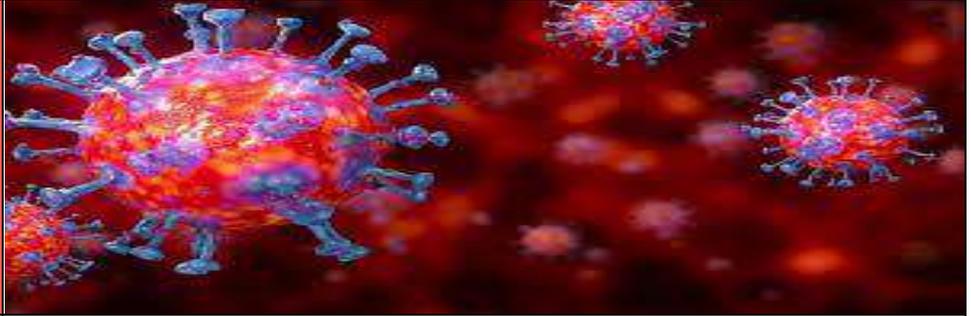


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### Op-Eds/Articles/Editorials

#### Airlines' concern

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

THE report of Etihad Airways becoming the third major Gulf airline to 'temporarily suspend' its flight operations from Pakistan till July 1 as 30 Pakistanis arriving in Hong Kong earlier this week were found to be infected by the novel coronavirus is quite disconcerting. Some of the passengers who tested positive for the Covid-19 infection were asymptomatic, and all but three of them had to be admitted to hospital. All the passengers .....[view more](#)

#### King's speech

Source: [Fahd Husain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

WHAT Prime Minister Imran Khan said in the speech may be less important than what the speech said about Prime Minister Imran Khan. There he stood on the floor of the National Assembly on Thursday — a quasi-stranger in the house that he himself heads because of the infrequency of his visits — and delivered a long-awaited and long-winded address that took literally no one's breath away. Strange. Here was a man who had stormed the.....[view more](#)

#### A world of equality

Source: [Amir Hussain, The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

We are living in one of the most difficult times of history when all of humanity is exposed to an invisible killer that modifies its killing instincts and tactics to inflict pain. This sadistic tiny creature aka the novel coronavirus does not care about who you are – a business tycoon, a toiling labourer, a sophisticated thinker, a politician, a ruthless autocrat or a well-trained soldier. This death equalizer mocks at our helplessness and.....[view more](#)

#### Covid-19 puts young Pakistanis' dreams on hold

Source: [Safdar Rizvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

KARACHI: A foreign education is something most Pakistanis, young and old, covet. As they work hard in school, young Pakistanis hope to be accepted in prestigious institutions abroad, both for the tag of being foreign-educated and for the experience of living in another country. Their parents often set their life savings aside in hopes that studying in countries like the US, UK, Europe, Canada or Australia will give their children a leg up when.....[view more](#)

#### Covid-19: way out for Pakistan

Source: [Dr Rana Jawad Asghar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

In a recent article in The New Yorker, Paul Farmer, a renowned author who has worked in major epidemics, has discussed the concept of "clinical nihilism". That happens when the number of serious patients overwhelms the health system and doctors feel they can't treat them. However, Covid-19, he mentions, has given rise to "containment nihilism" at government levels. From the US to developing countries, many feel they c.....[view more](#)

#### Another letter from Rome

Source: [Daud Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

A couple of months ago I wrote about the lockdown in Rome. There were no cars, motorcycles or bicycles on the street; piazzas of the city, usually thronged with tourists, were empty; theatres, bars and restaurants, normally

throbbing with life late into the night, were shut; most high street shops had their shutters down; and there were long queues outside supermarkets, pharmacies and tobacconists. It was a bizarre environment. Initially ther.....[view more](#)

### **All's well?**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

Yes, Prime Minister Imran Khan does insist that all is well — be it the government's response to Covid-19, the state of the national economy, or his foreign policy. The PM spoke to the National Assembly — making only his 13th appearance in the house in nearly two years — on Thursday during the ongoing budget session and defended the overall performance of his team. He looked well in control as he deliberated upon, with the .....[view more](#)

### **Sigh of relief?**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-27

There can be no better news for the country, or any other country for that matter, than confirmation that there is some sort of improvement in the fight against the coronavirus. For Pakistan it is too much to expect, right now, that the number of cases will start receding anytime soon. But Planning Minister Asad Umar's revelation that the number of expected cases by month-end might not be as bad as previously thought gives hope because it i.....[view more](#)

### **Playing politics in COVID-19**

Source: [S M Hali](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-27

Pakistan is reeling under the attack of the global pandemic COVID-19 but the nation, instead of being united to combat the scourge of the deadly disease, is playing politics. The Sindh Government, which had initially won plaudits for its bold handling of the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus, is now facing flak for its tall claims and attempts at the denigration of the federal government. Ironically, Sindh public doctors have exposed the .....[view more](#)

### **Costly oximeters**

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

AS knowledge of Covid-19 grows, our understanding of the infection's symptoms and the tools to measure these with has simultaneously expanded. Soon after Covid-19 was declared a global pandemic by the WHO, a large part of the messaging on the early signs of the coronavirus focused on three major symptoms: a persistent dry cough, flu-like symptoms and fever. As Covid-19 cases and deaths in New York City escalated, a doctor penned an opinion .....[view more](#)

### **Learning from the past**

Source: [Dr Ali M Mir](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

Since time immemorial humankind has been periodically exposed to the scourge of epidemics that have in their wake resulted in countless deaths, decimated societies, nations and entire civilisations. Despite advancements in scientific knowledge, whenever we are exposed to a hitherto unknown organism, it takes its toll before a cure or a vaccine is available. Yet certain common public health measures known to us for some time can, if introduced ear.....[view more](#)

### **Budget and health in coronavirus-hit budget**

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-28

The federal budget has allocated Rs 650 billion for the Federal Public sector development program for this fiscal year, of which Rs 20 billion goes to the health sector in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. As compared to the budgetary allocation of the year 2019-20, only 1.132 billion has been added to the health sector and the total figure Rs 14.508 billion. This budget will cover 28 ongoing programs whereas 24 new health schemes are also there in .....[view more](#)

### **Coronavirus Infection in Children: A Guide For Parents And Doctors**

Source: [Imbesat Maheen Syed, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-28

Though at present, the coronavirus infection seems to be much milder in babies and children, it's much important to understand recent reports about Pediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome (PIMS). It is a very rare condition that might be related to exposure to the coronavirus. We must not trivialise this in Pakistan and, as paediatricians, general physicians and parents, look out for such symptoms in children. What are corona.....[view more](#)

### **The Conspiracy Theory Brigade**

Source: [Haya Fatima Sehgal, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-28

Who has not been forwarded a conspiracy theory on their chats or even or via a social media forum? We've all had those trickling down into our lives and some of them have ranged from the seemingly plausible to the ridiculous. Mostly, the latter. A popular and most annoying on the list that has been repetitively fed to us, for years, was the use of the mobile phone and of things that will happen to our brains, apparently if we slept next to .....[view more](#)

### **HEALTH: VOICES FROM THE FRONT LINES**

Source: [Shazia Hasan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

Healthcare workers in Pakistan are on the front lines of the battle against the rising numbers of coronavirus cases across the country. Not only are they at the greatest danger working in an environment of infection when they do get infected, it puts an even greater strain on the healthcare system, as those who tend to others themselves have to be cared for. Out of the 3,635 reported positive cases among medical professionals in Pakistan, 35 have.....[view more](#)

### **CHINA VS INDIA: GEOPOLITICS OF A CLASH**

Source: [Ejaz Haider, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

The recent bloody military clash between the two neighbouring powers in remote Ladakh has transfixed the world and led to a barrage of accusations from both about the details. But why did the clash even take place now? And what are its ramifications, not only for the two countries, but for Pakistan? RESENT-DAY As in most of the world, the coronavirus was the biggest story in India until recently. That changed when news of a violent c.....[view more](#)

### **Post-Covid challenges**

Source: [Bashir A Khan & Fatima Zaka, The News, International](#), 2020-06-28

As we discussed in our previous article in these pages – 'Post-Covid learning' (June 23) – the post-Covid classroom will be one of a very different design and structure than conventional classrooms. This was dictated by the changing pedagogy of teaching, which in turn was being driven by technological opportunities. We also discussed how countries and regions which did not have an enabling environment for techno.....[view more](#)

### **Can microfinance survive Covid?**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

Even before coronavirus came, Pakistan's microfinance sector was sniffing. Amid macroeconomic stabilization, repayment capacity of borrowers, and in turn, industry profitability of over three dozen microfinance providers was constrained due to high inflation and low growth. And long-term issues festered, such as sector under-capitalization, low coverage, and lack of broad-based economic growth. But this crisis is different than an eco.....[view more](#)

### **Hope is a beast**

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

In Greek mythology, the God Zeus presented Pandora, the first human woman with a wedding gift. She was asked not to open it but Pandora's curiosity took the better of her. What then became known as Pandora's Box released all the illnesses and misfortunes into the world as soon as the box was unlocked. Realizing her mistake, an anxious Pandora quickly shut the box, only to save one last occupant inside the ancient artifact: hope. And i.....[view more](#)

### **Covid emergency: education**

Source: [Savail M Hussain](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

Over the seven months since Covid-19 was discovered and has spread across the world, a large amount of data has been collected on the morbidity, mortality and infection profile of the virus. As countries around the world – including several where daily death tolls exceed Pakistan's – reopen schools, it is instructive to examine the evidence regarding the health implications of doing so. The evidence is clear: the mortality rat.....[view more](#)

### **Mental setback**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

Pakistan's healthcare system has for long ignored those suffering from mental health issues, with families also in too many cases attempting to disguise depression, severe emotional disturbances, schizophrenia or other challenges because of the social stigma attached to them. The fact that Pakistan's 114 medical colleges only place one optional question on psychiatry on their final exam paper means that only a very small amount of the.....[view more](#)

### **Healthcare concerns**

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

According to a World Bank global health expert, Monique Vledder, head of the secretariat at the bank's Global Financing Facility, the challenge posed by Covid-19 has also translated into children missing vaccinations, women forced to give birth without medical help and the pandemic disrupting the chain of lifesaving medicines like antibiotics and others needed to treat newborns and mothers. The situation is said to be particularly grave in .....[view more](#)

### **Urban welfare in Pakistan**

Source: [Umair Javed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

CONVERSATIONS around the coronavirus response have talked about the need for localised interventions, especially given the constraints and socioeconomic trade-offs faced by urban areas in developing countries. One of the things that has emerged from this analysis, particularly for Pakistan, is how the absence of strong, representative local government platforms may have hindered more effective containment and more efficient and wide-ranging distr.....[view more](#)

### **Learning dilemma**

Source: [Huma Yusuf, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

AMONG the longest legacies of the pandemic will be learning losses suffered by students, impacting livelihoods and the national economy. No wonder, then, the prime minister last week reiterated the need for a joint strategy across provincial authorities to resume educational activity as soon as possible. The problem is well-identified, the solution — a haphazard mix of virtual and traditional broadcast offerings — less so. The govern.....[view more](#)

### **The 10 million mark**

Source: [Editorial, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-29

Now that global coronavirus cases have exceeded the 10 million mark, and approximately half a million people are already dead from this novel infection, there is a need for countries to join together and rethink their approach. So far there has been broad agreement about how to proceed. Initially almost all countries favoured locking down, though some like Pakistan did not want to shut down completely because of the immediate risk to daily wagers.....[view more](#)

### **Way to correcting wrongs**

Source: [Iftikhar Ahmad, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-29

Rule is an authoritative regulation or standard to be followed, a regulation adopted by the legislative body to secure adequate debate, freedom of expression, full consideration, and protection of the minority against surprise or fraud, and the orderly and prompt disposal of business. Rule of law is an Anglo-American doctrine that the law is supreme and that the rights of persons under the law are protected from interference by officers o.....[view more](#)

### **Bureaucratic hegemony makes institutions feeble**

Source: [Omera Ali Awan, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-29

Globally, since the outbreak of COVID-19, doctors, paramedics staff and law enforcement agencies have been playing a leading role, while serving humanity against the deadly virus. Their role was acknowledged and they were termed as 'frontline heroes' in the fight against the coronavirus. Amid pandemic, employees of the Punjab Food Authority are also taking risk of their lives in line of their duties for the provision of safe food to p.....[view more](#)

### **A challenge of our own making**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

Can you imagine how Pakistan's handling of the coronavirus pandemic would be different with functional local governments? While they may not have had too much influence on the overall strategy — or lack thereof — they could have made the implementation of whatever steps the Centre and provinces announced far more effective than reports suggest they are. There are accounts aplenty of residents and markets in Covid-19 hotspots flo.....[view more](#)

### **200,000 cases**

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

Have we reached herd immunity? Or the results of our smart lockdown are coming faster than what science actually suggests? Or is there some fiddling with the figures going on behind the scenes? Or there is something else in technical terms that we are not aware of? Whatever the case, the number of coronavirus infections in the country has had a significant fall over the last couple of days, according to official statistics. On June 20, the numbe.....[view more](#)

### Affordable housing

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

THE World Bank will support the Punjab government develop a housing policy to improve access to affordable housing for low-income groups as part of the province's broader post Covid-19 economic recovery effort. Although provision of low-cost homes has been the cornerstone of the PTI's election manifesto, housing and infrastructure development have acquired greater importance in the wake of an economic recession as the revival of const.....[view more](#)

### Waning superpower

Source: [Dr Niaz Murtaza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

RECENT weeks have been tough for America's status as a superpower. The images of police stations being burnt during race riots and the failure to provide global leadership on Covid-19 or tackle the infection well even nationally have exposed its growing fragilities. But these trends are merely the latest signs of a superpower in decline, with Vietnam likely being the first sign. How long can the US remain a superpower, and who or what will .....[view more](#)

### Closure of DFID

Source: [Arif Azad, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ON June 16, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced the merger of the Department For International Development (DFID) with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in parliament. The suddenness of the decision in the midst of the global pandemic took everyone by surprise, and criticisms of the merger came thick and fast from across the political spectrum, including former prime ministers Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and David Cameron, as well.....[view more](#)

### Crisis brewing

Source: [Nuzair A Virani, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted almost every aspect of people's lives globally. We are witnessing a significant change not just in the way normal daily activities are carried out but also in consumer behaviors and expectations. The shifts have been bittersweet for the world in general. Where the pandemic has affected numerous industries and caused countless people to lose their jobs, it has simultaneously paved the way for growth.....[view more](#)

### The Covid marathon

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

As a senior health official in the US has commented, the Covid-19 pandemic is not a sprint or even a marathon but an ultra-marathon. The reality is that ten million cases have now been officially reported from around the world and many experts believe this number could be far higher in reality. In the US alone, there have been 125,000 deaths, the highest in the world. Alarmingly, the infection has begun to resurface in Europe after a few weeks of.....[view more](#)

### Potential Travelling Restrictions

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

The increase of COVID-19 cases in Pakistan does not merely impact the country's health infrastructure or the economy. If Pakistan falls behind on combating the spread, as our actions in the last few months indicate might be the case, this could have repercussions from the world economy and the international stage. Pakistan's lax implementation of SOPs, especially in air travel, has not gone unnoticed by other countries, and if strict .....[view more](#)

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### **Pakistan's best Sometimes I wonder who gets to be in parliament?**

Source: [Muhammad Hamid Zaman](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

Sometimes I wonder who gets to be in parliament? How can our system be so terribly broken to elect those who are not just ignorant, but also arrogant and unwilling and unable to learn? Of all the people I know, none would ever believe that eating locusts could be a cure for Covid-19, as has been argued by a member of the ruling party who also heads the parliamentary committee on UN Sustainable Development Goals. None would ever say what the Minis.....[view more](#)

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### **A pandemic pause to re-prioritize SDGs**

Source: [Huma Mir](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

The prevailing outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to impact the lives of the people all over the world, including Pakistan, and has caused more than 4.4 million cases and crossing 200,000 deaths globally. It has also indicated fears of global economic crisis and recession. The implication of social distancing and self-isolation has affected the cultural standards while travel boundaries have led to a reduced workforce across all economi.....[view more](#)

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### **COVID-19: Impacts on Pakistan's Cyber Security**

Source: [Basma Khalil](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

The COVID-19 pandemic remains the most dominant factor affecting the global scenario. Neither the superpowers nor the developing countries are spared of its curse. The whole world is in a crisis-like situation whether it's a superpower or a state like Pakistan, which already faces external threats and internal instabilities. Like every other state in the world, to continue the routine activities, Pakistan has shifted its workload to online .....[view more](#)

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## National News

### Balochistan

#### 145 new coronavirus cases reported in Balochistan

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

QUETTA: Balochistan on Sunday reported another 145 new cases of Covid-19 taking the total to 10,376, with 2 new reported deaths. According to the daily situation report of the Health Directorate of Balochistan, the total number of confirmed deaths has reached 116. It is pertinent to note that 98 per cent of the total cases in Balochistan are locally transmitted. The active cases in the province stand at 6,321.78 additional symptomatic deaths h.....[view more](#)

### Gilgit Baltistan

#### GB students protest poor Internet service

Source: [Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

GILGIT: A large number of students studying in various educational institutions across the country staged a protest demonstration outside the Hunza Press Club on Monday against the online classes and poor internet connectivity in the region. The protesting students announced boycott of online classes till provision of internet services in the region. The Karakoram Highway remained blocked during the course of the protest. The protesters said t.....[view more](#)

### Islamabad

#### Govt expects virus cases to rise to 225,000 by month-end

Source: [Syed Irfan Raza, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

ISLAMABAD: The government believes that coronavirus cases will go up to 225,000 by June 30 in the country but expresses satisfaction that the number is still lower than its expectations. The country reported 3,092 Covid-19 cases and 73 deaths over the past 24 hours, taking the national tally of cases to 197,705 and casualties to 4,004. "We were expecting over 300,000 cases in the country by June 30, but they will remain less than 225,000,.....[view more](#)

#### 'Coronavirus sinking economy, hurting masses'

Source: [Saeed Ahmed, The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

Islamabad: Chamber for Small Traders (ICST) and former President of ICCI Shahid Rasheed Butt on Friday said coronavirus is sinking economies and hurting masses. The losses are surpassing projections, as the changing consumer behaviour has also become a threat to the economies worldwide. Majority of the people are now preferring savings and spending on essentials which is not enough to keep the economy moving on desired pace, he said, adding th.....[view more](#)

#### After three days, capital sees a slight increase in Covid-19 cases

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: After three days of low incidence, the capital saw a slight increase in the number of Covid-19 cases with 271 people testing positive. Officials said on June 23 as many as 307 positive cases had emerged followed by 264 on June 24 and 227 on June 25. With the new cases, the tally of confirmed patients reached 11,981 with 5,332 being active. The death toll increased to 120 as one more patient died on Friday. The deceased in.....[view more](#)

### **LIVE: Pakistan's Covid-19 cases reach 201,420 with 4,099 deaths**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

FAISALABAD/ ISLAMABAD/ KARACHI/ PESHAWAR/ QUETTA/ MUZAFFARABAD: The novel coronavirus emerged in the central China city of Wuhan towards the end of last year and proliferated to almost the whole world within a couple of months. It's not the virulence or fatality, but the infectivity of the new virus – also known as SARS-CoV-2 – that has set off a global frenzy. The Covid-19 respiratory illness caused by this mysterious con.....[view more](#)

### **NCOC projects 25pc decline in infections by 30th**

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar Friday said taking precautionary measures is the only way to contain COVID-19 spread. He warned that otherwise, the situation will deteriorate. Asad Umar stated this while addressing media persons along with Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shibli Faraz. He said that smart lockdown is being carried out in the areas where spread of COVID-19 is increasing. He said doc.....[view more](#)

### **SC releases detailed verdict on suo moto action on Covid-19 control**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court yesterday issued detailed decision on its sue moto action regarding combating the Covid-19 pandemic. The apex court bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Gulzar Ahmed, Justice Faisal Arab, Justice Ijaz ul Ahsan, Justice Munib Akhtar and Justice Qazi Muhammad Amin Ahmed Following is the text of the decision: ORDER Gulzar Ahmed, CJ.- We have heard the learned Attorney General for Pakistan, Acting Adv.....[view more](#)

### **Ready to reopen Kartarpur, Pakistan tells India**

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Saturday said it was ready to reopen Kartarpur Corridor from Monday (tomorrow) and invited India for a discussion on protocols for the safe visit of pilgrims during the Covid-19 pandemic. Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi tweeted: "As places of worship open up across the world, Pakistan prepares to reopen the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for all Sikh pilgrims, conveying to the Indian side our readiness to reopen the .....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19 cases in country cross 200,000 mark**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD: While Pakistan's tally of the novel coronavirus cases crossed the 200,000 mark on Saturday, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) did brainstorming to find reasons for a sudden decline in the number of daily tests and new cases during the past one week. The country reported 3,709 cases and 94 deaths over the past 24 hours, taking the national tally of cases to 201,414 and fatalities to 4,098. The NCOC meeting, which .....[view more](#)

### **Lockdown areas exempted from loadshedding**

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD: The areas across the country that have been put under smart lockdown to check the spread of the new coronavirus have been exempted from loadshedding. The power division has instructed all distribution companies

that no loadshedding will be allowed in all the areas where smart lockdown has been imposed even if feeders there are in high losses. According to a press release issued here on Saturday, the decision has been made to ensure r.....[view more](#)

### **LIVE: PM Imran prides team on helping him navigate country through Covid-19 crisis as tally reaches 202,955**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

FAISALABAD/ ISLAMABAD/ KARACHI/ PESHAWAR/ QUETTA/ MUZAFFARABAD: The novel coronavirus emerged in the central China city of Wuhan towards the end of last year and proliferated to almost the whole world within a couple of months. It's not the virulence or fatality, but the infectivity of the new virus – also known as SARS-CoV-2 – that has set off a global frenzy. The Covid-19 respiratory illness caused by this mysterious con.....[view more](#)

### **Nationwide Covid tally tops 200,000**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD: With the emergence of nearly 4,000 new cases, the nationwide tally of Covid-19 patients topped 200,000 on Saturday, while 44% of them fully recovered, four months after the country recorded its first case on February 26 this year. As of Saturday night, the tally stood at 201,420 with 72,880 cases in Punjab, 78,267 in Sindh, 25,380 in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, 10,261 in Balochistan, 1,423 in Gilgit-Baltistan, 12,206 in Islamabad and 1,0.....[view more](#)

### **Coronavirus claims one more life in capital**

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2020-06-28

Rawalpindi : The disease caused by 2019 novel coronavirus, COVID-19 claimed life of only one confirmed patient in last 24 hours here in Islamabad Capital Territory taking death toll from federal capital to 120 while no death due to the disease was reported from Rawalpindi district. It is important that in last four days, only one patient died of coronavirus illness in the district from where as many as 242 patients have already lost their li.....[view more](#)

### **Capital admin decides to lift lockdown in two sub-sectors of G-9**

Source: [Munawer Azeem | Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: The capital administration has decided to lift the lockdown put in place in the two sub-sectors of G-9 and is waiting for approval from the healthcare authorities. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Islamabad Mohammad Hamza Shafqaat confirmed to Dawn that a decision was taken to lift the lockdown from G-9/2 and G-9/3 and a notification was being issued. These sub-sectors were locked down on June 13 after which the ratio of the sprea.....[view more](#)

### **6,529 Covid-19 patients recover in Islamabad**

Source: [Fazal Sher, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD: A total of 6,529 Covid-19 patients have recovered so far in the federal capital, taking the recovery rate in the city to 54 percent, official data revealed on Saturday. According to official data, out of total 12,206 reported confirmed cases, 6,529 have completely recovered, and 120 have lost their lives in the fight against the coronavirus. The improvement in the Covid-19 recovery rate is indicative of the fact that more tha.....[view more](#)

### **Nationwide infections near 200,000 as testing demand drops**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD/LAHORE - The National Command and Control Centre (NCOCC) has observed a slight decline in the number of symptomatic and suspected Covid-19 patients in the country. The forum was informed by the provinces that the demand for testing of coronavirus had decreased and the home isolation was being preferred by the suspected patients. The meeting held at NCOCC reviewed COVID-19 testing, smart lockdown, enforcement of health guidelines and .....[view more](#)

### **'Made in Pakistan' ventilators ready for delivery: Fawad**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Science and Technology Fawad Chaudhry on Sunday said that the first batch of ventilators manufactured in Pakistan would be delivered to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in coming week. In a video statement, he said that Pakistan has joined the ranks of those few countries which are producing their own ventilators. "The ventilator is a complicated machine and not a lot of countries in th.....[view more](#)

### **2 sectors de-sealed**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

Islamabad : The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Sunday announced de-sealing of two sub-sectors of the G-9 after imposing smart lock-down in the areas for five weeks to control the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) spread. The administration has decided to de-seal the residential areas of the sub sectors G-9/2 and G-9/3 immediately, while the commercial areas will be de-sealed from today (Monday). The notification issued by the IC.....[view more](#)

### **Imran praises team for help in Covid-19 crisis**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

ISLAMABAD: Just a day after the national tally of coronavirus cases crossed the 200,000 mark, Prime Minister Imran Khan praised his team for helping him navigate the country through the Covid-19 crisis and expressed the hope that the worst of the crisis would be over if the masses took all the precautionary measures. Over the past 24 hours, the country reported 56 deaths and 4,233 new Covid-19 cases, bringing the national tally of cases to 205,64.....[view more](#)

### **Students face difficulties adjusting to online system**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

Islamabad : Students from various academic levels are facing difficulties to adjust with the online education system launched by a number of educational institutions since the prevailing Coronavirus lockdown situation across the country to continue their curricular activities. Educational institutes have started practicing online learning system in a full-fledged manner to bring back students to their regular studies as the evolving coron.....[view more](#)

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### **Punjab plans housing project for low-income families**

Source: [Amin Ahmed, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

ISLAMABAD: The Punjab government has proposed to set up an 'affordable housing project' and sought support from the World Bank to develop a comprehensive provincial housing policy and strategy aimed at improving access to housing for low-income groups. The bank will evaluate the project once the Covid-19 pandemic is controlled and the situation becomes normal. The cost of the project has been estimated at \$350 million, while the Inte.....[view more](#)

### **Pandemic promotes online shopping trend in capital**

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

Islamabad : The trend of shopping was changing in federal capital due to COVID-19 pandemic and people have started buying essential commodities through online sites. A local online company owner said the coronavirus pandemic has changed the pattern of shopping across the globe including Pakistan and people have started shifting from traditional shopping method to online shopping system. The online shopping was new trend among the.....[view more](#)

### **7,288 violations of Covid SOPs in last 24 hours**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

ISLAMABAD: Authorities sealed 1,070 shops and fined 1,234 motorists across the country in the last 24 hours for violating coronavirus standard operating procedures (SOPs), the National and Command and Operation Centre (NCO) said on Sunday as the countrywide tally of Covid-19 cases surpassed 205,000. Giving details, the NCO said there were 3,252 violations in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. The authorities in the province sealed 178 shops and fined 105 mo.....[view more](#)

### **Confirmed coronavirus cases in Pakistan reach 206,512**

Source: [Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

3557 new coronavirus cases have surfaced in the country over the last twenty-four hours, taking the total tally to 206,512. These include 74778 in Punjab, 80446 in Sindh, 25778 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 10376 in Balochistan, 12643 in Islamabad, 1442 in Gilgit-Baltistan and 1049 in Azad Kashmir. The death toll from the virus stands at 4167 with 49 deaths reported over the last twenty-four hours. 23,009 corona tests were carried out during this.....[view more](#)

### **Not a single case reported from twin cities' shelter homes so far**

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

ISLAMABAD - The inclusive steps taken by 'Panahgahs' (shelter homes) management have started yielding positive results as not a single case of the coronavirus has been reported from such crowded places so far, mainly due to massive sensitization of its dwellers about key preventive measures such as wearing of masks, hand-washing and social distancing. "Since the start of pandemic in Pakistan, a proactive approach has been a.....[view more](#)

### **PM takes pride in his team for smart lockdown option**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday took pride in his team for being amongst the first to enforce smart lockdowns in the country to control the spread of Covid-19. Sharing a Bloomberg opinion piece on smart lockdowns being the future of Europe, on Twitter, the premier said he was proud of his team for helping him navigate through the Covid-19 crisis in the country. He said that if Pakistan continued to follow standard operating .....[view more](#)

### **Parents worried about excessive use of digital gadgets by children**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

ISLAMABAD - The closure of schools and colleges have added to the miseries of parents as the excessive use of digital gadgets including smart phones, laptops and tablets among children during the COVID-19 pandemic period has raised serious concerns for them. Children are spending more time on screens for entertainment rather than studies. They watch animated movies, cartoon and play games on different gadgets which can become serious threat .....[view more](#)

### **Drop in Covid-19 patients' inflow at hospitals**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar has said that all the circumstantial evidence indicates a drop in patients' inflow at hospitals despite the recent increase in the number of Covid-19 tests across the country. But the positive development has enhanced the worries of the decision makers, as they feared that people might stop taking precautionary measures against the highly contagious vir.....[view more](#)

### **WHO accredits Pakistan's first independent drug testing laboratory in Islamabad**

Source: [iftikhar A. Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organisation has accredited Pakistan's first independent drug testing laboratory, heralding a surge in exports of pharmaceutical products from Pakistan. Located in Islamabad, the laboratory has been determined by the WHO to be operating at an acceptable level of compliance with its Good Practices for Pharmaceutical Quality Control Laboratories (GPPQCL). Most of the equipment for the laboratory was imported from.....[view more](#)

### **Campaign to identify coronavirus spread in capital's slum areas begins**

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: Capital authorities on Monday began a campaign to identify the spread of the coronavirus in high-risk slums and informal settlements in the capital. Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) Health Services Director General Dr Hasan Orooj told Dawn that surveys carried out under the Trace, Test and Quarantine (TTQ) policy only cover upscale localities of the capital and do not include Islamabad residents who live in slums. "Ther.....[view more](#)

### **Graph of positive cases goes up in capital**

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The tally of confirmed cases in the capital rose to 12,643 on Sunday. Officials said that on Sunday 189 positive cases had been reported. However, on Monday, the city saw an increase again, as 248 more people were found infected. Likewise, five Covid-19 patients passed away on Sunday and one on Monday taking the tally to 128.

In the last six days, the daily count of positive cases remained under 271. Majority of the cases in the las.....[view more](#)

### **District admin weighing options to contain spread of virus during Eid**

Source: [Virginie Mangin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The capital administration and departments concerned are working on a number of proposals to avoid the increase of Covid-19 cases during Eidul Azha preparations and celebration. Officials of the capital administration said since the outbreak of the disease till Eidul Fitr on May 24, as many as 1,529 cases with 16 deaths had been reported in the capital. The count of per day cases remained under 140 before Eid. But a few days before E.....[view more](#)

### **Lockdown: opportunity for migratory birds to visit Margalla Hills**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

Islamabad: The hikers at various developed trails in the capital city are going through new experiences—some joyful and others somewhat dangerous—due to increased physical presence of unique birds species and wild animals that made a remarkable return to thick vegetative cover in the Margalla Hills after stoppage of human activities for quite some time. When Covid-19 pandemic surfaced in Pakistan, the city observed lockdown and.....[view more](#)

### **Violation of SOPs on rise amid pandemic**

Source: [Ibne Ahmad](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

Islamabad: Complaints are pouring in from different areas of the city that maximum people are openly flouting norms regarding wearing of masks in public places. At several locations people are seen not wearing masks at all. It was also found that people having masks are not using it properly. “The Coronavirus Pandemic doesn’t seem to have altered much. Visitors going to market to pick up daily essentials such as fruits and vege.....[view more](#)

### **Drive for corona tracing in high-risk slums**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

Islamabad: The Directorate of Health Services of the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad has launched a campaign in the slums of capital city in order to assess the prevalence of coronavirus in poor and high-risk population areas. The campaign was launched at 48 Quarters G-7/3 Masjid Taqweetul Islam near CDA Aamm Saraey. According to MCI DG (Health Services) Dr. Hasan Orooj, this is all the more important since other areas have been covere.....[view more](#)

### **‘Coronavirus damages all economic sectors’**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

Islamabad: President Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum and FPCCI’s Businessmen Panel Sr. Vice Chairman, Mian Zahid Hussain on Monday said continued economic downfall since two years and virus has damaged all the sectors of the economy including commercial importers who are expecting some kind of relief. Imports have been made difficult for the businessmen which is resulting in a shortage of raw material for pharma, textile.....[view more](#)

### **Infodemic amidst pandemic**

Source: [Mutaher Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

THE accelerating number of Covid-19 cases has turned the world upside down. From knowing a guy who knows someone with the virus to it penetrating our close friends and family circle, the situation has become eerily similar to an apocalyptic movie. The government has tried to take a proactive role when it comes to providing details about the number of cases, deaths and geographical breakdowns. It also quickly set up covid.gov.pk and built an app to.....[view more](#)

### **Nationwide tally of coronavirus crosses 208,000**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

The nationwide coronavirus tally jumped to 208,373 on Monday, with 74,778 cases reported in Punjab, 81,955 in Sindh, 26,115 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 10,376 in Balochistan, 1,2643 in Islamabad, 1,442 in Gilgit Baltistan and 1,065 in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The death toll from the virus stands at 4,254, with 95,407 patients recovered from the virus so far. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Monday reported 337 new Covid-19 cases, taking the tally to 26,115.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19 redefines frontline workforce**

Source: [Naveed Ahmad Khan](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

Frontline workers are considered to be the first impression of any organization, to their potential customers. One could say this because frontline workers are the initial point of contact of any organization to their respective customers. The current pandemic has indeed clarified the positioning of frontline workers for every organization across all industries. Decision-makers are now focused on empowering their frontline workers. According to H.....[view more](#)

### **Confirmed coronavirus cases in Pakistan soar to 209,337**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

2846 new coronavirus cases have surfaced in the country over the last twenty-four hours, taking the total tally to 209,337. These include 75501 in Punjab, 81985 in Sindh, 26115 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 10426 in Balochistan, 12775 in Islamabad, 1470 in Gilgit-Baltistan and 1065 in Azad Kashmir. The death toll from the virus stands at 4304 with 118 deaths reported over the last twenty-four hours. 20,930 corona tests were carried out during thi.....[view more](#)

### **Number of COVID-19 cases surge in capital**

Source: [Rahul Basharat](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD - The number of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the capital on Monday surged again to 248 after facing a decrease, however, the health officials said that the recent increase is due to a backlog of tests. As per the National Command Operation Center (NCOC) data, 248 cases have been reported in the city with five more deaths. The cases recently dropped to 189 with only two deaths previously, however, 59 cases have been reporte.....[view more](#)

### **ICTA promotes online sale of sacrificial animals**

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Capital Territory Administration (ICTA) is promoting animal sacrifices through mobile apps and online portals so that citizens may stay safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. "We are encouraging such platforms, as it would not only allow people to offer their sacrifices while staying at home, but eventually would be helpful for containing further spread of the coronavirus," said Deputy Commissioner Hamza Shafqaat .....[view more](#)

### Framework needed to help women on frontlines

Source: [news Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

Amidst the global novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic which has infected over 205,000 people and caused 4,167 associated deaths in the country, the government has tried to accommodate several sectors. But there is still a need to develop a new framework for women who are fighting on the frontlines against the virus. This was stated by participants of a webinar on "Covid-19 chronicles: women's perspective". The webinar had been.....[view more](#)

### Pakistan's total Covid-19 cases reach 208,021 with 95,407 recoveries

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The nationwide tally of Covid-19 positive cases has reached 208,021 with 4,241 deaths and 95,407 recoveries, authorities said on Monday. According to the latest data on Covid-19 released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) and the provincial governments, the country during past 24 hours recorded 3,257 cases, and 97 deaths. According to the figures, Sindh reported 1,509 cases, Punjab 576, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa 398, Isl.....[view more](#)

## Khabar Pakhtunkhwa

### Lockdown in six more localities in Haripur

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

HARIPUR: The district administration on Friday imposed smart lockdown in six different localities of the city following a sudden rise in corona positive cases. According to a notification issued from the office of Deputy Commissioner Haripur, the street No 5 of TIP housing society have reported 16 new cases while Muhallah Darband Sector No 4 in Khalabat Township and muhallah opposite Khalabat Township Police Station recorded 22 new cases.....[view more](#)

### Eight more test corona positive in Mardan

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

MARDAN: Another eight people tested positive for coronavirus in the district, taking the number of patients to 1,029. So far, 53 people have died in Mardan, according to the statistics issued by deputy commissioner's office on Friday. Meanwhile, the district administration on Friday checked 551 shops and imposed Rs49,500 fine on shopkeepers. Nine persons were also arrested over violation of the anti-coronavirus SOPs from different localiti.....[view more](#)

### Eight hospitals handed over to NGOs

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa health department has outsourced eight hospitals, including six in newly-merged tribal districts and two in Chitral, to nongovernmental organisations for three years to improve their performance for better patient care. Agreements for the purpose were signed at the offices of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Foundation here on Friday. The hospitals, all Type D ones, are located in Toikhula and Mola Khan Srail Saroka.....[view more](#)

### Smart lockdown imposed in Haripur areas as virus cases rise

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

HARIPUR: The district administration here on Friday imposed smart lockdown in six city areas following a sudden rise in coronavirus cases. Official sources told mediapersons here that smart lockdown had now been implemented in at least 10 areas. According to a notification issued from the office of deputy commissioner, Haripur, 16 new cases have been reported from Street No 5 of TIP Housing Society, 22 new cases from Mohallah Darband Sector No .....[view more](#)

### KP provided relief to all COVID-19 patients despite limited resources: CM

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

PESHAWAR - Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mahmood Khan Friday said the provincial government was taking all possible steps to give maximum relief to all COVID-19 affected segments of the society despite limited resources. Talking to a delegation of KP Bar Council who called on him here at CM house, said that each and every sector of the society has been affected by the Corona pandemic and the provincial government is fully cognizant of th.....[view more](#)

### KP hospitals, labs corona testing capacity being enhanced: CM advisor

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

Peshawar - Adviser to KP Chief Minister for Information Ajmal Wazir has said the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government is enhancing the capacity of the public sector hospitals to effectively handle the Covid-19 situation. He expressed these view while briefing media at the Civil Secretariat here yesterday. He said the number of high dependency beds would be increased to 1,644 by the end of July, while the intensive care unit beds in public sector ho.....[view more](#)

### 8 more test positive for corona in Mardan

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

Mardan - Another eight people tested positive for coronavirus in Mardan taking the number of patients suffering from the viral infection to 1,029, reveal the statistics issued by the deputy commissioner office here on Friday. So far, about 4,000 tests were conducted in the district in which the reports of 2867 people came back negative. A total of 553 people were allowed to go home from quarantine centres so far after clearance, while around.....[view more](#)

### Eight more fall victim to coronavirus in Swat, Nowshera

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

MINGORA/NOWSHERA: Five more died of coronavirus in Swat on Saturday. With the new casualties, the number of fatalities from coronavirus reached 91 in Swat district since the outbreak of fast-spreading Covid-19 viral disease in the country. Also, several more suspected patients reported positive for the coronavirus, raising the number of infected persons to 2486 in Swat district. The health department officials claimed that 1240 had been recovered.....[view more](#)

### 1,192 corona patients treated in Abbottabad

Source: [Syed Kosar Naqvi](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

ABBOTTABAD: An official of the Ayub Medical Teaching Institution (AMTI) said on Sunday that 68,740 patients were provided medical cover in out-patients departments (OPDs) and the accident and emergency department during Covid-19 pandemic. Dr Ahsan Aurangzeb, medical director of Ayub Medical Teaching Institution (AMTI), said that

treatment was also provided to 1,192 Covid-19 suspected patients in Ayub Teaching Hospital from March 19 to June 24. &.....[view more](#)

### **Livestock workers begin spraying animals in Orakzai**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

ORAKZAI: Livestock department has started spraying animals to contain coronavirus in Orakzai district, officials said. A total of nine teams have been constituted to spray cattle and the teams are deputed at entrance points to the district and cattle markets, Assistant Director Livestock Department Dr Khalid Younas told reporters. He said that all the staff have been handed sanitizers, masks and gloves and added that the general public should al.....[view more](#)

### **One more dies of corona in Mardan**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

MARDAN: Another victim died of coronavirus in Mardan district on Sunday, raising the total number of casualties to 54. Also, another 10 people have tested positive for coronavirus, taking the total number of confirmed patients to 1,063 in the district, according to the statistics issued by deputy commissioner office. So far, 563 patients have recovered from the disease in Mardan, while 405 suspected patients are under isolation at their homes. ....[view more](#)

### **Frontline healthcare workers : Bearing the brunt of the pandemic**

Source: [Umer Farooq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

PESHAWAR: With the rising number of Covid-19 cases across Pakistan, frontline healthcare workers are becoming more and more vulnerable to the potentially deadly virus. To ensure the safety of healthcare staffers, hospital administrations introduced strict protocols to contain the spread of the virus within their premises. To that end, the rule of allowing only one attendant per coronavirus positive patient was imposed in all healthcare faciliti.....[view more](#)

### **Barbers protest restrictions, raids**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

PESHAWAR: Owners of beauty salons and barbershops on Monday expressed serious concern over the administration's move towards smart lockdown in different areas, and demanded of the government to allow them to continue their business or compensate them for the financial losses. Holding banners and placards inscribed with their demands a group of barbers held a protest demonstration outside the Peshawar Press Club and demanded an end to the r.....[view more](#)

### **Plazas sealed over SOP violation**

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

PESHAWAR: The district administration on Monday sealed several shopping plazas over violation of SOPs issued by the provincial government to contain Covid-19 spread. According to a statement, the shopping plazas were sealed in Karkhano, Hayatabad, Jinnah Park Road and Warsak Road. The action was taken after it was witnessed that SOPs regarding avoiding gatherings on the premises of shops, restaurants and wearing of facemasks were violated. The.....[view more](#)

### **91pc coronavirus patients died in hospitals: report**

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

PESHAWAR: Ninety one per cent of the people dying of Covid-19 remained hospitalised and nine per cent lost their lives to the pandemic at their homes, according to a report It said that the disease infected most health workers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Those, who died of Covid-19, had 85 per cent comorbidities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa compared to 71 per cent recorded nationwide, it added. The report compiled by National Operation Centre of Ministry o.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19 death toll reaches 935**

Source: [Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

PESHAWAR: The Covid-19 death toll in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reached 935 as 13 more persons died of the pandemic on Monday. The province detected 337 new patients, raising the overall tally in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to 26,115, according to a report released by health department. It said that 278 people, who had previously been detected positive for the ailment, recovered that took the number of total healed patients from the pandemic in the province to .....[view more](#)

### **LRH unable to play due role in handling coronavirus pandemic**

Source: [Mushtaq Yusufzai, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

PESHAWAR: Being the oldest and the largest public sector hospital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) could not effectively play it's role to professionally handle the corona pandemic. "The LRH has the largest number of faculty, specialities as well as beds than any other public sector hospital in the province. The provincial government should carry out its audit and see what services it had provided during .....[view more](#)

### **Peshawar admin unseals 4 areas after cut in Covid-19 cases**

Source: [Bureau Report, The News, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar district administration has lifted the lockdown in four areas after reduction in coronavirious cases there while two more parts of the city were sealed after the spike in the cases. A notification issued by the district administration said that lockdown in Ashrafia Colony, University Town, Danishabad and Sector E/2 of the Phase-1 has been lifted. It said that reduction in coronavirus cases has been noted in these areas duri.....[view more](#)

### **Five more test positive for Covid-19 in Nowshera**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

NOWSHERA: Another five people tested positive for coronavirus, taking the number of Covid-19 patients to 735 in the district. Up to 22 people recovered from the contagious disease. A total of 423 patients have so far recovered from coronavirus in the district. Around 2520 corona tests were conducted in the district in which 1684 tested negative. Some 46 people died from coronavirus in Nowshera. ....[view more](#)

## Punjab

### 5 deaths, 320 new cases of COVID-19 in twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

Rawalpindi : Another five confirmed patients of the disease caused by 2019 novel coronavirus, COVID-19 lost their lives here in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in last 24 hours taking the death toll from the region to 361 while 320 new patients have been tested positive for the illness taking total number of confirmed patients so far reported from the region to 16916 on Friday. It is however important that in the last 24 hours, a.....[view more](#)

### 5 arrested on SOPs violation

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

Rawalpindi: Police on Friday rounded up five persons over violations of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) announced by Punjab government in wake of coronavirus pandemic. According to the police spokesman, Taxila Police during a course of action arrested five shopkeepers namely Imran Ahmed Khan, Hussain Jan, Abdullah, Imran and Abu Bakar on the violation including the closure of the shop and not following the set rules of the administration. ....[view more](#)

### 1,372 artists get Rs20,000 each

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

Lahore Arts Council Executive Director Saman Rai has said that Punjab the government's Artist Support Fund programme is running successfully. The government is providing full financial support to the artists across Punjab in the view of Covid-19. She said the strategy of Information and Culture Secretary Raja Jahangir Anwar for distributing the funds had proved effective. She stated that through the newly adopted method, artists could ge.....[view more](#)

### Eid-ul-Azha 2020: Cattle markets to be set up outside city limits in Punjab

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

LAHORE: Cattle markets would be established outside the city limits this year to contain the spread of coronavirus during the upcoming festival of Eid-ul-Azha and a committee headed by a provincial minister is tasked to oversee the matter. The supervisory committee would finalise the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the markets. It was also decided that cattle-owners and customers would be fined should there be a violation of the precaut.....[view more](#)

### Open-air jail for face mask violators in Daska

Source: [Abid Mehdi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

SIALKOT: The Daska local administration has established a unique tent sub-jail in the tennis ground at the Civil Rest House here. Daska Assistant Commissioner (AC) Asif Hussain Mehdi toldDawnthis temporary jail was established to punish those found not wearing face masks. Every violator will be brought to this jail for 24 hours as a punishment under Section 188 of PPC, while the jail is surrounded by the metal fence of the tennis ground. He said.....[view more](#)

### 'Sufficient beds, ventilators available for Covid patients in Punjab'

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

LAHORE: Mayo Hospital Chief Executive and Coronavirus Experts Advisory Group (CEAG) member Prof Dr Asad Aslam told a media briefing on Friday that Punjab's public and private hospitals had sufficient beds for Covid-19 critical and other patients. He said that the Punjab government has allocated 2,890 beds in both private and public hospitals in isolation wards, high dependency units (HDUS) and intensive care units (ICUs). Of them, 1,989 we.....[view more](#)

### **Rawalpindi's Narankari Bazaar, Bara Market next to be sealed**

Source: [Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

RAWALPINDI: The district administration is planning to seal the city's Narankari Bazaar and Bara Market after serious violations of the standard operating procedures (SOPs) were observed. A lockdown has already been enforced in 22 localities of the garrison city till June 30, but the district administration is now planning to seal more areas. Talking to Dawn, Additional Deputy Commissioner General Zaheer Jappa said the two main bazaars we.....[view more](#)

### **LIVE: Pakistan's Covid-19 cases reach 201,420 with 4,099 deaths**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

FAISALABAD/ ISLAMABAD/ KARACHI/ PESHAWAR/ QUETTA/ MUZAFFARABAD: The novel coronavirus emerged in the central China city of Wuhan towards the end of last year and proliferated to almost the whole world within a couple of months. It's not the virulence or fatality, but the infectivity of the new virus – also known as SARS-CoV-2 – that has set off a global frenzy. The Covid-19 respiratory illness caused by this mysterious con.....[view more](#)

### **Crackdown planned against oxygen hoarders**

Source: [Imran Asghar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi district administration has decided to take action against all such elements who are involved in creating an artificial shortage of oxygen cylinders in the city from Saturday (today). Sources in the district administration said that the health department teams have directed over 1,000 novel coronavirus (Covid-19) patients to observe self-isolation at their homes. With some of these patients experiencing moderate .....[view more](#)

### **Medics joining Covid fight face hardship**

Source: [Yousaf Abbasi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

LAHORE: The provincial authorities are trying to fill the gaps in treatment of coronavirus patients in government hospitals by recruiting medical professionals on the basis of daily wage. So far, 200 medical professionals, including 70 doctors, 70 nurses and 60 paramedics, have been recruited. According to the policy, a doctor's monthly pay is Rs150,000 lump sum, paramedics Rs40,000 and nurse Rs60,000. A seven-day rest is granted aft.....[view more](#)

### **27 more die in Punjab due to corona: toll now 1,629**

Source: [Iqtidar Gilani, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

LAHORE - As many as 27 more COVID-19 patients died in Punjab on Friday, taking death toll to 1,629. As many as 796 new cases of novel coronavirus were also reported from across the province, raising the number of COVID-19 patients to 71,987. So far 645 casualties have been confirmed from Lahore, 287 Rawalpindi, 162 Faisalabad, 114 Multan, 65 Gujranwala, 57 Sialkot, 44 Rahim Yar Khan, 34 Bahawalpur, 32 Gujrat, 25 Sargodha, 19 Sheikhpura, 17.....[view more](#)

### **COVID-19 death tally reaches 17 in Attock**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

ATTOCK - One person succumbed to novel coronavirus in Attock on Friday, health authorities confirmed. In Attock, a 75 years old man belonging to Samanvillage of Hazro succumbed to novel coronavirus in Combined Military Hospital

(CMH) Attock raising the death toll to 17. According to respective health authorities, the deceased was buried by corona task force of Rescue 1122 under COVID-19 protocol in the presence of police and other officials.....[view more](#)

### **Illegal plasma sale thrives in Lahore**

Source: [Imran Adnan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

LAHORE: Following a surge in confirmed coronavirus cases and a significant increase in the number of patients recovering, a black market of blood plasma has emerged across the country, particularly in the provincial capital. People are selling blood plasma of the patients who have recovered from coronavirus for tens of thousands of rupees, The Express Tribune learnt on Saturday. The blood plasma or convalescent plasma is currently being tr.....[view more](#)

### **1122, RWMC conducts joint disinfection operation**

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-28

Rawalpindi: Punjab Emergency Rescue Service 1122 and Rawalpindi Waste Management Company (RWMC) conducted a joint disinfection spray in different residential and commercial areas of the city here on Saturday. According to a spokesman, the squad of the Rescue 1122 and RWMC department conducted anti-coronavirus spray and mechanical sweeping with chlorinated water in the areas of Urdu Bazar, Barra Market, Tipu Road, Chamanzar and in adjacent reside.....[view more](#)

### **23 shops in Pindi sealed for violating SOPs**

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

RAWALPINDI: The district administration sealed 23 shops in different areas of Rawalpindi city and cantonment on Saturday and imposed Rs39,000 cumulative fine on shopkeepers for violating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) to prevent spread of coronavirus. Besides, Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Secretary Mehar Ghulam Abbas impounded 26 vehicles of public transport and imposed Rs42,000 fine on owners for violating SOPs. Commissioner re.....[view more](#)

### **PCR machine inaugurated at Allied Hospital**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-28

FAISALABAD: An automatic PCR machine has been inaugurated at Allied Hospital's Biosafety level-3 laboratory on Saturday. The machine will conduct 2,000 tests in 24 hours. Vice Chancellor Faisalabad Medical University Prof Dr Zafar Ali Chaudhry, Commissioner Ishrat Ali, Regional Police Officer (RPO) Raja Rifat Mukhtar, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Muhammad Ali and MPA Adil Pervez Gujjar inaugurated the lab. Medical Superintendent Allied Hospital.....[view more](#)

### **1,143 new cases of Covid-19 reported across Punjab**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

LAHORE: With 1,143 fresh cases across the province in the last 24 hours, Punjab has reported 72,880 coronavirus cases with 1,656 deaths so far. As per the government's Covid-19 portal, after 27 more deaths due to coronavirus, the total number of fatalities in the province has reached to 1,656. About 470,507 tests of coronavirus have so far been conducted across the province with 9,353 tests conducted during the last 24 hours. ....[view more](#)

### **15 held over violation of SOPs**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

RAWALPINDI - Police on Saturday apprehended 15 persons over violations of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), announced by the Punjab government in the wake of coronavirus pandemic. According to the police spokesman, Sadiqabad Police, during the crackdown, held five shopkeepers namely Nouman, Saddique, Dawood Khan, Muhammad Ishfaq and Ilyas for keeping their shops open behind scheduled time while arrested another four persons namely Nishat,.....[view more](#)

### **Minister directs setting up helpline for patients**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid directed the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department on Saturday to set up a helpline for the guidance of patients in the province. The minister gave these orders while chairing a very important meeting at the Committee Room of the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department. Special Secretary PSH Department Ajmal Bhatti gave a presentation to the minister on the setting up of the Sehat G.....[view more](#)

### **Punjab govt releases data of facilities being offered to patients**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

LAHORE - Punjab government has released the data and statistics of the treatment facilities being offered at all hospitals of the province on the directives of the Provincial Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid. As per the latest data released by the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department and the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, 7,464 beds, out of 8,958 reserved for the COVID-19 patients, are unoccupied at Punjab&rs.....[view more](#)

### **96-day long smart lockdown in city ends**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

LAHORE - The 96-day long partial/smart lockdown, imposed by the Punjab government in the city on March 24, ended on Saturday. Lahore Police, during these days, took all necessary measures to ensure strict implementation on the SOPs and compliance with the directions of the Punjab government to restrict the unnecessary movement of people in the city in the wake of dangers of the spread of COVID-19. Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police (O.....[view more](#)

### **27 more die in Punjab, taking toll to 1,656**

Source: [Iqtidar Gilani](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

LAHORE - As many as 27 more COVID-19 patients died in Punjab on Saturday, taking the death toll to 1,656. Similarly, as many as 1,143 new cases were also reported from across the province, raising the number of patients to 72, 880. So far 656 casualties have been confirmed in Lahore, 288 Rawalpindi, 163 Faisalabad, 116 Multan, 65 Gujranwala, 59 Sialkot, 47 Rahim Yar Khan, 34 Bahawalpur, 32 Gujrat, 25 Sargodha, 20 Sheikhpura, 17 each from D.....[view more](#)

### **Safety kits distributed among 48 special persons**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

MUZAFFARGARH - Safety kits were distributed among 48 disabled persons for their better healthcare in collaboration with Handicap International on Saturday. In this connection, a ceremony was held at the social welfare office, Kot

Addu to disburse the kits among the special persons so that they could enhance their immunity and thus protect themselves from the coronavirus. The kits distributed included sanitizers, facemasks and other basic items. S.....[view more](#)

### **Automatic PCR machine becomes operational at Allied Hospital**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

FAISALABAD - An automatic PCR machine, having the capacity of conducting 2,000 tests in 24 hours, has been unveiled at Allied Hospital's Biosafety Level-3 Lab. Divisional Commissioner Ishrat Ali, RPO Raja Rifat Mukhtar, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali, MPA Adil Pervez Gujjar and Vice Chancellor Faisalabad Medical University Professor Dr Zafar Ali Chaudhry inaugurated the machine on Saturday. Medical Superintendent Allied Hospital Dr Khurram.....[view more](#)

### **Coronavirus claims another city manager's life**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD - The coronavirus claimed life of another city manager on Saturday as the Director Labour Relations of the Capital Development Authority Roshan Khan died after getting infected with the virus. Earlier, two directors of environment wing of the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) Muhammad Irshad and Rizwan Shamshad also died due to Covid-19 while a large number of officers and staff members are also infec.....[view more](#)

### **Police demand recognition as frontline soldiers in fight against virus**

Source: [Arshad Dogar](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

LAHORE: Punjab Police senior officers have termed the fight against Covid-19 Guerilla War due to its high risk and demanded acknowledgement of their role in the fight as frontline soldiers. Talking to The News regarding role of policemen in fight against the pandemic, they said the visible enemy even larger in strength was less dangerous than the coveted enemy. The frightening element of suicide attacks has always been higher as compared t.....[view more](#)

### **3 more die of COVID-19**

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

Rawalpindi : Another three confirmed patients of coronavirus illness, COVID-19 lost their lives here in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in last 24 hours taking death toll from the region to 365 while confirmation of another 246 patients positive for the illness in the twin cities has taken total number of confirmed patients so far reported from the region to 17,505 on Sunday. A 79-year old patient belonging to Cantonment Board.....[view more](#)

### **Eight more coronavirus hotspots sealed in Rawalpindi**

Source: [Khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

Rawalpindi : The local administration has declared eight more localities of Rawalpindi city 'hotspots' of coronavirus. The local management sealed all of these densely populated localities here on Sunday. The local administration has issued a notification to seal Khayaban-e-Sir Syed, Dhoke Ali Akbar, Takhat Pari, Morgha, Kotha Kalan, Barra Market, Narnkari Bazaar and Gulzar-e-Quaid. The lockdown will remain in effect for the next ten.....[view more](#)

### **1,322 virus cases, 17 more deaths reported in Punjab**

Source: [Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

LAHORE: The Punjab primary and secondary healthcare department has stated that 1,322 new coronavirus cases have been reported from across Punjab, including 924 in Lahore alone. The total number of coronavirus positive patients has reached 74,202 in the province. According to the data released by the department on Sunday, 17 more patients died from coronavirus taking the total death toll in the province to 1,673. Among others, as many as 66 cases.....[view more](#)

### **SSC (Part II), 2020; Punjab Higher Education Dept to start process of making answer books**

Source: [Hassan Abbas, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

LAHORE: Punjab Higher Education Department has announced to start process of making of answer books of Secondary School Certificate (Part II), 2020 from Monday in all the nine boards of Punjab subject to the strict adoption of following Standard Operating Procedures duly approved by Technical Working Group of Primary and Secondary Health Care Department to prevent Covid-19. According to the copy of minutes of the meeting available with Busin.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19 threat not over yet: Chaudhry Sarwar**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

LAHORE: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar has said that the opposition parties wanted to call an anti-government APC to fulfill their aspirations. He was talking to delegations led by PTI MPA Syed Yawar Abbas Shah, Pak-Portugal Association President Mahboob Ahmed, Chaudhry Ghulam Ghous of Tehreek-e-Kashmir Europe and others at Governor House here Sunday. The governor assured the delegation of taking up the issue of restoration of Portugue.....[view more](#)

### **2,121 shops, 48 industrial units sealed for violation of corona SOPs**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

FAISALABAD: As many as 2,121 shops and 48 industrial units were sealed while 7,762 vehicles were impounded for violation of corona smart lockdown SOPs during the last 24 days in the district. Similarly, Rs 8.2 million fine was imposed on the shopkeepers for non-compliance of eth SOPs while challans to 32,492 vehicles were also issued to the vehicles. It was said by Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali in a meeting held to review the matters re.....[view more](#)

### **Doctors, paramedics remain firm in the face of adversities**

Source: [Muhammad Fateh Farooq, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

LAHORE - Being entombed in PPE suits for six hours is hard, fighting the fear of contracting COVID-19 tougher and not meeting children, spouses or parents for weeks the toughest. But that is what doctors have signed up for and that is what they do, say the doughty doctors and nurses at the hospitals. The days of paramedics spin around the COVID-19 patients and a life around their families and the twain never meets. That is the maxim for the .....[view more](#)

### **Smart lockdowns key to contain virus: Asim Bajwa**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

LAHORE - Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Information and Broadcasting Asim Saleem Bajwa on Sunday said that balancing life and livelihood has been prime focus since start of the coronavirus disease spread. In a tweet on Sunday, he said key to fighting this pandemic has been to contain disease through smart lockdowns and adherence

to SOPs. He said our nation adapted and showed remarkable improvement in wearing masks and observing .....[view more](#)

### **Number of cases swell to 338 in Mianwali**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

MIANWALI - The number of coronavirus cases rose to 338 in the district on Sunday while screening and sampling of suspected patients was in progress, said Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the health department Dr Kashif Ali Shah. Talking to the media here, Shah said that a total of 17 people had died of coronavirus in the district so far while 112 people had recovered and returned to their homes. The CEO Health said that out of 209 confirmed.....[view more](#)

### **CM defends PM's COVID strategy, slams opposition for doing negative politics**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

LAHORE - While defending Prime Minister Imran Khan's strategy to combat COVID-19, Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar Sunday slammed the opposition parties for what he called doing negative politics over a national issue. "The opposition parties are moving forward with their corruption saving agenda. Those elements found involved in weakening the foundations of the country will have to account for their misdeeds", he s.....[view more](#)

### **Pak not immune to economic shock caused by COVID-19, exports thumped hard**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

Lahore-The World Bank has said that Pakistan is not immune to the economic shock caused by the coronavirus and its exports have been hit hard, as the country recorded \$1.39 billion in merchandise exports in May 2020, showing 34 per cent drop with respect to the same period in 2019. The World Bank Senior Economist Gonzalo Varela, in an online interaction session with the members of APBF, observed that every crisis presents an opportunity, whe.....[view more](#)

### **36 PSVs impounded over violation of SOPs**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

Rawalpindi - Regional Transport Authority (RTA) has impounded 36 public service vehicles and issued challan slips to 41 transporters over violation and non-implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) and social distancing in the wake of coronavirus pandemic. According to Secretary RTA Mehr Ghulam Abbas, fines amounting to Rs 42,000 were imposed on the violators. He said that RTA authorities along with district police on the direc.....[view more](#)

### **Eight localities in Rawalpindi go into lockdown today**

Source: [Mohammad Asghar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

RAWALPINDI: Eight localities that have been deemed hotspots for the coronavirus will be placed under lockdown today (Tuesday). These localities are Narankari Bazaar, Bara Market, Khayaban-i-Sir Syed, Gulzar-i-Quaid, Dhoke Ali Akbar, Kotha Kalan, Morgah and Takhtpari. Markazi Anjuman Tajran Rawalpindi President Malik Shahid Ghafoor Paracha told Dawn on Monday that although the closure of their businesses has caused financial difficulties for tra.....[view more](#)

### **5 die of COVID-19 in ICT**

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

Rawalpindi:Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed another five lives in last 24 hours here in Islamabad Capital Territory taking death toll from federal capital to 127 however no death was reported in last 24 hours from Rawalpindi district. In last six days, only two patients died of COVID-19 in the district from where a total of 243 patients have already died of the disease. It is worth mentioning here that the number of patients bein.....[view more](#)

### **Police directed to ensure implementation of virus SOPs**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

LAHORE:Punjab IGP Shoaib Dastgir has asked the officers and officials to ensure implementation of instructions and precautionary measures issued by the Punjab government with respect to smart lockdown. He said the areas which have been sealed by the government, field officers should personally supervise the observance of precautions in these areas and special focus should be kept on implementation of SOPs so that precious lives of citizens may be.....[view more](#)

### **'No pharmacy, manufacturer involved in sale of used masks'**

Source: [Jawwad Rizvi, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

LAHORE :No pharmacy or manufactures are selling used masks while a video of a seller selling used mask that went viral had no relation with the registered producers and sellers of surgical, N-95, or other masks. However, if some roadside vendors are doing such act of selling used mask then the pharmacists and producers of the masks are not responsible for it, said former general secretary Pakistan Pharmacists Association (PPA) Salman whil.....[view more](#)

### **Punjab IG orders subordinates to get SOPs implemented to check COVID-19 spread**

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

Inspector General of Police Punjab Shoaib Dastgir said that in order to reduce spread of corona, officers and officials in all over the districts should perform their duties with more commitment, spirit, and diligence and also ensure implementation of instructions and precautionary measures issued by Punjab government with respect to smart lockdown. He further said that the areas which have been sealed by the government, field officers should pe.....[view more](#)

### **Corona cases dropped by 5pcin lockdown areas in Faisalabad**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

FAISALABAD: A meeting was held to review the results of smart lockdown in various parts of the district.The meeting was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali while all the assistant commissioners and Health Department officials also participated in the moot. The meeting reviewed the effectiveness of ongoing smart lockdown which started from June 17and some of the suggestions made by the participants regarding further increasing or reducing.....[view more](#)

### **Separate outdoors for COVID-19 patients set up at govt hospitals**

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid chaired a high level meeting to review the facilities in the outdoor of hospitals, status of COVID-19 patients and facilities on Monday at the Committee Room of the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department. The Minister took an update on the facilities in outdoors of

government hospitals, preparations and measures for the COVID-19 patients and strategy for future. The Minister said .....[view more](#)

### **8 more areas to be sealed in Pindi**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-30

RAWALPINDI - With the number of novel coronavirus cases rising in the city, the city district government has decided to seal eight more areas in the district to stop spread of coronavirus. In this regard, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rawalpindi Capt (R) AnwaarUIHaq had written a letter to Additional Chief Secretary (Home), government of Punjab, for imposition of section 144 (06) regarding smart lockdown in the areas of district Rawalpindi as hots.....[view more](#)

### **Coronavirus paves way for reforms in Pakistan**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-30

LAHORE: The World Bank has said that Pakistan is not immune to the economic shock caused by the coronavirus and its exports have been hit hard, as the country recorded \$1.39 billion in merchandise exports in May 2020, down 34% compared to the same period in 2019. World Bank Senior Economist Gonzalo Varela, in an online interactive session with members of the All Pakistan Business Forum (APBF), noted that “every crisis presents an opportun.....[view more](#)

### **Illegal cattle markets mushroom**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-30

RAWALPINDI: Several unofficial cattle markets have started to mushroom in the city and cantonment areas of Rawalpindi in recent days, in stark contrast to the directions issued by the district administration for limiting the sale of sacrificial animals to a few selected markets. The district administration had decided to set up 16 cattle markets in the city where strict precautionary guidelines against the spread of the novel coronavirus (Covid.....[view more](#)

### **Pharma sector registers growth amid Covid-19**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-30

LAHORE: While the Covid-19 pandemic has paralyzed the national economy, only food, pharmaceuticals and a few other services remained functional. The pharmaceutical sector registered growth and proved to be the only sector that helped the national economy during the pandemic. According to the Pakistan Economic Survey 2019-20, the pace of contraction diminished in the pharmaceutical sector. It registered 5.38 percent decline during July t.....[view more](#)

### **Smart lockdown helped in curtailing Covid-19 cases**

Source: [Muhammad Saleem](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2020-06-30

LAHORE: The number of fresh coronavirus-positive cases as well as deaths has started witnessing declining trend in Punjab, as 576 fresh cases and eight deaths were reported across the province in the last 24 hours. With above fresh cases, the total number of positive cases has reached to 74,778 while the number of total deaths has reached to 1,681 across the province till the filing of this report. Out of 576 confirmed positive cases, 496 ar.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19 cases declining;CM seeks plan to make OPDs, operation theatres functional**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

LAHORE: Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has directed the health department to submit a comprehensive plan to fully make functional OPDs and operation theatres and required steps should be taken within 10-days positively to facilitate the patients. While presiding over a meeting, here Monday, the CM directed the Health Minister to nominate focal persons for the complete operationalization of OPDs and operation theatres in every dist.....[view more](#)

### **Govt hospitals; Outdoor facilities available for corona patients: minister**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid chaired a high-level meeting to review the facilities in the outdoor of hospitals, status of Covid-19 patients and facilities here on Monday. The meeting was attended by Secretary Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department Barrister Nabeel Awan, Additional Secretary SHME Amir Ghazi, Vice Chancellor King Edward Medical University Professor Khalid Masood Gondal, Vice Chancellor Fatim.....[view more](#)

## **Sindh**

### **27 more perish due to COVID-19 in Sindh**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

As many as 27 more patients lost their lives due to COVID-19 in the province during last 24 hours, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Friday, adding that after the new deaths, the death toll due to the coronavirus infection had jumped to 1,205 in Sindh "We have lost 27 more people due to COVID-19 in the province during last 24 hours, of whom a majority of people died in Karachi. Now the death toll has jumped to 1,205 i.....[view more](#)

### **'Pandemic has brought marginalised communities to centre stage'**

Source: [Peerzada Salman](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

KARACHI: Three more eminent speakers shed light on 'Climate change, cities and violence in the time of Covid-19: perspectives from South Asia' on the second day of the workshop organised online by The Climate Change and Urban Violence Global Engagement Network (CCUVN) at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA). Dr Danesh Jayatilaka, chairman of the Centre for Migration Research and Development, Co.....[view more](#)

### **Senior PPP leader joins doctors' protest in Hyderabad**

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

HYDERABAD: The political storm stirred by Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari's challenge to the federal government, to name one healthcare facility it had built so far that could match those established by PPP, went up a notch when the party's provincial leader joined doctors' protest outside Red Crescent cardiology hospital on Friday. PPP Sindh information secretary Aajiz Dhamrah told media persons af.....[view more](#)

### **PMA urges CM to help stop violence against doctors**

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

HYDERABAD: Pakistan Medical Association has demanded Sindh chief minister and divisional and district administrations take necessary steps to prevent growing incidents of harassment and manhandling of doctors in Liaquat University Hospital (LUH). At a hurriedly-called meeting of the office-bearers of the association here on Friday,

president of its Hyderabad chapter Dr Agha Taj noted that a few days back heirs of a patient attacked doctors in in.....[view more](#)

### **Nurses at Covid-19 centres seek salary, regularisation of jobs**

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

UMERKOT: A large number of nurses, who were recently hired by Sindh government to combat Covid-19 pandemic, held demonstrations in several Thar towns on Friday, demanding regularisation of jobs, provision of risk allowance and salaries. More than 40 staff nurses who staged protests outside isolation centres in Umerkot, Samaro, Kunri, Pithoro and Shadi Palli towns told media persons that they did not want extension in the three-month contracts th.....[view more](#)

### **With fewer tests, Sindh sees 22% positive ratio**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

KARACHI: With 5,103 fresh tests carried out in Sindh, provincial chief minister Syed Murad Ali Shah reported 1,150 new coronavirus cases on Friday – a detection rate of 22 per cent. In a statement issued on the day, Shah drew attention to the high positive ratio, adding that it had to be controlled by following the guidelines issued by medical experts, the government and the World Health Organisation. According to the CM, 27 more pat.....[view more](#)

### **Karachiites continue to suffer power outages amid Covid-19 outbreak**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

KARACHI: Karachiites are continue to witnessing prolonged and unannounced power outages amid sizzling summer and Covid-19 outbreak, while K-Electric blamed the shortage of adequate fuel for this grim situation. Prolonged power cut, particularly in night hours, is prompting people [especially the residents of slum neighborhoods] to spend their nights on narrow streets of their respective areas. This practice could cause further spread of Covi.....[view more](#)

### **1,150 new cases of COVID-19 emerge, 27 die, says Murad**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that 1150 new cases of coronavirus have been detected by testing 5103 samples while 27 more patients lost their lives taking the death toll to 1205. In a statement issued here from the CM House, he said that 5103 tests were conducted which detected 1150 new cases that constituted 22 per cent detection rate. "This is one of the highest rate and we have to control it by followi.....[view more](#)

### **Journalist A.T. Nizami dies of Covid-19**

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

KARACHI Veteran journalist Abu Talib Nizami, better known as A.T. Nizami, passed away, his family and friends said on Saturday. He was 88. "He tested positive for Covid-19 a few days ago and was in self-isolation at home but his health deteriorated and he died on June 25," said his wife Nuzhat Nizami. He was buried at the Tariq Road graveyard off Shaheed-e-Millat Road. Mr Nizami worked for several newspapers at senior positions incl.....[view more](#)

### **38 coronavirus victims died overnight: Murad**

Source: [Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

KARACHI: As many as 1,949 new cases of coronavirus were detected when 11,901 samples were tested and 38 more patients lost their lives overnight taking the death toll to 1,243. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Saturday from CM House. He said that 11,901 tests, the highest in Pakistan, were conducted against which 1,949 new cases of coronavirus were detected constituting 22 per cent detect.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19: Life on the frontline**

Source: [Sheharyar Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

KARACHI: Sorry, he is no more. Dr Amna Zubia, 25, a house officer volunteering at a field isolation centre in Karachi, whispered the words. And yet, they rang loud for her and for the trembling man she was addressing. It took some time to sink in and then there was chaos, mayhem, cries. As the man broke down, right there in the intensive care unit ward, an attendant rushed in to make futile attempts at consoling him. Then silence, helples.....[view more](#)

### **'Cattle markets may worsen Covid-19 spread'**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

KARACHI: Cattle markets for the sale of sacrificial animals ahead of Eidul Azha will create the risk of rapid spread of the coronavirus, warned Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho. In a video statement issued on Saturday, the minister highlighted the likelihood of an increase in Covid-19 cases due to the absence of appropriate measures to contain the pandemic. "Cases will also rise as a result of greater interaction between pe.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19; 11901 samples tested in Sindh, 22pc found positive: CM**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

KARACHI: Out of 11901 tested samples, as many as 1949 new cases of Covid-19 were found positive while 38 more patients lost their lives lifting the death toll to 1243. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah told in a statement issued here from the CM House. The CM told that 11901 tests, the highest in Pakistan, were conducted against which 1949 new cases of corona were detected that constituted 22 percent detection rate. He added that .....[view more](#)

### **38 more lose battle against virus in Sindh, says CM Murad**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

KARACHI - As many as 1,949 new cases of the coronavirus were detected in Sindh during the last 24 hours while 38 more patients lost their lives, lifting the death toll to 1,243. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here from the CM House on Saturday. He further said that 11,901 tests, the highest in Pakistan, were conducted which led to the detection of 1,949 new cases of the virus, which sh.....[view more](#)

### **SHC seeks report regarding approval of funds for lawyers affected by pandemic**

Source: [Jamal Khurshid, The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

The Sindh High Court (SHC) has directed a provincial law officer to submit a report with regard to approval of the Sindh chief minister for providing relief funds to the lawyers affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown. The direction came on a petition of the Sindh Bar Council (SBC) and other lawyers seeking a direction to the federal and provincial governments to provide annual grant in aid and at least Rs70 million to the bar coun.....[view more](#)

### **COVID-19 claims 26 more lives, infects another 2,179: CM Murad Ali Shah**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-06-29

More 26 patients lost their lives due to COVID-19 in the province during the last 24 hours, taking the death toll to 1,269, said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday. He said the condition of 655 patients was critical, of whom 94 were on life support at various health facilities in the province. "We have lost 26 more lives due to COVID-19 in the province in the last 24 hours. There are 655 patients whose condition is critical.....[view more](#)

### **Police's citizens monitoring app making 'smart lockdown' in city more effective**

Source: [Imran Ayub, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

KARACHI: Authorities monitoring the "smart lockdown" in different areas of the city have come up with an innovative idea to check the movement of people in the neighbourhoods identified as "hotspots of coronavirus" through a newly-designed system of the Sindh police, which have spotted hundreds of individuals defying the defined rules in certain localities, it emerged on Sunday. Officials and residents of such areas said .....[view more](#)

### **26 more coronavirus patients died overnight, says CM**

Source: [Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday said that 2,179 patients of coronavirus were detected after testing 9,244 samples and 26 more patients lost their lives overnight lifting the death toll to 1,269. In a statement, he said that 9,244 tests were conducted which diagnosed 2,179 more cases constituting 23.5 per cent detection rate. The chief minister said that so far 435,393 tests were conducted which detected 80,446 patients tha.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19; LG Dept holds training workshop for female scouts**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

KARACHI: Local Government (LG) Department arranged a day-long training session for volunteers from Sindh girls Scouts on Covid-19 issues at the office of Sindh Boys Scouts Association on Sunday. Expert psychologists of LG PSS programme conducted detail session on basic Psycho Social Support Services for preparing volunteers to ensure the well-being of affected communities, and counter-acts the threats to public health and safety that fear, s.....[view more](#)

### **Covid-19; Death rate controlled in Sindh, claims CM**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

KARACHI: A total of 9,244 samples were tested in Sindh which confirmed 2179 positive cases while 26 more patients lost their lives during the last 24 hours, lifting the death toll to 1269 in the province, Sindh CM told. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah told in a statement that 2179 new cases out of 9244 tests constituted 23.5 percent detection rate. He added that so far 435393 tests have been conducted which detected 80446 patients c.....[view more](#)

### **26 more lose lives in Sindh, taking death toll to 1,269: CM Murad**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Sunday that 2,179 patients of the coronavirus had been reported from across the province during the last 24 hours, while 26 more patients lost their lives, lifting the death toll to 1,269. In a statement issued from the CM House, he said that 9,244 tests were conducted which helped detect 2,179 new cases of the virus that showed 23.5 percent detection rate. He added that so far 43.....[view more](#)

### **Alloy announces immediate availability of medical equipment**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

Karachi - Alloy- a venture under Student Taskforce against COVID-19 announced immediate availability of their e-marketplace, rapid and cost-effective access to medical equipment for healthcare facilities. "Pareshaani ke waqt dost, Corona ke waqt Alloy," said Faiza Urooj Alloy- a venture under student taskforce against COVID-19 Co-founder at. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the need for PPE and medical equipment has skyrocketed, cr.....[view more](#)

### **146 Sukkur jail inmates, staffers test positive for Covid-19**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

SUKKUR/HYDERABAD - Over 146 inmates and jail staffers on Sunday have tested positive for the novel coronavirus in Sukkur Central Jail. According to Sukkur Central Jail authorities, a total of 1600 tests were conducted, of which 146 tested positive for COVID-19. 93 people, out of 146 positive have recovered from the disease, said authorities. Those who recovered from novel coronavirus include 85 prisoners and eight jail staffers. 27 COVID-19.....[view more](#)

### **Nurses hired for Covid-19 patients not paid salary for three months**

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

HYDERABAD: Scores of contractual nurses, who had been specially hired to take care of Covid-19 patients at isolation centres, held a demonstration outside local press club on Monday, demanding the government pay them three-month salaries and regularise their jobs. The protesters' leaders Jehanzeb Ali Khan, Azad Hussain, Ms Sonia, Ms Sanam and others, who had organised the protest under the aegis of Covid Hired Nurses Forum, warned that the.....[view more](#)

### **Coronavirus hits new height by claiming 74 lives overnight: Murad**

Source: [Staff Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

KARACHI: Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah here on Monday said that the coronavirus had hit new heights by claiming 74 lives overnight, lifting the death toll to 1,343 while 1,539 new cases emerged when 8,464 samples tested positive for Covid-19. In a statement issued here from the CM House, he said: "This is the highest figure so far since the first death stemming from Covid-19 was reported on March 19." He said the death rate.....[view more](#)

### **Sindh plans to hire 2,200 doctors to fight Covid-19**

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

KARACHI: The Sindh government on Monday announced its plan to recruit 2,200 doctors in a move to bridge the widening gap emerging due to the growing number of coronavirus cases in the province after a larger number of health workers fell victim to Covid-19. The decision came during a meeting jointly chaired by Sindh Chief Secretary Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah and Health Minister Dr Azra Pechuho. A statement said the meeting was also attended by the secr.....[view more](#)

### **As COVID-19 kills 74 in a day, Sindh records highest death toll yet**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

Seventy-four more people — the highest in Sindh to date — have died due to COVID-19 and another 1,539 cases have been reported during the past 24 hours in the province, with the death toll due to the viral disease reaching

1,343. "Today is an unfortunate day for us," said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Monday. Majority of these deaths took place at .....[view more](#)

### **Annual WOW Festival goes online amid coronavirus pandemic**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the annual festival Women of the World (WOW)'s fourth edition is being held online, as the British Council in Pakistan continues its partnership with the WOW Foundation by participating in WOW Global 24. In a statement issued on Monday, the British Council says it believes that empowering women and girls and achieving gender equality is crucial to creating inclusive, open and prosperous societies. &.....[view more](#)

### **Post-pandemic real estate dynamics**

Source: [Muhammad Omer Dogar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

THE government needs to realise that its two primary goals, five million houses and 10m jobs, will remain just a dream unless the real estate sector does not revive. The global economy is projected to contract sharply by 3 per cent in 2020. The reform in the real estate industry presents a unique opportunity to revive economic growth. Covid-19's impact on the real estate sector varied as the demand for residential flats and small house.....[view more](#)

### **Sindh reports 74 deaths; highest one-day figures since pandemic began**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that the coronavirus has hit new highs by claiming 74 more lives during the last 24 hours, lifting the death toll to 1,343 while 1,539 new cases were also reported during the period under review. In a statement issued here from the CM House on Monday, Murad Shah said that 74 more patients died overnight. "These are the highest one-day casualty figures reported so far sinc.....[view more](#)

### **Health Dept to induct 2,200 doctors through SPSC**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

KARACHI - Services of 2,200 doctors would be hired through Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC) so as to address any shortage of personnel in different healthcare facilities across the province. This was decided here Monday in a meeting chaired by Sindh Health Minister, Dr Azra Pechuho along with Chief Secretary, Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah. It was further decided that Higher Education Commission of Pakistan would be urgently appra.....[view more](#)

### **Tally of COVID-19 affected policemen reaches 1,225**

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

KARACHI - With 80 new cases reported in last four days, around 1,225 personnel and officers of Sindh Police have been infected with coronavirus so far, informed a spokesman to Sindh Police on Monday. He said currently 894 officers and personnel were under treatment while 318 have returned to their homes after recovering from the disease. The spokesman added that 13 officials lost their battle against COVID-19, out of the.....[view more](#)

### **Nurses at dedicated centres for COVID-19 patients seek regularisation**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

KARACHI - Some 2,382 nurses deputed at COVID-19 management facilities including field hospitals, isolation centres, sample collection points, high dependency units scattered across the province have sought their immediate regularisation in the provincial health department. These trained personnel claiming to have qualified the required test conducted by Sindh Service Commission talking to reporters here Monday at Karachi Press.....[view more](#)

### **74 more die of Covid-19, 1,539 new cases reported: Murad**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that coronavirus has hit new highs by claiming 74 more lives lifting the death toll to 1343 while 1539 new cases emerged when 8464 samples were tested. In a statement issued here from the CM House, Shah said that overnight 74 more patients died lifting the death toll to 1343. "This is the highest figure so far since the first death stemming from Covid-19 was reported on March 1.....[view more](#)

## International News

### Countries News

#### **US, Europe battle fresh virus surges**

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

WASHINGTON: The United States and Europe battled a resurgence of coronavirus cases as warnings mounted worldwide on Friday over reopening lockdowns too soon. A major Australian city also faced a dangerous uptick in infections, leading to national steps against toilet paper hoarding, while the pandemic also continues to pummel Latin America. More than 480,000 people worldwide have died from Covid-19 since it emerged in China late last year and c.....[view more](#)

#### **India passes 500,000 coronavirus cases**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

NEW DELHI: India now has more than 500,000 confirmed coronavirus cases, according to government figures released on Saturday that showed a record daily leap of 18,500 new infections. Authorities said a total of 15,685 people had died after another 385 fatalities were added to the toll in 24 hours. The pandemic is not expected to peak in India for several more weeks and experts say the number of cases could pass one million before the end of Jul.....[view more](#)

#### **Top US virus expert warns of 'serious problem' as cases surge**

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

HOUSTON: America's top infectious diseases expert has warned the United States is facing a "serious problem" from a resurgent coronavirus as the illness puts the brakes on reopening two of the country's largest states. Texas and Florida closed bars and reimposed other curbs on Friday as the number of infections in the US hit a single-day record with increases in 16 states, mostly in the south and west. The contagion also.....[view more](#)

#### **Covid-19 cases hit 10m mark across the world**

Source: [Ap](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

ROME: Worldwide confirmed coronavirus infections hit the 10 million mark on Sunday as voters in Poland and France went to the polls for virus-delayed elections. US Vice President Mike Pence called off campaign events in Florida and Arizona after surges in infections prompted worries that America has lost control of its outbreak. New clusters of cases at a Swiss nightclub and in the central English city of Leicester showed that the virus was sti.....[view more](#)

#### **Poland holds presidential vote delayed by pandemic**

Source: [Ap](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

WARSAW: Poles voted in a presidential election on Sunday that was delayed by the coronavirus pandemic and was taking place amid deep cultural and political divisions in the European Union nation. President Andrzej Duda, a 48-year-old conservative backed by the nationalist ruling Law and Justice party, was running against 10 other candidates as he sought a second five-year term. Whether Duda wins or not will determine whether the ruling party kee.....[view more](#)

### **Widodo likely to reshuffle cabinet over Covid-19 response**

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-29

JAKARTA: Indonesian President Joko Widodo has told his cabinet he is ready to reshuffle ministers or even disband government agencies that he feels have not done enough to fight the coronavirus outbreak, according to his office. Widodo made the remarks in a cabinet meeting on June 18, the video of which was released by his office on Sunday. "I see that many of us are working as though things are normal. That's what's irritatin.....[view more](#)

### **Gilead to charge \$2,340 for Covid-19 treatment remdesivir**

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

New York: Gilead Sciences has said it will charge governments \$2,340 for a 5-day course of remdesivir, a drug that has been shown to shorten recovery times in Covid-19 patients, Financial Times reported. The US biotech group said government healthcare programmes in developed markets globally would be charged a flat fee of \$390 per vial for the drug. A five-day treatment uses six vials. Private insurers in the US would be charged a higher.....[view more](#)

### **Australia sees biggest daily rise in COVID-19 cases in two months**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

Australia's second most populous state said on Monday it is considering reimposing social distancing restrictions after the country reported its biggest one-day rise in new coronavirus infections in more than two months. While many states and territories have yet to report their latest numbers, Victoria said it has detected 75 cases in the past 24 hours – enough to make it Australia's biggest daily outbreak since April 11. The gro.....[view more](#)

### **British Pakistanis fearful after report links them with corona import**

Source: [Murtaza Ali Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

LONDON: Media reports in the right-wing The Telegraph, The Sun and the Daily Mail alleging Pakistan and British Pakistanis for the spread of coronavirus cases in the UK have put the lives of over 1.5 million Pakistanis in danger and there are fears of a spike in racist and Islamophobic attacks on them. The Pakistani community groups have called on the Public Health England (PHE) and British government to come clean on malicious allegation.....[view more](#)

### **Worst virus fears are realized in poor or war-torn countries**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

For months, experts have warned of a potential nightmare scenario: After overwhelming health systems in some of the world's wealthiest regions, the coronavirus gains a foothold in poor or war-torn countries ill-equipped to contain it and sweeps through the population. Now some of those fears are being realized. In southern Yemen, health workers are leaving their posts en masse because of a lack of protective equipment, and some hospitals are .....[view more](#)

### **Qatar to further ease coronavirus curbs as infections pass peak**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

Qatar aims to further ease coronavirus curbs from July 1, allowing the limited reopening of restaurants, beaches and parks, as infections have passed their peak and the rate was subsiding, authorities said. The nation of about 2.8 million people has the second highest tally of infections among the six Gulf Arab states, after much larger neighbour Saudi Arabia. It announced 750 new cases on Sunday, taking its total to 94,413, with 110 deaths. In a s.....[view more](#)

### **Governments backtracking as confirmed virus cases surge**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

Governments are stepping up testing and reimposing restrictions as newly confirmed coronavirus infections surge in many countries. India reported 20,000 on Monday, while the caseload in the US is growing by about 40,000 a day. The United States on Monday reported 38,800 newly confirmed infections, with the total surpassing 2.5 million, or about a quarter of the more than 10 million cases worldwide, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University..... [view more](#)

## **Donors News**

### **Over \$30bn needed to develop Covid-19 tests, treatments, vaccines, says WHO**

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

GENEVA: The World Health Organisation said on Friday that a global initiative to speed up the development and production of Covid-19 tests, vaccines and treatments will require more than \$30 billion over the next year. Providing details of the so-called ACT accelerator, launched in April and aimed at pooling international resources to combat the pandemic, WHO said “the costed plans presented today call for \$31.3 billion in funding”. ..... [view more](#)

### **Hyundai donates 3,000 protective suits to Pakistan to help fight Covid-19**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

LAHORE: The contribution is part of Hyundai’s commitment to support those in need in the region. All the equHyundai Motor Company is to donate medical equipment and personal protection items worth over USD \$2.4 million to countries across the Middle East and Africa in an effort to help tackle the Covid-19 pandemic. Pakistanis one of the 37 countries that will benefit with Hyundai contributing 3,000 protective suits worth USD \$ 66, 000, th..... [view more](#)

### **Chinese expertise can control Covid-19 in Pakistan: Doctors**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

ISLAMABAD - A Pakistani volunteer couple, who are doctors, has expressed solidarity with China against Covid-19 and hoped that the world’s community would take benefit of Chinese experience of controlling the deadly virus. “Diseases do not respect borders. We don’t care about WHY, WHO or WHERE; we only care about saving lives,” said Pakistani Hamad Abdul Zahir and Mauritian Sumayyah Hosany, a married couple wh..... [view more](#)

### **Worst of pandemic ‘yet to come’, warns WHO**

Source: [Agencies](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-30

GENEVA: Six months since the new coronavirus outbreak, the pandemic is still far from over, the World Health Organisation said on Monday, warning that “the worst is yet to come”. Reaching the half-year milestone just as the death toll surpassed 500,000 and the number of confirmed infections topped 10 million, the WHO said it was a moment to recommit to the fight to save lives. “Six months ago, none of us could have imagined ho..... [view more](#)

## SDPI Engagements

### Researchers Articles

#### **Agriculture in budget 2020-21**

Source: [Asif Javed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-27

The budget 2020-21 was released in the unprecedented circumstances when the coronavirus (COVID-19) spread has badly affected the economy. The slowdown of trading activities has resulted in the negative growth rate for the first time. According to the Economic Survey of Pakistan 2019-20, despite the overall negative growth, the agriculture sector grew by 2.67% in the current fiscal year. For the next year, the government has set the growth rate ta.....[view more](#)

#### **Budget & Health; Corona-virus Budget**

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

The federal budget has been announced and Rs 650 billion been allocated to the Federal Public sector development program for this fiscal year. Minister of the state for revenue announced Rs 20 Billion only for the Health sector in wake of COVID-19 pandemic. As compared to the budgetary allocation of the year 2019-20 only 1.132 Billion has been added to the health sector and the total figure Rs 14.508 Billion. This budget will cover 28 ongoing prog.....[view more](#)

#### **'Climate change is creating new forms of injustice'**

Source: [Peerzada Salman](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-27

KARACHI: The Climate Change and Urban Violence Global Engagement Network (CCUVN) at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) organised a three-day online workshop on 'Climate change, cities and violence in the time of Covid-19: perspectives from South Asia' from Wednesday evening. Dr Farhana Sultana of Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, USA, was the first speaker of the event. She talked about.....[view more](#)

#### **Consequences to surrender against oil mafia**

Source: [Hassan Murtaza Syed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-06-30

Balancing demand, supply and prices of all important commodities is the responsibility of relevant authorities. But the fuel prices are being changed with the approval of Head of the state. Due to some international affairs or issues between oil-producing countries and the reduced use of vehicles during the current pandemic, the demand for fuels decreased all over the world, which increased the supply. As the majority of people are facing a fina.....[view more](#)

## Webinars News

### **Dialogue 'Gender and climate change: Challenges for climate-induced migrants amid Covid-19'**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-27

Islamabad: Chairperson NA Standing Committee on Climate Change Munaza Hassan has said that the PTI's government is fully cognizant of the issues being faced by the climate change-induced migrant population. Ms Hasan said that a number of steps had been taken including 10 Billion Tree Tsunami that is providing employment opportunities including for the women even amidst Covid-19. The MNA was addressing an online dialogue "Gender and c.....[view more](#)

### **Syndicate chairpersons: Hiring retired bureaucrats, judges may weaken varsities' autonomy: speakers**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-06-28

ISLAMABAD: The draft 'Punjab Public Sector Universities Amendment Act 2020' undermines the autonomy of the universities by allowing the appointment of retired bureaucrats and judges as chairpersons of the syndicates of the universities depriving the vice chancellors and teachers of their right. This was the crux of a webinar on 'The Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions in Pakistan' organized by the Sustainable Development Po.....[view more](#)

### **Academia opposes appointment of ex-bureaucrats, judges as head of universities' syndicates**

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-06-30

ISLAMABAD: The draft Punjab Public-Sector Universities Amendment Act 2020 undermines the autonomy of the universities by allowing the appointment of retired bureaucrats and judges as chairpersons of the syndicates of the universities depriving the vice-chancellors and teachers of their right. This was stated by senior academicians including the vice-chancellors of various universities while addressing a webinar on "The Autonomy of H.....[view more](#)

## SDPI Press Release

### **Compromising the autonomy of Universities in Punjab may harm higher education**

Source: [SDPI](#), [SDPI Advocacy](#), 2020-06-27

ISLAMABAD (27th June 2020): The draft 'Punjab Public Sector Universities Amendment Act 2020' undermines the autonomy of the Universities by allowing the appointment of the retired bureaucrats and judges as chairpersons of the syndicates of the universities depriving the vice-chancellors and teachers of their right. Speaking at a webinar on 'The Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions in Pakistan' organized by the Sustainab.....[view more](#)

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