Wednesday. According to the latest figures, Sindh has the highest number of cases that is 74,070, followed by the Punjab with 69,536 cases, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa 23,388 cases, the Islamabad Capital Territory 11,483, Balochistan 9,634, Gilgit-Baltistan 1,33.....[view more](#)

Small decrease in number of confirmed cases witnessed in Capital

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: The number of Covid-19 cases reported in the federal capital on Wednesday rose to 11,483 after 264 more people were tested positive in various parts of the city. Two more patients also died due to Covid-19 the same day. However, a small decrease in the number of reported confirmed cases in the city has been witnessed as on June 23, total confirmed cases were 287, which decreased to 264 on Wednesday. According to official data.....[view more](#)

Out of 23,380 tests, 3,892 positive cases reported in 24 hours

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD - Authorities on Wednesday confirmed at least 3,892 new coronavirus cases in the country over the last twenty four hours, taking the total tally to 188,926. These include 69536 in Punjab, 72656 in Sindh, 23388 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 9634 in Balochistan, 11483 in Islamabad, 1337 in Gilgit-Baltistan and 892 in Azad Kashmir. The death toll from the virus stands at 3,755 with 60 deaths reported over the last twenty four hours. Some, 23.....[view more](#)

Pakistan seeks uniform policy for international air travel

Source: [ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD: While claiming that the health system has been ramped up with an unprecedented speed to cater to critical cases of the novel coronavirus, Pakistan on Thursday urged the global community to introduce a uniform policy for international air travel. Moreover, the country sought the World Health Organisation's (WHO) guidance and support to develop guidelines for upcoming Eidul Azha as cattle markets — due to more chances of hum.....[view more](#)

DC claims 3,000 tests carried out in capital every day since Eid

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: At least 227 more people were diagnosed with Covid-19 on Thursday and four people have died from the disease. Capital administration officials said that Islamabad has reported comparatively fewer new cases in the last three days, with 307 new cases on Tuesday, 264 on Wednesday and 227 on Thursday. There have also been 13 deaths during this time. The total number of Covid-19 cases in the capital has reached 11,710. There ha.....[view more](#)

Two Ghouri Town phases to be sealed today

Source: [Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD: Two phases of Ghouri Town that have been identified as hotspots for the coronavirus will go into lockdown today (Friday). Capital administration officials said that Ghouri Town Phase IV-A and V-A will be sealed by

Friday evening, but their commercial areas and surroundings will stay open. Including these two areas, the number of localities sealed in the capital to limit the spread of the coronavirus will reach 14 by Friday evening. G.....[view more](#)

Hospitals in capital provided 189 oxygenated beds for Covid-19 patients

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD: Considering the complaints of Covid-19 patients, 189 oxygenated beds have been provided to public sector hospitals in the federal capital raising their total capacity by almost three times. There were 113 oxygenated beds allocated for Covid-19 patients in these hospitals and the number has now reached 302. The National Coordination and Operation Centre (NCOCC) on Thursday announced that the beds have been provided to the hospitals. O.....[view more](#)

Pakistan revises coronavirus cases projection for June to 225,000 from 300,000

Source: [Web Desk, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

Federal Minister for Planning Asad Umar said on Friday that according to the latest projections the number of coronavirus cases in Pakistan may rise to 225,000 by the end of the current month, warning the people that the threat from the pandemic was far from over. Addressing the media along with Information Minister Shibli Faraz, Asad Umar said that as per an earlier estimate, 300,000 cases were expected nationwide till June 30. He said that wh.....[view more](#)

Dr Zafar Mirza appraises WHO of Pakistan's key steps in fight against Covid-19

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

Islamabad : Pakistan is fighting Covid-19 through a robust coordinated national response, with 543 lockdowns in place across the country and 35 SOPs developed as the public continues to be educated as part of a risk communication initiative. This was stated by Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr. Zafar Mirza on Thursday in a video link meeting with Regional Director of the World Health Organization Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari along with h.....[view more](#)

LIVE: Pakistan's death toll nears 4,000 as COVID-19 tally soars to 196,895

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Two areas of Ghauri Town to be sealed

Source: [Saleh Mughal, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

RAWALPINDI: The district administration of the federal capital on Thursday decided to seal two areas of Ghauri Town under its 'smart lockdown' strategy to prevent the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) from spreading. Meanwhile, health officials claimed that smart lockdowns have helped lower the number of new cases emerging in the city. A notification, issued on Thursday by Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Deputy Commissioner (DC) H.....[view more](#)

Pakistan's confirmed COVID-19 cases soar to 195,745

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

Pakistan on Friday has confirmed 59 deaths in a single day by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 195,745. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 3,962. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 2,775 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Sindh remains the worst-hit province by the pandemic in terms of cases followed by Punjab, Khyber Pakh.....[view more](#)

PEMRA issues guidelines to media houses for COVID-19 coverage

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on Thursday asked all electronic media houses to ensure continuity of dedicated public awareness campaigns to sensitize people on coronavirus pandemic and to support the efforts and sacrifices being made by healthcare workers across the country. While issuing directives and guidelines for electronic media licensees for the purpose of coverage and reporting on Coronavirus (CO.....[view more](#)

148 virus patients die in 24 hours

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD - The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Thursday said that at least 148 more people died while battling COVID-19 during the last 24 hours. According to NCOC, at least 4,044 new coronavirus cases were confirmed in the country during the last 24 hours, taking the total tally to 192,970. These include 71191 in Punjab, 74070 in Sindh, 23887 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 9817 in Balochistan, 11710 in Islamabad, 1365 in Gilgit-Bal.....[view more](#)

AFD agrees to fund \$20m COVID-19 health emergency response project

Source: [Fawad Yousufzai](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD - The total funding provided by Planning Commission to the MoNHSRC since the start of the epidemic has reached \$613 million as Agency Francaise de Development (AFD) has agreed to fund \$20 million COVID-19 health emergency response project. A meeting held at the Planning Commission approved the COVID-19 health emergency response project for which the financing was provided by the AFD (Agency Francaise de Development). The project wa.....[view more](#)

NDMA sends more safety equipments to fight corona

Source: [Kasim Abbasi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD - The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has dispatched ninth batch of safety equipments for doctors of Sindh, Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan to fight against the Covid-19. Two notifications were issued by the NDMA offering additional equipment to doctors of Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan to enhance their efficiency against Covid 19. According to an official of NDMA, in pursuance of the national efforts to contain C.....[view more](#)

People must follow SOPs to avoid burden on hospitals: PM

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan has warned of increasing burden on hospitals and existing health facilities if the people do not follow SOPs seriously. Talking to volunteers of Corona Relief Tiger Force in Islamabad on Thursday, he said it is essential to make common people understand the importance of following the precautionary measures. He said if people follow the SOPs in letter and spirit, the spread of diseas.....[view more](#)

IHRA fixes standard rate for COVID-19 test at private hospitals, laboratories

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority (IHRA) has fixed the standard rate of conducting novel coronavirus (COVID-19) test at private hospitals and laboratories, The Nation learnt on Thursday. Officials said that the authority has taken the decision to control the exorbitant prices of COVID-19 tests from the private healthcare set-ups. The notification issued by the IHRA about fixing of standard rate for conducting RT-PCR[view more](#)

PM defends his approach to Covid-19 challenge

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad & Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday called slain Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden a “martyr”, which drew criticism from the opposition, saying a terrorist behind massacre of thousands cannot be called a “shaheed”. Speaking in the National Assembly about the events that embarrassed Pakistan, the prime minister said that the country faced embarrassment by taking part in America’s war on terror. &ld.....[view more](#)

148 more die of Covid-19: NCOC

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Thursday said that some 148 people have lost their lives while battling Covid-19 during last 24 hours. According to NCOC, as many as 81,307 COVID-19 patients have so far been recovered from across the country. No patient was on the ventilator in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB). The latest figures released by NCOC says that 571 ventilators have been occ.....[view more](#)

Capital witnesses decrease in new Covid-19 cases

Source: [Fazal Sher, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD: Around 47 percent patients of Covid-19 have been recovered so far, and the number of new confirmed reported cases has witnessed a decrease in the federal capital, official data revealed. According to the official data on Thursday, out of total 11,710 reported cases in the city, 5,424 patients have so far recovered. The number of deaths rose to 115 after seven more lost their lives in the fight against Covid-19. Senior of.....[view more](#)

CM Mahmood Khan says smart lockdown imposed to contain Covid-19

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mahmood Khan said on Monday that the provincial government was taking steps to contain the coronavirus pandemic. He was chairing a meeting to review the smart lockdown and other measures put in place to check Covid-19, said an official handout. Provincial Health Minister, Taimur Saleem Jhagra, Chief Secretary Kazim Niaz and Provincial Police Chief Sanaulah Abbasi and others attended the meeting. The meeting discu.....[view more](#)

Nowshera reports 37th death from Covid-19

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

NOWSHERA: A man lost life to coronavirus in Nowshera district on Monday. With the new casualty, the number of fatalities from coronavirus reached 37 in the Nowshera district since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in the country. Officials said that 70-year old Kamran Zaman, a resident of Ismailkhel, had been brought to the Qazi Medical Complex, Nowshera, in a serious condition for cough, fever and other complaints. The health officials had taken.....[view more](#)

Up to 8,777 people arrested in By Peshawar over SOPs violations

Source: [Javed Aziz Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

PESHAWAR: Over 8,700 people have been arrested for violation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) as deaths in the provincial capital due to Covid-19 reached 406 while 8,555 have tested positive. The figures of both deaths and coronavirus positive cases are alarming for a city. The deaths in Peshawar make 11.3 per cent of those who died due to Covid-19 in Pakistan and 49.4 per cent of deaths in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The fatalities.....[view more](#)

MPA flays govt for blaming coronavirus for poor performance

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

PESHAWAR: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) Ahmad Karim Kundi said on Monday that the provincial government had failed to deliver and was now blaming coronavirus pandemic and locust attack for its poor performance. Speaking at a news conference here, he said the government had claimed to collect Rs5.5 billion revenue through the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) but it could not meet the target it had set. He said.....[view more](#)

Five more areas sealed in Peshawar for Covid-19 threat

Source: [Riffatullah](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

PESHAWAR: The government on Monday sealed five more areas in Peshawar in the wake of rising cases of coronavirus in the provincial capital. A notification issued by the district administration on Monday said that smart lockdown was imposed in five more areas due to the fast spread of coronavirus in these areas. The areas where smart lockdown had been imposed included Phase-VI and VII in Hayatabad, Bashirabad, Palosai village near Agricult.....[view more](#)

After Covid-19, Typhoid rears head in K-P

Source: [Ahtesham Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

PESHAWAR: The ongoing health crisis in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa appears to be compounded by the surge in Typhoid fever cases. Already struggling to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus, the province is now dealing with a rapid increase in Typhoid fever cases. According to details, in rural areas of the province, a significant number of households are suffering from the life-threatening infection. Caused by the bacterium Salmonella Typhi, the[view more](#)

K-P team to improvise smart lockdown strategy

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

PESHAWAR: With the provincial government implementing a 'smart lockdown' in 240 novel coronavirus (Covid-19) hotspots across the province, it formed a committee on Monday to devise a strategy to make the lockdown even more effective. This was decided during a high-level meeting to review the smart lockdown situation across the province. The meeting was chaired by Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Chief Minister Mahmood Khan. Matters rel.....[view more](#)

Governor, corps commander discuss corona situation

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Shah Farman and Corps Commander of Peshawar Lt-Gen Nauman Mahmood on Tuesday discussed matters pertaining to the updated Covid-19 situation, smart lockdown, relief activities in coronavirus-affected areas and overall security situation in the province in detail. A handout said Corps Commander of Peshawar Lt-Gen Nauman Mahmood called on the Governor at the Governor's House. The governor appreciated th.....[view more](#)

4 more die of corona in Swat

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

MINGORA: Four more died of coronavirus in Swat on Tuesday. With the new casualties, the number of fatalities from coronavirus reached 83 in Swat district since the outbreak of fast-spreading Covid-19 viral disease in the country. Also, 75 more suspected patients reported positive for the coronavirus, raising the number of infected persons to 2236 in Swat district. The health department officials claimed that 1052 had been recovered from the fatal.....[view more](#)

COVID-19: US delivers more medical aid to Pakistan

Source: [Umer Fraooq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

PESHAWAR: The United States Government, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID) delivered essential and lifesaving healthcare equipment to the district health officer for healthcare facilities at tribal district Mohmand. The equipment, according to a statement issued by the US consulate in the provincial capital, will not only help the doctors and nurses to save precious lives but also reduce financial burden on the Khyb.....[view more](#)

Four Galiyat virus hotspots to be sealed

Source: [Ateeq Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

AYUBIA: The Abbottabad district administration has decided to impose a 'smart lockdown' in four areas to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19). Ahsan Hamid, a spokesperson for the Abbottabad district administration,

told The Express Tribune on Tuesday that they have decided to seal Nawansher, Saithi Colony, Aljannat Street and Jhangi Syedan. "We are adopting the smart lockdown strategy announced by the feder.....[view more](#)

USAID donates equipment for health services in Mohmand

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

PESHAWAR: The US Agency for International Development (USAID) has delivered lifesaving healthcare equipment to improving mother and child health services in Mohmand tribal district. "We shouldn't forget the challenges we had before the advent of the coronavirus pandemic," US Consul General Sebron Toney said during a virtual handing over ceremony held through video-link from Peshawar the other day. The challenges are still ther.....[view more](#)

Four including ENT specialist die of coronavirus

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

PESHAWAR: Four persons, including an ENT specialist, passed away due to Covid-19 infection on Wednesday, raising the province-wide death tally to 869 amid directives by Chief Minister Mahmood Khan to fast track work on utilisation of Peshawar Institute of Cardiology for coronavirus patients. Dr Fazle Mabood, who had been admitted to ICU of Hayatabad Medical Complex for the last one week, breathed his last Wednesday morning. A report by health d.....[view more](#)

Peshawar Institute of Cardiology to treat Covid-19 patients

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

PESHAWAR: The government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to utilize the newly constructed building of Peshawar Institute of Cardiology (PIC) for the treatment of coronavirus-infected patients. This decision was taken at a meeting of Provincial Task Force on Covid-19 chaired here on Wednesday by Chief Minister Mahmood Khan, said a handout. Health Minister Taimur Saleem Jhagra, Minister for Labour Shaukat Yousafzai, Advisor to CM on Information.....[view more](#)

Senior doctor among 3 people die of Covid-19 in Nowshera

Source: [Mushtaq Paracha](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

NOWSHERA: A senior doctor was among the three people who lost lives to coronavirus in Nowshera district on Wednesday, officials said. Sources said Dr Fazle Mahmood had retired from service recently after serving at the Mian Rashid Hussain Shaheed Hospital in the Pabbi tehsil of the Nowshera district and used to run his private clinic in the main bazaar. He contracted coronavirus and had been under treatment at the Intensive Care Unit of the Hay.....[view more](#)

Markets sealed, 8 arrested in Peshawar

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

PESHAWAR: The district administration on Wednesday continued crackdown against the violators of the standard operating procedures to contain the spread of coronavirus. During the crackdown, tikka shops were sealed in Namak Mandi for serving customers at their eateries in violation of the measures imposed by the government. The officials also sealed Awami Market in Shoba Bazaar and Liberty Plaza and Al Sheikh Plaza in Shafi Market in Peshawar Sad.....[view more](#)

K-P livestock dept allows cattle markets in pandemic

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-25

PESHAWAR: The provincial livestock department on Wednesday decided to allow cattle markets to operate in the province, provided they strictly follow the preventive guidelines for the novel coronavirus (Covid-19), including frequent disinfection. This was decided during a high-level meeting of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Livestock Department in Peshawar with its Director-General Dr Alam Zeb Mohmand in the chair. It was decided that all sta.....[view more](#)

Coronavirus death toll reaches 879 in KP

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

PESHAWAR: The number of deaths caused by Covid-19 reached 879 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the passing away of 10 more persons due to the virus on Thursday, according to report. A total of 416 cases were reported in the province, relatively a small number as compared to number of cases registered during the past one week mainly owing to smart lockdown enforced by the government in areas from where most patients were being reported. The total confi.....[view more](#)

Lakki elders support efforts to contain virus

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

LAKKI MARWAT: A jirga comprising area elders and leaders of different political parties has assured the district administration of support to contain coronavirus by raising awareness among citizens. Speaking at a meeting held here in the district headquarters complex Tajazai on Thursday, they said that stopping spread of the virus was a national duty and they would play an effective role in this regard. They said they would work jointly with the.....[view more](#)

WHO donates two PCR machines to health dept

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

PESHAWAR: Dr Palitha Mahipala, the World Health Organisation representative in Pakistan, has donated two latest PCR machines to the health department as part of strategy to improve testing capacity for Covid-19 of the government and deal with the pandemic effectively. He met with Health Minister Taimur Saleem Khan Jhagra and discussed with him matter regarding the province's response to the coronavirus infection and pledged to continue sup.....[view more](#)

Appointment of more doctors to hospitals sought

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

PESHAWAR: Doctors here have demanded of the government to fulfil the requirement of medical staff within a month to overcome the problems being faced by them in the public sector hospitals in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. Speaking at a joint press conference at Peshawar Press Club on Thursday, Pakistan Islamic Medical Association's Peshawar district president Dr Hazrat Akbar and Young Doctors Association provincial president Dr Rizwan Kun.....[view more](#)

Nowshera reports 4 more fatalities from Covid-19

Source: [Mushtaq Paracha](#), [The News, International](#) , 2020-06-26

NOWSHERA: Four more people lost lives to coronavirus here on Thursday as the fatalities from the viral infection continued to rise in the Nowshera district, officials said. District Health Officer Gul Man Shah and Qazi Medical Complex (QMC) Hospital Director Dr Arif Khan said 55-year-old Mian Gul of Swat had been brought to the facility with cough, fever and respiratory problem. He was under treatment at the QMC and was put on a ve.....[view more](#)

Homoeopaths claim treating Covid-19 patients

Source: [Bureau Report, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

PESHAWAR: The homoeopaths on Thursday claimed successfully treating coronavirus patients and said 80 ailing people had recovered from the viral infection after taking homoeopathic medicines. Dr Iqbal Shaheen and other doctors from the Frontier Homeopathic Medical College, Peshawar told a press conference that a panel of doctors had conducted research on coronavirus in six weeks. The research was the first of its kind and yielded encouraging resul.....[view more](#)

Punjab

Eight deaths due to COVID-19, 299 new cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Rawalpindi: In last 24 hours, only 299 new patients have been confirmed positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi and it is only for the third time in June that less than 300 new cases have been reported in a day from the region though the virus claimed another eight lives in last 24 hours taking death toll to 319. However, it is too early to attribute reduction in number of new patients to t.....[view more](#)

Rs19m cheque for Corona Relief Fund given to CM Usman Buzdar

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE: Chairperson Board of Directors of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited Rohi Raees Khan called on Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office here Monday and presented a cheque for Rs19 million for Prime Minister's Covid-19 Relief Fund. The CM thanked her and stated the impecunious stratum was more affected due to corona virus and the government was working to provide financial assistance to the affectees. The philanthropis.....[view more](#)

148 cops recover from corona

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE: CCPO Zulfiqar Hameed has said Lahore Police is a frontline soldier in the corona epidemic. A total of 148 officers have recovered from the coronavirus and resumed their duties. He said Lahore police personnel are standing guard in smart locked down areas. Citizens should support Lahore police to control the epidemic. Checks worth Rs 25,000 each are being distributed among officers and personnel affected by the epidemic, he said. 55.....[view more](#)

'Govt has failed to provide relief to masses'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami naib ameer Liaqat Baloch has warned that economic and pandemic crises in the country have crossed all limits as the federal and provincial governments have failed to provide any relief to the masses. Addressing a meeting with the office-bearers of National Labour Federation on Monday, he said the anti-poor policies of the ruling elite were the hurdle in the development of the country. He said provinces and centre we.....[view more](#)

Health emergency declared amid rising coronavirus cases in Multan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

MULTAN: The district administration Monday declared health emergency in the wake of rapid increase in coronavirus cases in the district and ordered immediate increase in ventilators at public hospitals. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Amir Khatak declared the health emergency and also ordered increase in ventilators for coronavirus patients. The DC also summoned the administration of six 'A' category hospitals and asked them to alloc.....[view more](#)

1,803 shops sealed for violating anti-corona SOPs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

FAISALABAD: As many as 1,803 shops and 48 industrial units were sealed and 5,618 vehicles were impounded for violating the smart lockdown and anti-corona SOPs in the district during the last 18 days while Rs 8.17 million fine was imposed on shopkeepers. This was disclosed by Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali in a meeting at Commissioner's Office to review the matter relating to anti-corona measures. Commissioner Ishrat Ali presided o.....[view more](#)

Lahore public hospitals running out space for new patients

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE: Following a massive influx of novel coronavirus (Covid-19) patients in recent weeks, public hospitals have started running out space for new patients, especially in intensive care units (ICUs), in the provincial metropolis, The Express Tribune learnt on Monday. Hospital sources revealed that space allocated for Covid-19 patients has already been filled in the most populous city of the province. Except for a few big hospitals, like M.....[view more](#)

Covid-19 patients face oxygen price hike

Source: [Muhammad Ilyas](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE: dding to the problems being faced by the novel coronavirus patients and their families, prices of oxygen cylinders have been increased manifold by profiteers, while the supply to hospitals has also decreased. The prices of oxygen concentrators, regulators and oximeters are also on the rise because of hoarding and profiteering. On the recommendation of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Secretary Muhammad Usman, the home departme.....[view more](#)

PHC bans unauthorised plasma transfusion

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE: The Punjab Healthcare Commission on Monday banned unauthorised plasma transfusion to Covid-19 patients. The commission allowed plasma transfusion only in hospitals which had been approved by the Coronavirus Experts Advisory Group (CEAG). According to a letter issued to all public and private hospitals, only those healthcare establishments were allowed to carry out plasma transfusion which had been allowed to do so by the CEAG. The[view more](#)

People asked not to use anti-virus medicines without doctors' prescription

Source: [Our Staff Report](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE - The Corona Expert Advisory Group (CEAG) Chairman Dr Mahmood Shaukat on Monday prohibited the use of medicines without doctors' prescription. "This medicine (Actemra) is only to be used in specific conditions because there is no theoretical and academic background of its usage for the cure of coronavirus patients," he said, while addressing a press briefing. Regarding the use of anti-viral drugs, he said, "We[view more](#)

With 28 more deaths, death toll reaches 1,435 in Punjab

Source: [Iqtidar Gilani](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE - As many as 28 more COVID-19 patients died in Punjab on Monday, taking the death toll to 1,435. Similarly, as many as 1,204 new cases were also reported from across the province, raising the number of patients to 66,943. So far 556 casualties have been confirmed in Lahore, 271 Rawalpindi, 138 Faisalabad, 108 Multan, 58 Gujranwala, 52 Sialkot, 37 Rahim Yar Khan, 31 each from Gujrat and Bahawalpur, 22 Sargodha, 16 Sheikhupura, 14 each f.....[view more](#)

4,578 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in Rawalpindi

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

RAWALPINDI - Around 13,273 COVID-19 suspects have so far been brought to the quarantine facilities of the district, out of which 4,578 were tested positive who were provided the required treatment and 2,185 recovered after treatment. According to a daily situation report issued by Directorate of Public Relations(DPR), 727 COVID-19 confirmed patients were admitted in different hospitals of the city including 342 belonging to Rawal Town.....[view more](#)

70 Rescue paramedics deployed at PKLI to tackle coronavirus

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE - As many as 70 paramedics of Rescue-1122 have been deployed at Pakistan Kidney & Liver Institute (PKLI) on the recommendation of Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department (SH&MED) for dealing with the major burden of COVID-19 patients. It was announced by Rescue Punjab Director General Dr Rizwan Naseer while addressing the Rescue paramedics at Expo Centre here on Monday. More Rescue paramedics would also be de.....[view more](#)

SNGPL presents cheque for PM's COVID-19 relief fund

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

Lahore - Chairperson Board of Directors of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited Rohi Raees Khan called on Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office here on Monday and presented a cheque of one crore and ninety lakh rupees for Prime Minister's COVID-19 Relief Fund. The CM thanked her and stated the impecunious stratum is more affected due to coronavirus and PM Imran Khan-led government was vigorously working to provide financial[view more](#)

Corona pandemic speedily spreading in Pakistan: Aslam

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE - International economy including Pakistan's economy has been adversely affected due to corona pandemic and it has speedily spread in Pakistan due to adopting irresponsible behaviours. He said, it is not possible to impede its spread without public cooperation. Aslam Iqbal expressed these views while talking with a delegation of party workers at his camp office here on Monday. The Minister urged that people should not lend thei.....[view more](#)

Police a frontline soldier against corona epidemic: CCPO

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

LAHORE - CCPO Lahore Zulfiqar Hameed has said that Lahore Police is a front line soldier in the corona epidemic. He said in corona epidemic, Lahore Police is being affected the most in all departments. Lahore police is ensuring the safety and security of the citizens by putting aside all kinds of situations. Zulfiqar Hameed said that a total of 344 personnel were affected by the corona epidemic, out of which 191 personnel and officers are quarant.....[view more](#)

6 more deaths, 353 new cases

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

Rawalpindi : The coronavirus illness, COVID-19 outbreak is still hitting population hard in this region of the country even after implementation of smart lockdown in selected localities in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi one-and-a-half weeks back and it seems that there is a need of more active surveillance to point out areas requiring smart lockdown for control on COVID-19 spread. The COVID-19 claimed another six lives here i.....[view more](#)

103 perish in a day

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE/KARACHI: As many as 103 more people died of COVID-19 in the country on Tuesday bringing the death toll to 3,731. The total number of patients have reached 187,411. In Punjab, the death of 60 more COVID-19 patients raised toll to 1,495, while confirmed cases of novel coronavirus raced to 68,308 with the addition of 1,365 new infections in the province, according to statistics released by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (.....[view more](#)

Number of corona patients declines: CM usman Buzdar

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE:Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a video link meeting of cabinet for the eradication of corona at his office here Tuesday to take stock of the situation. Addressing the meeting, the chief minister expressed the satisfaction that daily testing capacity of Punjab has reached to 12,000 while the total number of corona patients is 68,308. Around 19,580 have recovered and 3,498 patients are under treatment in different hospita.....[view more](#)

Court seeks report on steps taken to stop illegal sale of plasma

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE:The Lahore High Court on Tuesday directed Punjab Blood Transfusion Authority (PBTA) to furnish a comprehensive report on steps taken to stop illegal sale of plasma by the patient recovered from Coronavirus. Chief Justice Muhammad Qasim Khan was hearing a petition questioning government's performance on plasma sale. Pursuant to court's order, Secretary Health Nabeel Awan and officials of healthcare commission and PBTA ap.....[view more](#)

Governor Sarwar stresses joint efforts to fight Covid-19

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE:Punjab Governor Ch Muhammad Sarwar has called upon the intelligentsia and scholars to play their role in creating awareness on pitfalls of coronavirus pandemic in the province. During a meeting with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) MPA Ahmad Khan Bhachar at the Governor House here on Tuesday, he said that failure to wear masks and adopt other standard operating procedures (SOPs) put people's lives at risk, adding that coronavirus had[view more](#)

Baloch holds govt responsible for corona spread

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE:Jamaat-e-Islami Naib Ameer Liaqat Baloch has held the federal government responsible for rapid spread of Covid-19 in the country. The confused statements of the prime minister, lack of prevention strategy and the non-cooperation between the Centre and provinces are the main reason behind the spread of the pandemic, he said while talking to the media at Mansoorah on Tuesday. The JI leader said Prime Minister Imran Khan even ignore.....[view more](#)

Covid-19: Punjab govt increases health sector capacity

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE: The Punjab government has increased health sector capacity to cater to the high number of coronavirus patients. Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that the province has achieved daily coronavirus testing capacity of 12,000 besides increasing the number of beds in high dependency units across the province. Presiding over the cabinet committee on coronavirus meeting through video link on Tuesday, the chief minister took stock.....[view more](#)

Punjab govt relaxes Covid-19 funeral SOPs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE: The provincial government of Punjab on Wednesday relaxed the standard operating procedures (SOPs) regarding funeral processions and burial of those who succumbed to the novel coronavirus. A notification in this regard was issued after the approval of the Anti-Corona Cabinet Committee headed by Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar. According to Secretary Primary and Secondary Health Care, Captain (retd) Muhammad Usman, trained teams of I.....[view more](#)

Punjab struggles with medicines shortage amid pandemic

Source: [Yousaf Abbasi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE: As Punjab struggles with a harrowing surge in Covid-19 cases, the most populous province in the country is also beginning to report shortages of medications. With more than 66,000 positive cases across the province and more expected over the next few weeks, it appears that people are now rationing essential medicines. According to details gathered by the Express Tribune, the most commonly reported shortages include antibiotics, ant.....[view more](#)

Covid-19 patients face oxygen price hike

Source: [Muhammad Ilyas](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE: Adding to the problems being faced by the novel coronavirus patients and their families, prices of oxygen cylinders have been increased manifold by profiteers, while the supply to hospitals has also decreased. The prices of oxygen concentrators, regulators and oximeters are also on the rise because of hoarding and profiteering. On the recommendation of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Secretary Muhammad Usman, the home depart.....[view more](#)

7 more cricketers, one official test positive

Source: [Muhammad Saleem](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board on Tuesday confirmed that a further seven players and a player support personnel from a total of 35 have tested positive for Covid-19. The PCB had organised these 35 tests in Karachi, Lahore and Peshawar on Monday. Earlier, three cricketers of England bound squad also tested positive of virus. Players who have tested positive are: Fakhar Zaman, Imran Khan, Kashif Bhatti, Mohammad Hafeez, Mohammad Hasna.....[view more](#)

Pakistan facing most difficult situation due to corona: Governor

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE - Governor Punjab Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar has said that people not following corona Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have become dangerous for society. Corona has spread to streets. It can only be avoided by following SOPs. No doubt corona is infecting those who do not follow the precautions. Are to be a victim of corona or to avoid it, the decision is in the hands of each individual. Those who follow the SOPs will be able to sav.....[view more](#)

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Pakistan passing through a difficult phase, says Yasmin

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid gave away commendation certificates to doctors, nurses and paramedical staff serving in the Corona Ward of the Services Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS), here on Tuesday. SIMS Principal Professor Dr Mehmud Ayaz, Medical Superintendent SIMS Dr Iftikhar and faculty members were present on the occasion. Principal SIMS Dr Mehmud Ayaz thanked the Minister for providing guidance during the pande.....[view more](#)

'More areas being sealed to protect people from virus'

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE - Provincial Minister for Human Rights & Minority Affairs Ijaz Alam Augustine has appealed to the nation for more prevention to tackle increasing intensity of COVID-19. He said that everyone has to ensure implementations on directives issues by Punjab Government to stop further spread of coronavirus. The Minister said that all over the Punjab especially in Lahore more areas being sealed to protect or saves large number of people from c.....[view more](#)

LHC seeks report from authority till July 8

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

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Punjab decides not to set up animals' markets on Eidul Azha

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE - In view of the health hazards due to COVID-19 situation, the Punjab government has decided not to allow setting up of sacrificial animals' markets in the cities on the eve of Eidul Azha this year. Decision to this effect was taken in a meeting chaired by Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar here on Tuesday. The CM was briefed on the risks involved in allowing animals' markets ahead of the upcoming Eid. Consequently,.....[view more](#)

IGP directs to implement SOPs regarding COVID-19 pandemic

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE - Inspector General of Police (IGP) Punjab Shoaib Dastgir on Tuesday directed the police officers to strictly implement the SOPs regarding COVID-19 pandemic for minimizing the spread of virus. He directed the cops to perform duties with more diligence and passion and said that special attention should be paid to the compliance of SOPs in the areas sealed by the government during smart lockdown. He expressed these views while talking t.....[view more](#)

COVID-19 positive cases tally reaches 385 in Attock

Source: [Muhammad Sabrin](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

Attock - Spike of coronavirus COVID-19 positive cases and deaths due to the virus keeps on escalating in Attock as positive cases keep pouring in at hospitals of district. According to health officials, five new cases were reported in the district raising tally to 385. One positive patient also succumbed to novel coronavirus in Attock raising death toll to 22. According to health authorities, a 66-year-old patient who was under-treatment at RIU[view more](#)

Coronavirus claims 7 more lives in Pindi in 48 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

RAWALPINDI - As many as 7 persons died of novel coronavirus in the district during last 48 hours. Similarly, 57 people tested positive of Covid19 in the garrison city while 50 patients got discharged after recovery. However, total number of patients in Rawalpindi district reached at 5264. According to details, Mehboob Ellahi, 76 year old resident of Officer Colony Wah Cantonment died at Begum Akhter Memorial Welfare Trust Hospital on June 23.....[view more](#)

Emirates service suspension comes after 30 passengers from Pakistan test positive

Source: [staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

RAWALPINDI: After about 30 Pakistanis who arrived in Hong Kong on board an Emirates flight on June 22 tested positive for Covid-19, the UAE airline announced temporary suspension of passenger service from Pakistan till July 3. Of the 30 passengers, both female and male, some had symptoms of fever, cough and sore throat while others were asymptomatic. According to the Hong Kong health department website, all the patients — except two male and.....[view more](#)

40 more areas of Lahore locked down from midnight

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE: The Punjab government ordered the police to lock down 40 more areas of the city partially and completely from Wednesday midnight. The decision may cause a great deal of inconvenience to almost half of the population of the city in terms of movement and routine life. The regions approved for lockdown also included six densely populated areas, including the entire Defence Housing Authority, Johar Town, Gulberg, Model Town, Garden Town, Fai.....[view more](#)

CM orders action against overcharging of Covid pills

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE: Chief Minister Usman Buzdar has directed officials to initiate a province-wise crackdown on those selling coronavirus-related medicines at exorbitant rates. He ordered a strict action against hoarders of said medicines. He said the administration should initiate action and submit a report to the CM Office and there should be no shortage of such medicines in an emergency situation. He said line departments should also ensure availability.....[view more](#)

Pindi laboratories' Covid-19 testing capacity to reach 600 tests daily: commissioner

Source: [Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

RAWALPINDI: Although Covid-19 testing in Rawalpindi is slow, with laboratories conducting 110 tests a day, Commissioner retired Capt Mohammad Mehmood said on Wednesday that the city's testing capacity will be increased to 600 tests daily in a day or two. Mr Mehmood told Dawn that the Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH) and Holy Family Hospital (HFH) labs carry out 90 tests every day, while 20 tests are sent to the National Institute of Health (N.....[view more](#)

Railways Minister Sheikh Rashid recovers from coronavirus

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

RAWALPINDI: Railways Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmad recovered from the coronavirus after he tested negative for the infection, reported Geo News on Thursday. Rashid, who was being treated at the Military Hospital in Rawalpindi, has been discharged from the facility after it was found that he had recovered. The minister after being discharged from the hospital thanked the nation for praying for his recovery. He also thanked Prime Minister Imran Khan.....[view more](#)

2 deaths, 322 more test positive from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

Rawalpindi : The disease caused by 2019 novel coronavirus, COVID-19 claimed another two lives here in the federal capital though no patient died of the illness in Rawalpindi district in last 24 hours however addition of pending death

cases to the district's dashboard took total number of deaths from twin cities to 349. In last 24 hours, as many as 322 new patients have been tested positive for the illness in the twin cities taking total nu.....[view more](#)

DHA among seven localities face lockdown for week

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE: In view of the latest study reflecting increase in the number of Covid-19 cases in certain areas and decline in others due to smart lockdown in selected areas of Lahore, Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid announced extending the smart lockdown to other areas of the City for one week. "From tonight by 12.00, the areas of Gulberg, Model Town, Garden Town, Faisal Town, DHA, Gulshan Ravi and Walled City will be completely closed, &r.....[view more](#)

CM Usman Buzdar asks people to make SOPs a habit

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE: MPAs from different districts called on Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar at his office and congratulated him on presenting a relief-oriented budget for 2020-21. They also apprised the chief minister of the problems of their areas and the chief minister assured that development work would be done on a priority basis and no one will be allowed to create hurdles to the solution of genuine issues. The chief minister on the occasion said th.....[view more](#)

Governor Sarwar wants strict policy to prevent corona spread

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar has said a strict policy must be adopted to prevent further spread of corona epidemic on Eidul Aza. Public's non-seriousness on Eidul Aza like the shown on Eidul Fitr will be disastrous for the health system. Unfortunately, some people in the smart lockdown area are not ready to understand the dangers of corona, said the Punjab governor. In view of the serious threat of an outbreak of corona[view more](#)

Dr Mughees dies of corona

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE: Prof Dr Mughees Uddin Sheikh, internationally acclaimed academician, former dean of Punjab University, former director of PU's Institute of Communication Studies (ICS) and teacher of thousands of journalists died of Covid-19 here on Wednesday. He was 69. His funeral prayers were offered at Punjab University ground (New Campus) which was led by incumbent Vice Chancellor of the university Prof Niaz Ahmed. Prof Dr Mughees Uddin was bur.....[view more](#)

People shifting from sealed hotspots in Rawalpindi

Source: [Qaiser Shirazi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

RAWALPINDI: With the district administration placing 22 neighbourhoods of the Rawalpindi under a 'smart lockdown' as the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) cases in the city topped 5,584, a large number of residents of these areas have started to relocate. Many have shifted to the homes of their relatives in nearby vicinities which do not fall under the lockdown, locals said. Many others have left the city and its cantonment areas alt.....[view more](#)

21 including 2 doctors die in Punjab due to corona

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE - As many as 21 more COVID-19 patients including two doctors died in Punjab on Wednesday, taking the death toll to 1,516. Dr Musharraf Iqbal died at Jinnah Hospital and Dr Bashir Chaudhry at Services Hospital. As many as 1,228 new cases of novel coronavirus were also reported from across the province, raising the number of COVID-19 patients to 69,536. Out of 1,228 new cases, 762 were reported from Lahore, 85 Attock, 80 Multan, 60 Gujrat, 4.....[view more](#)

SOPs for workplaces issued to avoid corona spread

Source: [Our Staff Reporter/ Iqtidar Gilani, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

LAHORE - In the wake of COVID19 situation and considering essentiality of resumption of workplaces and offices, Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) has issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to prevent COVID19 spread. On the recommendation of Technical Working Group (TWG), the P&SHD, through a notification, informed that COVID19 is a highly transmissible disease which spreads through respiratory droplets produced.....[view more](#)

Etihad Airways suspends flights from Pakistan

Source: [Mohammad Asghar, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

RAWALPINDI: Etihad Airways on Thursday suspended its flight operations from Pakistan, a day after several passengers who had travelled to Hong Kong by another airliner tested positive for Covid-19. Etihad Airways is the third airline of the UAE after Fly Dubai and Emirates to have temporarily suspended its flight operation for outbound passengers. An official of Etihad Airways, who didn't give his name, toldDawnthat the outbound flig.....[view more](#)

Officials asked to identify more virus-hit areas

Source: [Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE: Chief Secretary Jawwad Rafique Malik on Thursday directed the administrative officers to identify more localities most affected by coronavirus in their respective districts and send a report so as to extend the scope of the 'smart lockdown' by declaring these areas as hotspots. He issued these directions while presiding over a meeting held at the office to review the ongoing 'smart lockdown' in different cities of.....[view more](#)

'Two negative tests' condition for Covid patients abolished

Source: [Asif Chaudhry, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE: The Corona Experts Advisory Group (CEAG) has approved a new "clinical advisory" by abolishing the condition of "two mandatory and consecutive negative tests" for symptomatic Covid-19 patients to discharge them from hospitals in Punjab. Under the new guidelines, the hospital shall not perform two tests of those confirmed patients who would not show symptoms for three consecutive days from the 10th day of admission[view more](#)

Literary figure dies of Covi-19

Source: [Hamid Asghar, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

GUJAR KHAN: Syed Aal-i-Imran Naqvi, a popular Pothwari and Urdu poet, Pothwari TV anchor and compere, died of Covid-19 in Islamabad on Thursday. He was admitted to a hospital in the capital for a kidney transplant when he contracted the virus a couple of weeks ago. He is survived by a son, a daughter and his widow. Literary, cultural and educational circles as well as overseas Pakistanis have expressed their grief over the demise of the popula.....[view more](#)

7 die of COVID-19 in ICT

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

Rawalpindi : At least seven confirmed patients of COVID-19 lost their lives due to the disease here in Islamabad Capital Territory taking death toll from federal capital to 115 however no death due to coronavirus illness was reported in last 48 hours from Rawalpindi district from where a total of 241 patients have already died of the disease. The COVID-19 outbreak is still hitting population hard in this region of the country though it is good o.....[view more](#)

Smart lockdown imposed on 40 more areas of Lahore

Source: [Ali Raza, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE:The district administration has extended its smart lockdown or mini-curfew in 40 more localities of the provincial metropolis on Thursday. Officials said the decision was taken after getting positive results from the previous smart lockdown of 61 localities. Smart lockdown was initiated due to rising corona cases and lethargic attitude of the citizens, who were not following the SOPs of social distancing, hand sanitization and hand washin.....[view more](#)

'UHS to make public results of virus drug trial next month'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE:The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Thursday issued a special Covid-19 supplement of its scientific journal, Biomedica. It is the first scientific publication of any medical institution of the country which has specifically focused on the deadly virus. Addressing at the launching ceremony of the journal, UHS Board of Governors' Chairman Justice (ret'd) Tassaduq Hussain Jillani said that despite being a global health crisis, the c.....[view more](#)

Debate on virus impact on performing arts

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE:UNESCO Pakistan held a ResiliArt debate on the impact of Covid-19 on performing arts to reveal the far-reaching impact of Covid-19 on the creative sector in the country, identify solutions to support artists, enhance their resilience and present policy recommendations for the culture sector in Pakistan. ResiliArt is a global movement initiated by UNESCO that aims to strengthen the resilience of artists and cultural professionals in the fa.....[view more](#)

Govt may extend lockdown to other cities

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE:The Punjab government is considering extending the lockdown to other worst-hit localities by coronavirus in different cities of the province to protect precious human lives. It was stated in a meeting chaired by Punjab Chief Secretary Jawwad Rafique Malik here Thursday. The CS directed the administrative officers to identify more localities most affected by coronavirus in their respective districts and send a report to extend the scope of.....[view more](#)

Punjab govt issues new SOPs for public offices

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

RAWALPINDI: The Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department has issued a set of new precautionary guidelines for government offices in the province, especially those involved in public dealing. "To prevent the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) from spreading, there will be a complete ban on the exchange of stationery between the

employees while those who bring lunch from home have been prohibited to share crockery with co-workers,&r.....[view more](#)

Punjab reports record 86 deaths in a day, as death toll reaches 1,602

Source: [Iqtidar Gilani, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE - As many as 86 more COVID-19 patients died in Punjab on Thursday, the highest number of casualties reported in a day since the beginning of the pandemic. So far coronavirus has taken 1,602 lives in the province. Similarly, as many as 1,655 new cases of the virus were also reported from across the province, raising the number of such cases to 71,191. So far 645 casualties have been confirmed in Lahore, 287 Rawalpindi, 151 Faisalabad.....[view more](#)

CCPO reviews security, safety steps in sealed areas

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE: - Lahore CCPO Zulfiqar Hameed reviewed the security and safety arrangements Thursday at the entrances and exits of Gulberg, Faisal Town, Garden Town, and Model Town which were lockeddown in view of corona outbreak and to ensure the safety of the citizens. The SP Model Town Ijaz Rashid while briefing CCPO Lahore about the security arrangements said that the areas have been sealed as per government guidelines. Individuals exempt from[view more](#)

Police at forefront of battle against coronavirus: Basharat

Source: [Iqtidar Gilani, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE - The Punjab Assembly on Thursday approved 41 demands for grants worth over Rs1800 billion with majority, completing first phase of approval of provincial budget for the fiscal year 2020-21. Treasury and opposition benches resorted to blame game during debate on cut motions. The session started one hour and 23 minutes behind the scheduled time with Speaker Ch Parvez Elahi in the chair. Opposing the cut motion presented by the opposit.....[view more](#)

Coronavirus stimulates scientific knowledge in unprecedented manner: UHS

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Punjab to extend smart lockdown to virus-hit areas

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Secretary Jawwad Rafique Malik has directed the administrative officers to identify more localities affected by the coronavirus in their respective districts and send a report to identify more hotspots and extend the scope of smart lockdown. He issued these directions while presiding over a meeting held at the camp office to review the ongoing smart lockdowns in different cities of the province. Additional Chief Secretar.....[view more](#)

82 deaths, 1,655 more positive cases reported in Punjab

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

LAHORE: The novel coronavirus is spreading unabated across the province of Punjab, particularly in Lahore. Despite smart lockdown in different districts, a record 82 deaths were reported during the last 24 hours taking the tally to 1602 on Thursday. As many as 1,655 fresh cases were reported across the province in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of cases in the province to 71,191. Out of total fresh cases, 1566 patients are stable.....[view more](#)

Sindh

Sindh's COVID-19 death toll crosses 1,100 as 14 more die

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

Fourteen more people, including five women, have died due to COVID-19 and another 1,464 cases have been reported during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral disease in the province reaching 1,103. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Monday that 13 of the latest victims have died in Karachi alone. Shah said that 9,841 samples were tested in the past 24[view more](#)

323 COVID-19 patients in Pakistan have died in self-isolation at homes

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-23

The COVID-19 patients in self-isolation at their homes are continuously dying without getting any medical assistance all over the country and so far, around 323 COVID-19 patients, with no or mild symptoms of the disease, have lost their lives during self-isolation at their homes during the last three months in Pakistan, said federal health authorities on Monday. They said that of the 89 COVID-19 patients who died during 24 hours between June 21[view more](#)

Experts warn against unhygienic face masks

Source: [Tufail Ahmed](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

KARACHI: Since the outbreak of Covid-19 Pakistan in February 2020, the use of surgical masks – which was only common among surgeons and medical technicians in the past – has now become widespread among the masses. Masks are worn by people to prevent the virus from entering a person's nose and mouth. The Infection Control Society Pakistan has, however, expressed its reservations about the unhygienic procedure that sellers a.....[view more](#)

Sindh traders issue ultimatum to end lockdown

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

KARACHI: The Sindh Tajir Ittehad (STI) and All City Tajir Ittehad (ACTI) have issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the Sindh government, demanding that it end the smart lockdown or they would open shops and markets on MA Jinnah Road of their own volition. Addressing a press conference on Monday, STI chairperson Jameel Paracha and ACTI president Sharjeel Goplani termed the suspension of business activities in selected areas of the city in the name[view more](#)

Sindh's virus tally reaches 71,092

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

KARACHI: As many as 1,464 new cases of coronavirus have emerged in Sindh and 14 more patients have died, according to a statement issued by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday. With the new cases and losses the provincial tally has risen to 71,092, while the death toll has reached 1,103. Shah revealed that the new

cases, which account for 15 per cent of the total samples, emerged when 9,841 tests were conducted. He add.....[view more](#)

1,464 cases detected, 14 more patients die: CM Sindh

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that 1,464 cases of the coronavirus have been reported from across the province during the last 24 hours, raising the tally to 71,092 while 14 more patients died, lifting the death toll to 1,103. In a statement issued from the CM House on Monday, he said that 9,841 tests were conducted which led to the detection of 1,464 fresh cases that constituted 15 percent result. "So.....[view more](#)

Three areas in Nawabshah sealed over violation of SOPs

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

HYDERABAD - Three city areas of Nawabshah were sealed for three days on Monday in the wake of the fast spread of coronavirus on the orders of Deputy Commissioner Abrar Ahmed Jaffar. The areas sealed are Chakra Bazaar, Gur Market and Shaheed Chowk. The action was taken when it was noticed that a large number of people gathered in these areas to purchase vegetables, fruits and other food items, and resultantly there is non-compliance with th.....[view more](#)

June-2020 GRM plunges into negative territory

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

KARACHI: Gross Refining Margin (GRM) averaged negative \$4.21/bbl during June-2020, reflecting a massive year-on-year decline of \$13.12/bbl. This huge decline was mainly due to Covid-19 which has created demand-side pressure mainly on Motor Gasoline (MS) and High Speed Diesel (HSD) markets. MS margin is currently negative \$7.27/bbl against \$11.75/bbl in the same month last year. Similarly, HSD margins are down from \$23.45/bbl in June last yea.....[view more](#)

New 1464 Covid-19 cases found, 766 recovered: Murad

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

KARACHI: Sharing daily status of Covid-19, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah told that 1464 new cases have emerged raising the tally to 71092 while 14 more patients died lifting the death toll to 1103. In a statement issued from the CM House, Murad Shah said out of 9841 conducted tests, 1464 found positive that constitutes 15 percent. So far 388690 samples have been tested which have diagnosed 71092 cases that comes to 18.3 percent re.....[view more](#)

Hussain Dawood Pledge creating an impact with mass testing, patient care: Engro Energy CEO

Source: [Mohammad Bilal Tahir](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

KARACHI: As part of the Rs1 billion Hussain Dawood Pledge, various initiatives worth more than Rs265 million are being implemented to support COVID-19 relief efforts in the four focus areas of testing and diagnostics, protecting frontline workers, enabling patient care, and bolstering livelihoods and sustenance of the most deserving in the society. Talking to Business Recorder, Ahsan Zafar Syed, CEO of Engro Energy, said, "Engro, Dawood.....[view more](#)

Covid-19 patients

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

HYDERABAD: The medical superintendent (MS) of Liaquat University Hospital (LUH) Hyderabad Dr Shahid Islam Junejo told that kidney dialysis machines have been installed and operation theatre has been set up at isolation wards of the hospital established for Covid-19 patients. He said there was no need to shift the coronavirus-contracted patients who had also kidney problems to the common wards for dialysis or operation theatre for surgery, adding[view more](#)

103 perish in a day

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

LAHORE/KARACHI: As many as 103 more people died of COVID-19 in the country on Tuesday bringing the death toll to 3,731. The total number of patients have reached 187,411. In Punjab, the death of 60 more COVID-19 patients raised toll to 1,495, while confirmed cases of novel coronavirus raced to 68,308 with the addition of 1,365 new infections in the province, according to statistics released by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (.....[view more](#)

In next two months: Number of virus patients may reach 4m

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: Medical experts have warned that the number of corona patients in the country might reach four million in July and August, says a Geo News research report. The rapid increase in the number of corona patients has put a question mark over official data owing to lack of facilities to test all virus suspects. The surge in deaths and number of corona patients also indicate the looming danger. The Geo News research report is based on[view more](#)

21 more killed, another 1,564 diagnosed with coronavirus in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

Twenty-one more people have died due to COVID-19 and another 1,564 cases have been reported during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral disease in the province reaching 1,124. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Tuesday that 6,597 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 1,564 people, or 24 per cent of those who were screened, being.....[view more](#)

SZABIST (Karachi) announces Admission Policy amid COVID-19 Lockdown

Source: [Press Release](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: ATTENTION NEW APPLICANTS: Due to current scenario of COVID-19 and to facilitate the students, SZABIST management has approved the following policy: ALL BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS: 1. Candidates with 70% (after adding 3% grace marks as announced by the Govt) and above in Intermediate or equivalent exams, will require no Test / Interview. 2. Candidates having less than 70% (after adding 3% grace marks) in Intermediate or equivalent[view more](#)

Migratory birds flock to Pakistan as lockdown keeps poachers at bay

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: Migratory birds have flocked to the wetlands of Sindh in greater numbers this year, and officials and observers link the increase to coronavirus lockdown measures that have kept hunters and bird catchers away. Pakistan, which has recorded over 185,000 cases and 3,696 deaths related to the virus, lifted a month-long country-

wide lockdown last month. A survey conducted this year observed 741,042 migratory birds in Sindh province &nd.....[view more](#)

1,564 fresh Covid-19 cases reported in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: As many as 1,564 new coronavirus cases were reported overnight in the province, said Sindh Chief Minister on Tuesday, adding that the total number infected person had soared to 72,656. Meanwhile, the contagious disease claimed 21 more lives, taking the death toll to 1,124, he said. "On the other hand, 1,357 patients recovered from the virus, which took the tally of recovered patients to 38,401, constituting 53 per cent of the.....[view more](#)

Door-to-door virus testing resumes

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: The Sindh health department has restored the door-to-door coronavirus testing service, which was suspended after several members of testing teams were infected, in South District. However, it is yet to be resumed in Central district. The health department had announced on June 19 that a large number of Covid-19 testing teams' members had tested positive for the coronavirus in Central and South districts, following which the[view more](#)

IMC contributes Rs20m to 'PM's Covid-19 Relief Fund'

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: Indus Motor Company (IMC), manufacturers of Toyota vehicles in Pakistan, has made Rs 20 million contribution to "The Prime Minister's Covid-19 Pandemic Relief Fund 2020". According to details, Ali Asghar Jamali, CEO Indus Motor handed over the cheque to the Prime Minister during his recent meeting. He also presented a cheque for Rs 10 million for the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre. He.....[view more](#)

Covid-19 cases rate slows down in Pakistan

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: The new Covid-19 cases in Pakistan have been slowed down in the last few days with 3,946 new cases recorded on Jun 22 compared to a high of 6,825 on Jun 13, analyst said. During the last nine days, Pakistan has recorded a day on day decline on seven of these days, they added. "We believe drop in cases is possibly due to abnormal increase in early June, due to the ease in lockdown just prior EID", Syed Adil Zafar at[view more](#)

Covid-19;Sindh finds 1564 positive cases out of 6597 tests

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

KARACHI: As many as 1564 new cases of Covid-19 emerged and 21 more patients died overnight lifting the tally to 72656 and death toll to 1124 respectively. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here from the CM House on Tuesday. The CM told that out of 6597 conducted tests, 1564 were found positive that showed 23 percent detection rate. He added that so far, 395287 samples have been tested whic.....[view more](#)

PPE, uniforms provided to staff at city zoos

Source: [Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

KARACHI: Mayor Wasim Akhtar said on Wednesday that personal protective equipment had been provided to the staff looking after animals at Karachi Zoo, Safari Park and Landhi Zoo to protect them against Covid-19 and other

diseases. “Artificial waterfalls have been installed in cages of tigers and other animals to beat the heat,” he said, adding that a building of “international standard” had been built at Safari Park for ca.....[view more](#)

Murad reviews rain emergency measures across Sindh

Source: [Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Wednesday directed the local government department to work out a detailed plan for desilting, cleaning and repair of natural storm-water drains so that funds could be released in time. “I want all deputy commissioners, local bodies and water boards to be taken on board while envisaging a rain emergency plan so that full and final action could be taken,” he added. This he said while pres.....[view more](#)

25 cartons of stolen medicines recovered as probe into pilferage makes progress

Source: [M.B. Kalhoro, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

LARKANA: A big stock of medicines bearing Sindh government’s stamp was recovered in a police raid on a specified place within the graveyard located near the shrine of Qaim Shah Bukhari, falling within the limits of the Market police station of the city, on Wednesday. City ASP Rizwan Tarique, along with his team, conducted the raid on a lead given by some suspects picked up in connection with an investigation into pilferage of government me.....[view more](#)

178 people catch covid-19 in Sindh due to Ehsaas programme, Sindh Assembly told

Source: [Azeem Samar, The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

The Sindh Assembly was informed on Wednesday that as many as 178 persons contracted the novel coronavirus in the province owing to the execution of the Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme 2020 for the poor families hit hard due to the lockdown earlier imposed in the country against the spread of the fatal viral disease. Information to this effect was passed on to the members of the provincial assembly as Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho took pa.....[view more](#)

COVID-19 death toll in Sindh rises to 1,161 after another 37 deaths

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-25

A total of 37 more people lost their lives due to COVID-19 in Sindh during last 24 hours, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Wednesday in his daily statement on the situation of the epidemic in the province. He added that most of the deaths had occurred in Karachi at various health facilities and homes. “We have lost 37 more lives due to COVID-19 in Sindh in the last 24 hours and now the death toll stands at 1,161 in the prov.....[view more](#)

‘Second, third Covid-19 waves inevitable’

Source: [Hafeez Tunio, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

KARACHI: Warning that second and third waves of the coronavirus pandemic were ‘inevitable’, Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho claimed that the pandemic could continue for a year as she cautioned lawmakers to make decisions according to the gravity of the situation. Addressing the Sindh Assembly session on Wednesday, Pechuho dismissed the notion that she had gone into hiding. “I work around the clock. I don’.....[view more](#)

Covid-19-hit areas;Bank Alfalah to donate Rs10m for food supplies

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-25

KARACHI: Bank Alfalah has announced to donate PKR 10 million for the provision of much-needed food supplies in areas of Pakistan which have been most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Continuing efforts to support the most affected communities across Pakistan, Bank Alfalah has joined hands with the Government of Pakistan's Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety (PASS) Division to become a donor with the Ehsaas Ration Portal. Under.....[view more](#)

Closure of industry no solution to controlling Covid-19 but an economic suicide: Suttar

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-25

KARACHI: Ismail Suttar, President of the Apex Body of Manufacturers, The Employers Federation of Pakistan (EFP), has said the closure of industries and economic activities is not a solution to stop the spread of coronavirus, it would be rather economically suicidal. More important is to take protective and precautionary measures in operating businesses to ensure the safety of people and continuity of businesses. Speaking at the Webinar on &l.....[view more](#)

1028 more patients of corona recovered in Sindh during last 24 hours: Sindh CM

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-25

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that around 1028 more patients of COVID19 recovered in Sindh and the number of patients recovered so far has reached to 39,429 which constitutes 53.5 per cent recovery rate. According to a statement issued here on Wednesday from the CM House, Syed Murad Ali Shah said that another 1414 cases were detected by testing 7400 samples while 37 more patients died lifting the death toll to 1.....[view more](#)

Over 1,000 Covid-19 cases emerge, 17 die from virus overnight, says CM

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

KARACHI: As many as 1,098 cases of Covid-19 were detected after conducting 6,458 tests while 17 more patients died overnight raising the tally of cases to 75,168 and death toll to 1,178, said Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued from CM House on Thursday. He said that 6,458 samples were tested which diagnosed 1,098 cases, constituting 17 per cent of the result. "So far, 409,145 tests have been conducted and 75,168 cases.....[view more](#)

Free virus testing facility opens at ASH

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

KARACHI: Karachi Mayor Wasim Akhtar on Thursday inaugurated a laboratory at the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for free-of-cost Covid-19 testing for the poor and the deserving. Talking to media persons after the inauguration of the lab, the mayor said that it was a very important day for Karachiites for they would now have a free-of-cost Covid-19 testing lab that could test 65 people a day and a 30-bed ward equipped with 18 ventilators for Covid-19 pat.....[view more](#)

Medical students launch web platform to help healthcare workers

Source: [Zofeen T. Ebrahim](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-26

KARACHI: "What Alibaba is for handbags, shoes and clothes, Project Alloy is for healthcare supplies," is how Anam Noor Ehsan, one of the founding members of Student Taskforce Against Covid-19 (STAC-19), explained the brand new real-time web platform that aims to connect healthcare facilities to medical suppliers and charities. Started by a group of five final-year medical students in Karachi, who refused to remain "silent onloo.....[view more](#)

Lockdowns: Saving lives, but ruining livelihoods in Thar

Source: [Jan Khaskheli, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

HYDERABAD: A large number of workforce belonging to Thar Desert, who worked in urban centres have returned back home after lockdown, are facing hardships to feed their families. An assessment carried out by the Thardeep Rural Development Programme (TRDP) showed that most of the workers were associated with garment and other factories with a small number of unskilled workers, who were struggling for survival as all business activities in u.....[view more](#)

Sindh's COVID-19 death toll hits 1,178 as 17 more die

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

COVID-19 claimed 17 more lives during the past 24 hours in Sindh, raising the death toll of the province due to the zoonotic disease to 1,178, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Thursday. "We have lost 17 more people due to COVID-19 overnight in Sindh, while 1,388 are under treatment at various hospitals in the province. Of them, 641 are in critical condition and 99 are on l.....[view more](#)

Pakistan Red Crescent starts free Covid-19 tests for those with symptoms in Karachi

Source: [Press Release, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

Karachi: In order to ramp up the testing capacity for Covid-19, the Sindh Branch of Pakistan Red Crescent (PRC) has opened a walk-in sample collection centre at Hilal-e-Ahmer House, Teen Talwar, Clifton in the city of Karachi. People with symptoms of the disease can request an appointment first, then walk into the stated centre, and get themselves tested free of cost. According to the statement released by PRC-Sindh Branch that people who ha.....[view more](#)

COVID-19 testing lab inaugurated at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital

Source: [Web Desk, The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

Karachi Mayor Wasim Akhtar inaugurated a laboratory at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for COVID-19 testing on Thursday. According to a statement issued by the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), the tests for the viral disease at the health facility would be carried out free of charge for 65 samples on a daily basis. Trained staffers and doctors have been assigned duties at the laboratory. The statement adds that a 30-bed COVID-19 ward has also be.....[view more](#)

Markets, shops flout Sindh govt orders despite 'strict' lockdown

Source: [Hafeez Tunio, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

KARACHI: The provincial government's plan to impose a complete lockdown in coronavirus hotspots of Karachi has fizzled out. Several nonessential services and shops are operating per usual despite the presence of police and relevant authorities, who are now showing a lukewarm response to the Covid-19 threat. "Yesterday, I went to a barber's shop for a haircut. Believe me, nobody was wearing a mask or practising social dista.....[view more](#)

Karachi's Abbasi Shaheed Hospital begins free virus testing

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

KARACHI: A free coronavirus testing facility has been launched at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital (ASH) by the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), announced Karachi Mayor Wasim Akhtar on Thursday. Inaugurating the facility, Akhtar said that as many as 65 people would be tested at the hospital on a daily basis, while patients in critical

condition would be admitted to intensive care units (ICUs) and high dependency units (HDUs) equipped with ven.....[view more](#)

PPP minister seeks FIR against PM Imran Khan for Covid deaths

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

KARACHI: As opposition members criticised the budget presented by the Sindh government for the upcoming fiscal year, MPAs from the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) retaliated by lambasting Prime Minister Imran Khan for the Centre's response to the coronavirus pandemic. As the provincial assembly session began on Thursday, Sindh Culture Minister Sardar Shah took the opportunity to call for the registration of an FIR against PM Khan[view more](#)

Even as Sindh boosts capacity, fewer get tested for Covid-19

Source: [Sameer Mandhro](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

KARACHI: There have been awareness drives, lockdowns and whatnot but trends show people are still wary of getting themselves tested for the coronavirus. While the Sindh government claims to have boosted the testing capacity in the province to 18,000 tests per day, the number of tests conducted daily has hardly crossed the 6,000 to 7,000 mark in recent days. On Thursday, a mere 6,458 tests were reported by the provincial chief minister, yie.....[view more](#)

Mayor inaugurates free corona testing lab at Abbasi Hospital

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

Karachi - Mayor Karachi Wasim Akhtar on Thursday inaugurated a laboratory at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital for COVID-19 testing free of cost where 65 people could be tested on regular basis. Well trained staffers, professor and doctors had been assigned there and now the people who could not afford test expenses would be provided the facility at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital's laboratory at free of cost. A 30 bed corona ward had also been established.....[view more](#)

Another doctor succumbs to coronavirus in Khairpur

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

SUKKUR - Another frontline doctor battling COVID-19, Additional Civil Surgeon, Khairpur Medical College Hospital (KMCH), Dr Willayat Gopang passed away on Thursday due to the viral infection. He was diagnosed with COVID-19, twenty days ago and remained in the isolation Ward in Larkana but was shifted to South City Hospital, Karachi after his condition was deteriorated. He was put on a ventilator but could not survive. Dr Gopang was the seco.....[view more](#)

1,098 new cases detected, 17 more die: Murad

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

KARACHI: As many as 1098 cases were detected by conducting 6458 tests while 17 more patients died lifting the tally of the cases to 75168 and death toll to 1178. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here from CM on Thursday. Shah said that 6458 samples were tested which diagnosed 1098 cases that constituted 17 percent result. So far, 409145 tests have been conducted which detected 75168 cases.....[view more](#)

'Safety Comes First' exhibition; Businesses dealing with Covid-19-related accessories told to contact KCCI

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

KARACHI: Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) president Agha Shahab Ahmed Khan has advised the manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, importers and exporters of essential COVID-19-related accessories to contact the KCCI as soon as possible so that their details could be shared with the Ministry of Industries and Production which plans to hold an important exhibition titled "Safety Comes First". The KCCI president said.....[view more](#)

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Sanofi eyes approval of Covid-19 vaccine by first half of 2021

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

PARIS: French drugmaker Sanofi SA said on Tuesday it expects to get approval for the potential Covid-19 vaccine it is developing with Britain's GlaxoSmithKline Plc by the first half of next year, faster than previously anticipated. Sanofi, which is hosting virtual research and development event, and GSK had said in April the vaccine, if successful, would be available in the second half of 2021. "We are being guided by our dialo.....[view more](#)

Virus cases top nine million as WHO says pandemic 'accelerating'

Source: [AFP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

DUBAI: Global coronavirus infections topped nine million as the World Health Organization warned the pandemic was accelerating. Europe has steadily eased its travel lockdowns in recent weeks, and France on Monday took its biggest step back to normality by allowing millions of children to return to school. But many parts of the world, including Latin America and South Asia, are only beginning to feel the full force of the pandemic, while ot.....[view more](#)

Chinese firm gets approval to begin human testing for potential coronavirus vaccine

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-23

BEIJING: China has approved a coronavirus vaccine candidate developed by Chongqing Zhifei Biological Products' unit to begin human testing, the company said in a filing on Tuesday. The potential vaccine, co-developed by Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biopharmaceutical and the Institute of Microbiology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, has received a certificate from the National Medical Products Administration to launch clinical trials. Chin.....[view more](#)

Emirates suspends flights from Pakistan after passengers test positive for coronavirus

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

Emirates, one of the world's biggest long-haul airlines, has suspended flights from Pakistan after passengers tested positive for coronavirus in Hong Kong, it said on Wednesday. The Dubai state carrier, which is operating limited services due to the coronavirus pandemic, said the temporary suspension was effective June 24. "We are co-ordinating closely with the various authorities and will review and implement any required addit.....[view more](#)

China to run human coronavirus vaccine trial in UAE

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

BEIJING: China National Biotec Group (CNBG) has won approval to run a large-scale “Phase 3” clinical trial of its novel coronavirus vaccine candidate in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the company said on Tuesday. China is seeking to trial potential vaccines overseas because of a lack of new patients at home. Over a dozen experimental vaccines are being trialled around the world. None of them has yet successfully completed a la.....[view more](#)

Virus pushing millions of South Asia children into poverty: UN

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

KATHMANDU: More than 100 million children in South Asia could slip into poverty as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, a UN report said Tuesday of the long-term impact of the crisis. Cases across the densely populated region — home to almost a quarter of the world’s population — have risen in recent weeks even as the region lifts its lockdown to revive economies badly shattered by the virus. “While they may be[view more](#)

IMF predicts deeper global downturn due to virus

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

WASHINGTON: The global coronavirus pandemic has sparked an economic “crisis like no other”, sending world GDP plunging 4.9 per cent this year and wiping out \$12 trillion over two years, the IMF said on Wednesday. Worldwide business shutdowns destroyed hundreds of millions of jobs, and major economies in Europe face double-digit collapses in the worst crisis since the Great Depression nearly a century ago. The prospects for recovery[view more](#)

Virus death toll nears half a million as cases surge in US, Latin America

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

WASHINGTON: Coronavirus cases are surging across large parts of the United States and in Latin America, according to experts and figures, highlighting how far the world remains from stopping the pandemic as the global death toll neared half a million on Wednesday. Six months into a crisis that has devastated the global economy, the International Monetary Fund was set to issue its latest growth forecasts later on Wednesday. The World Trade Organ.....[view more](#)

Afghanistan employs lockdown jobless to boost Kabul's water supply

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

KABUL: Zaker Hussain Zaheri was a cook in Afghanistan’s capital who lost his job in March due to the coronavirus pandemic. Now, he digs trenches to capture rainwater and snowmelt on a mountain on the outskirts of Kabul, as the city grapples with both a water and health crisis. Lockdown measures to curb the spread of the disease have taken their toll on Afghanistan’s economy, so the government is employing more than 40,000 jobless.....[view more](#)

Covid crisis sinks global economy in 2020, collapsing GDP 4.9pc: IMF

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

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Europe faces virus upsurge as cases soar in Americas

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

PARIS: Europe is facing an upsurge in coronavirus cases, the World Health Organisation warned on Thursday, as the disease continued its rampage through the Americas. The WHO said some European health systems risked being overwhelmed, yet officials have continued to rescind restrictive measures designed to combat the virus's spread, with France reopening the Eiffel Tower to tourists for the first time in three months. However, Europe's.....[view more](#)

Indian capital plans mass screenings as cases surge

Source: [Ap](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

NEW DELHI: Indian authorities are launching a massive coronavirus survey taking down health details from New Delhi's entire population of 29 million, and testing everyone with symptoms by July 6. The new plan was announced on Wednesday after the sprawling capital became the worst-hit city by the pandemic in India with 70,390 cases, exceeding the financial capital of Mumbai. In the past 24 hours, 3,788 new cases were confirmed in Delhi, co.....[view more](#)

Studies of antibody test accuracy fall short: report

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ZURICH: Many studies assessing the accuracy of Covid-19 antibody tests had major shortcomings, a review released on Thursday concluded, offering further evidence the blood tests are of little use for people seeking to know with certainty if they have been infected. Cochrane, a British-based journal that reviews research evidence to help decision makers adopt better health policies, looked at 54 studies, mostly from Asia, that sought to measure t.....[view more](#)

Indonesia surpasses 50,000 infections as business resumes

Source: [Ap](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

JAKARTA: The number of coronavirus cases in Indonesia surpassed 50,000 on Thursday, an increase that is worrying experts at a time when the government is allowing businesses to reopen amid increasing economic pressure. The surging cases in the world's fourth-most populous country align with its increasing testing capacity, which has averaged close to the government's daily target of 20,000 over the past week, said Achmad Yurianto, sp.....[view more](#)

Senegalese children return to school

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

HALF a million Senegalese schoolchildren returned to class on Thursday, under instructions to wear face masks and keep a distance from each other, after three months of absence. The government in the West Africa state shut schools in mid-March in a bid to curb coronavirus infections. It initially intended to open them again on June 5, but delayed the decision at the last minute after several teachers were found to have caught the virus. Thursday.....[view more](#)

Market 'disconnect' could worsen virus downturn: IMF

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

WASHINGTON: Recent gains in global financial markets despite the coronavirus downturn's "huge" economic uncertainties are a potential threat to the recovery if investors abruptly change their minds, the IMF cautioned Thursday. Markets have been cheered by the massive support provided by governments and central banks, and

seem to expect a quick recovery even though forecasts and consumer confidence are more pessimistic, the[view more](#)

Donors News

Chinese company donates five industrial drones to NDMA

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

BEIJING: China's Shenzhen Sunwin Intelligent Co Ltd (Sunwin) donated five Industrial drones (UAVs) to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). On behalf of NDMA, Muhammad Irfan, Trade & Investment Counsellor of Consulate General of Pakistan in Guangzhou attended the donation ceremony held here, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Thursday. Addressing at the ceremony, Irfan said Pakistan and China are as.....[view more](#)

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Researchers Articles

Why governments need cultural diplomacy in COVID-19 crisis

Source: [Fatemeh Kamali-Chirani](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-25

There are a lot of uncertainties and concerns, regardless where people live in COVID-19 time. The virus is still not fully known by doctors and researchers, its spread is faster than news. Social media's users post stories on a variety of aspects of life shaped by the virus, whether a group dance of nurses in a hospital in Tehran, or inaccurate results of Chinese testing kits in Karachi, or a closed door of a pharmacy in New York during the w.....[view more](#)

Best relief and support after COVID-19

Source: [Hassan Murtaza Syed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-23

Disasters and epidemics are meant to be a test from nature that how nations face, support each other and overcome these types of problems. Although, developing countries like Pakistan have a lot of social and economic problems. All sectors, including health, education, agriculture and infrastructure, are over-burdened by our rapidly increasing population. The main segment of the population in our country is from middle and lower middle class which.....[view more](#)

Webinars News

'Gradual reopening with SOPs crucial to save tourism industry'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-24

Islamabad : New investments and gradual opening of the sectors with strict SOPs could play crucial role in reviving the tourism sector back to its potential which otherwise is one of the worst Covid-19-hit sectors rendering huge revenue and jobs losses across Pakistan. This was stated by speakers during an online dialogue "Tourism sector recovery - building back better" organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute here.....[view more](#)

Gradual Re-opening With SOPs Crucial To Save Tourism Industry: Experts

Source: [APP](#), [UrduPoint](#), 2020-06-23

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 23rd Jun, 2020) :New investments with gradual re-opening of COVID-19 hit tourism with strict standard operating procedures (SOPs) in place could play a crucial role in reviving the tourism industry back to its potential, experts said on Tuesday. The experts from the tourism sector, donor agencies and government departments concerned in an online dialogue 'tourism sector recovery - building b.....[view more](#)

Experts term gradual re-opening of tourism crucial to save it from collapse

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-24

Tourism is one of the worst Covid19-hit sectors rendering huge revenue and jobs losses across Pakistan. New investments and gradual opening of the sectors with strict SOPs could play the crucial role in reviving the sector back to its potential. The speakers linked with tourism sector, donor agencies and concerned government departments said this while sharing their views with the participants during online dialogue 'Tourism sector recovery.....[view more](#)

Tourism experts term gradual re-opening to save sector

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2020-06-24

The experts from tourism industry and academia on Tuesday proposed the gradual re-opening of potential tourism sector to save the sector from further collapse. The speakers linked with tourism sector, donor agencies and concerned government departments said this while sharing their views with the participants during online dialogue 'Tourism sector recovery – building back better' organized by the Sustainable Development Po.....[view more](#)

'Afforestation project creating jobs'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-26

Islamabad : Chairperson of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Climate Change Munaza Hassan has said the PTI's government is fully cognizant of the issues being faced by the climate change induced migrant population. "A number of steps have been taken including Billion Tree Tsunami that is providing employment opportunities including for the women even amidst COVID-19," she told an online dialogue on 'Gender[view more](#)

Green stimulus package contributing to job creation, especially for women: experts

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-26

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PTI govt to offer jobs to 'climate change migrants' in Billion Tree Tsunami project

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-26

ISLAMABAD: With hundreds of people forced to migrate due to climate change amidst the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic, the government has said that it is trying to soften the blow by offering them jobs in the Billion

Tree Tsunami project under its 'Green Stimulus' package. This was disclosed by the National Assembly (NA) Standing Committee on Climate Change Chairperson Munaza Hassan on Thursday while speaking in an.....[view more](#)

Enabling environment key for economic revival

Source: [DNA](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-25

ISLAMABAD: Creating evidence-based policy and establishing a level playing field for all is as important as an enabling environment for businesses to revive the economy and ensure a better regulatory environment. This was stated by economic and business experts on Wednesday during an online dialogue on 'The prerequisites for a better business environment'. The dialogue had been organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Ins.....[view more](#)

Elaborate SOPs needed to reopen tourism

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-24

ISLAMABAD: With the government keen on reopening tourism – a sector which it hopes will not only bring in much-needed foreign exchange but also spur the local economy and provide jobs to thousands – officials said that new investments and gradual reopening of the sector with strict guidelines could play a crucial role in reviving the sector. This was stated by speakers linked with the tourism sector, donor agencies and government.....[view more](#)

SDPI Press Release

Economic experts term enabling business environment a prerequisite to revive economy

Source: [SDPI](#), [SDPI Advocacy](#), 2020-06-24

Islamabad: (June 24, 2020) – The experts on business and economy have termed the evidence-based policy making and establishment of a level playing field for all as imperative step to ensure a better business regulatory environment in Pakistan. They said this while sharing their views with the participants during online dialogue 'The prerequisites for a better business environment' organized by the Sustainable Development Policy[view more](#)

SDPI and ACEF sign MoU for cooperation on research and learning

Source: [SDPI](#), [SDPI Advocacy](#), 2020-06-24

Islamabad: (June 24, 2020)- All-China Environment Federation (ACEF) and Sustainable development Policy Institute (SDPI) have joined hands to explore the avenues of collaboration and cooperation as joint research activities in the areas of mutual interests of both the organizations. Ms XIE Yuhong, Secretary General, ACEF and Dr Abid Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI in this regard signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) online on behalf of their.....[view more](#)

Experts from tourism industry term gradual re-opening crucial to save the sector from further collapse

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