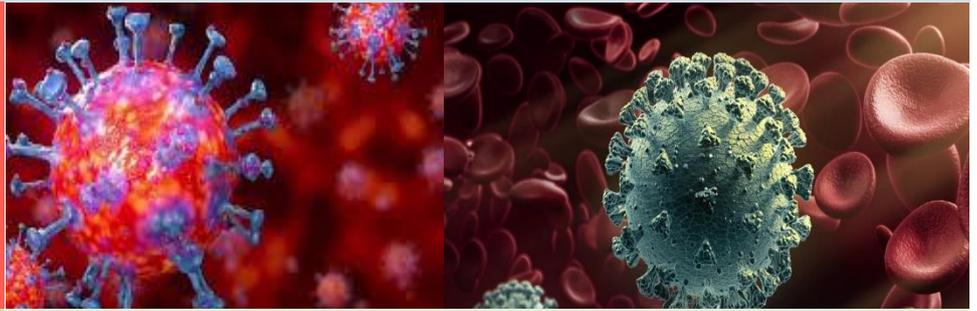


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Violence during a pandemic

Source: [Benazir Jatoi](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

The global pandemic has fuelled a parallel contagion of violence against women and girls. A recent Aurat Foundation research report titled, Violence Against Women and Girls in the Time of the COVID pandemic, documents over 2,000 reported cases of violence, in the year of the pandemic. Out of these cases, over 600 were of murder, "honour" killings and suicide. Most reported crimes against.....[more >>](#)

A marathon ahead

Source: [Brendan Vickers & Dr Salamat Ali & Neil Balchin](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

The world marked a historic milestone on February 3, when the number of Covid-19 vaccinations globally surpassed the number of confirmed cases on that day. Although non-pharmaceutical interventions contributed mainly to this drop in transmissions, the rapid development of several vaccines and accelerating vaccination rates in several countries suggest that the end of the pandemic might be in sight.....[more >>](#)

Could it be zoo?

Source: [R Umaima Ahmed](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

Ever since Covid-19 was declared a pandemic, there has been speculation about whether or not animals could contract the virus and transmit it to humans. Despite observance of safety protocols, a number of cases have been reported in different parts of the world where minks, big cats, gorillas and dogs had been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus. No such reports came out from Pakistan until recently.....[more >>](#)

Vaccine apartheid

Source: [Kerry Cullinan](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

Last week, a UK initiative called Arm-in-Arm was launched to encourage people who have been vaccinated against Covid-19 to donate to the WHO Covid-19 Solidarity Fund to help pay for vaccines for people in poorer countries. It is supported by the universities of East Anglia and Essex, as well as Sarah Gilbert, the co-creator of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine. Acts of solidarity involving ordinary[more >>](#)

Covid-19 vaccines in Pakistan and cancer patients

Source: [Dr Muhammed Aasim Yusuf](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

"Nobody is safe until everyone is safe" has become a mantra that reminds us of the importance of equitable access to vaccines. It is estimated that between 70% to 80% of the population has to be vaccinated in order to achieve herd immunity and break the chain of transmission of Covid-19. However, since only limited doses of vaccines are currently available world-wide, the vaccination s.....

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Highs and lows of the Covid-19 fitness craze

Source: [Usra Salim](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

KARACHI: For many, the novel coronavirus has made a 'normal' nine-to-five routine obsolete. Instead of spending a better part of their day at work, many professionals are now working from home with, paradoxically enough, a heavier workload than before. When Pakistan was hit by the pandemic last year, it caught a lot of us off guard. But from those initial days of confusion and not kn.....

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Is US ready to lead post-pandemic recovery?

Source: [Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

The FATF gave us a fourth extension to complete its 27-point action plan. This has dampened the mood of many in the country. The general feeling is that as long as the country is abiding by the FATF-given mandate and demonstrating continuous progress in meeting the desired goals — and that too in pandemic-hit difficult times — its economy must be given the relief it deserves. All count.....

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Covid-19 and livelihood of women

Source: [Fiza Farhan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

Covid-19 exacerbated the deep-rooted gender disparities across Pakistan. Even before Covid-19, women had only a few earning opportunities as compared to their male counterparts. Most women work in the informal sector, where they are overworked and mostly underpaid. Due to a lack of educational resources and employment opportunities, women are forced to join the underpaid informal job sector. Accor.....

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Covid-19 Vaccines in Pakistan & Cancer Patients

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Covid concerns

Source: [EDITORIAL](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

WITH every form of restriction now effectively lifted in the country after an assessment of the Covid-19 situation, the weeks ahead present a new challenge for the government. As schools, cinemas and mass indoor gatherings such as weddings begin to return to the pre-Covid era, a successful vaccine roll-out is imperative. In the UK, where both national morale and the economy have taken a colossal h.....

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Pandemic likely to add to world's forests' woes

Source: [Michael Taylor](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-27

The rate of destruction of the world's tropical forests is likely to have gathered pace last year, green groups warned, as the pandemic weakened environmental regulations, cut funding for protection work and forced city migrants back to rural areas. In 2019, tropical rainforests disappeared at a rate of one football pitch every six seconds, according to monitoring service Global Forest

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Normalcy and vaccination

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-01

The Federal Education Ministry has announced that from today all schools in the country will go back to a normal five-day week. At the same time, the National Command and Operation Centre has lifted most Covid-19 restrictions, allowing indoor marriages and permitting local bodies elections to be held in May, as well as easing the timings during which businesses can operate. Of course, we recognise.....

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Sri Lanka cremations

Source: EDITORIAL, [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

SRI LANKA has in a welcome move reversed its order that mandated all those dying of Covid-19 be cremated. The government had issued this controversial order last year based on fears expressed by some people that burying Covid-19 victims could contaminate groundwater and spread the infection. The Muslims in Sri Lanka, who constitute nearly 10pc of the population, had protested this order and said t.....

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Adding momentum to recovery

Source: [Afshan Subohi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

Corporate Pakistan is gearing up for the post-pandemic world as the new cases decelerate and the vaccination drive continues to roll out at pace. Sentiments are rising steadily in business circles as the output and revenues surpassed pre-pandemic levels for a significant number of companies. Some high-profile leaders reached for comments on the economy's trajectory expressed cautious optimi.....

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Empowering the non-profit sector

Source: [Aneela Sajjad, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

The year 2020 brought tough challenges due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. Developing countries, including Pakistan, have already been struggling to cope with economic strain, socio-political instability and inadequate health and education facilities have been hit hard by the unexpected outbreak. Besides a vigorous policy response by Pakistan's government to off-set the negative i.....

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Vaccinating out of turn

Source: [Kamal Siddiqi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

Some weeks back, an officer of the District Health Office (DHO) in Karachi was suspended for allegedly violating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) to facilitate the vaccination against Covid-19 of PML-N leader Mohammad Zubair's daughter and son-in-law. It is believed that many influential people received the vaccine ahead of time by using their clout. This incident, when it went vira.....

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Covid-19 vaccine: hope meets history

Source: [Dr Zaeem Ul Haq, Daily Times](#), 2021-03-01

Three historic developments have brought the Covid-19 vaccine to countries across the globe, including Pakistan. Virologists, vaccine developing scientists, and the vaccine companies must be applauded for these advances. However, only the development of a vaccine is not enough. It also needs three equally matching actions, to make the vaccine success, and to fold the pandemic back to history. Amo.....

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National News

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Mirpur to go under lock down from Monday

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

MIRPUR - Following continual wide spread of Covid-19 in lake district of Mirpur, local authorities are all set to impose lock down, in phases, for a month with effect from Monday. An official notification issued by Mirpur district Magistrate Bader Muneer said that there would be complete ban on the movement and entry of all sorts of transport to and from Mirpur district due to lock down. Besides t.....[more >>](#)

Islamabad

Book on Covid-19 launched

Source: [Press Release, The News, International](#), 2021-02-27

Islamabad : Riphah Institute of Public Policy, constituent institution of Riphah International University in collaboration with Institute of Research Promotion, University of Sialkot, Centre of Policy Analysis and Development and Bahria University, Karachi launched the book on COVID-19 at Riphah International University Islamabad Campus, says a press release. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Al.....[more >>](#)

Vaccination of elderly people to start in capital next month

Source: [Munawer Azeem | Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-27

ISLAMABAD: The Covid-19 vaccination of people aged 65 years and above is likely to start in the second week of March in the capital. An official of the capital administration told Dawn that the inoculation of healthcare workers would complete in the first week of next month. Additional Deputy Commissioner (East) Babar Sahibdin confirmed to Dawn that vaccination of people aged 65 years and above w.....[more >>](#)

Pakistan confirms spread of UK variant

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The national health services ministry has confirmed the detection of SARS COV-2 (VUI-202012/01) variant of the novel coronavirus, commonly referred to as the "UK strain", in the country, but stressed that it was monitoring the situation through a robust surveillance system. The confirmation from the ministry includes the country in a bracket of 92 nations, where the UK str.....[more >>](#)

Pakistan, China friendship gains strength in wake of Covid-19

Source: [news Desk, Daily Times](#), 2021-02-28

China-Pakistan all-weather friendship gained greater strength and the steadfast strategic mutual trust as well as witnessing in-depth cooperative partnership in the present pandemic during its first year. It was also a clear manifestation of "a friend in need is a friend in deed", says a report published by China Economic Net (CEN) on Saturday. The report says, the true value of a rel.....

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Ministry says new variant less deadly as Covid-19 kills 33 more

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2021-02-28

The Ministry of National Health Services has confirmed the presence of a new coronavirus variant in the country and said that the authorities are closely monitoring the cases by using a modern surveillance system. The health ministry on Saturday confirmed the emergence of a new Covid-19 variant in Pakistan which was detected in the United Kingdom (UK) for the first time. In a declaration, the min.....

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Covid-19 claims 32 lives, infects 1,541 more people

Source: [App, Daily Times](#), 2021-02-27

The national tally on Friday of total active Covid-19 cases recorded 22,285 with 1,541 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 2,502 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Thirty two corona patients have died during the past 24 hours, 28 of them were under treatment in hospital and three in their respective quarantines and homes on Thursday, according to the late.....

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Covid-19 SOPs;CAA extends restrictions for inbound travellers

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on Saturday issued a notification stating that instructions issued on December 31, 2020 regarding standard operating procedures (SOPs) to be followed by all inbound travellers to Pakistan, have been extended till March 14th. The category list of countries from which visitors seek traveling Pakistan will also remain in effect till March 14th, the C.....

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Pakistan among 92 countries where UK strain detected

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has claimed that Pakistan is among 92 countries in the world where the UK strain of Covid-19 has been detected, urging people to follow health guidelines and go for vaccination. On the other hand, following the emergence of 1,315 more patients and 33 deaths in a single day, the overall number of cases since the first patient was reported in the country last year

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Provinces gear up for mass vaccination drive

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

ISLAMABAD - Provincial authorities on Saturday told the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) that all the federating units had geared up Adult Vaccination Centres (AVCs) and arrangements to conduct mass vaccination of coronavirus vaccine. The NCOC's morning session took detailed stock of epidemic curve chart and national vaccine strategy where provincial representatives of all f.....

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Pakistan administering COVID-19 vaccine on merit: President

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-27

ISLAMABAD -President Dr Arif Alvi Friday said Pakistan was administering COVID-19 vaccine to its citizens on merit unlike some other countries where the incidents of queue breaking were reported. Mentioning a report of The New York Times in his tweet, Dr Alvi termed the attitude of rich and powerful skipping the line 'shameful'. The report gave an overview of how a wave of corruption.....

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Pak reports 1,541 coronavirus cases, 32 deaths

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-27

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Friday morning reported 1,541 new Coronavirus cases, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 575,941. The country's death toll climbed to 12,804 after 32 more people succumbed to the deadly disease. According to the National Command and Operation Centre, during last 24 hours, most of the deaths occurred in Punjab followed by Sindh and KP. Out of 32 deaths du.....

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Third Covid wave feared in Pakistan due to early lifting of restrictions

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

ISLAMABAD: With most of the Covid-related restrictions having been relaxed despite lukewarm response of even health workers to the government-run vaccination campaign, health experts fear a resurgence in number of cases that may compel the government to declare a third wave of coronavirus in the country. As 1,176 Covid-19 cases were reported in a day, the health expertsDawnspoke to were of the op.....

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Positivity ratio goes up in Islamabad again

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

ISLAMABAD: After a gap of over one month, the capital city has reported over 150 Covid-19 cases, showing an increase in positivity ratio from 1.57pc to 2.65pc. Moreover, only 6,599 healthcare workers have been vaccinated in the federal capital so far. The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims) has directed its staff to get themselves vaccinated at the earliest or face the consequences. As.....

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AGP tests positive for Covid ahead of SC verdict on open ballot

Source: [news Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-01

Attorney General of Pakistan (AGP) Khalid Jawed Khan tested positive for the novel coronavirus on Sunday. The AGP tested positive a day before the apex court is scheduled to announce its opinion regarding presidential reference to hold the Senate elections on open ballot without a constitutional amendment. The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday concluded its proceedings on presidential reference seeki.....

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Covid-19 lockdown; Punjab governor lauds role of charities, corporate sector

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

ISLAMABAD: Punjab Governor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar has lauded the role of the leading charities and corporate sector in Pakistan in lessening the miseries of the deprived people during the anti-coronavirus lockdown imposed last year. He was addressing the 13th CSR Awards ceremony at a local hotel here on Sunday in which 75 different companies and organisations were conferred awards for showi.....

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Covid-19 claims 23 more lives

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

ISLAMABAD - Coronavirus epidemic continued claiming more lives as during the last 24 hours, 23 more people lost their lives and 1,176 more people tested positive for the virus. Nationwide daily infections tally reported on Sunday was 1,176 besides 23 more deaths. With 1,176 new infections reported in the country, the tally reached 579,973 cases and with 23 new deaths, the toll of fatalities jumped.....

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

DHQ staffers get coronavirus inoculation

Source: [Ahmad Nabi](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-02-27

The Covid-19 vaccination drive has started with the inoculation of the health staff of district headquarter (DHQ) hospital Landi Kotal here on Friday. It is worth mentioning here that China gifted 1.2 millions Covid-19 vaccines to Pakistan. As per the government policy, the coronavirus vaccine will be administered to the health staff across the country that will be followed by the vaccination of.....

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Tally of Covid vaccination centres in KP to reach around 500 next week

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

PESHAWAR: Amid the federal government's decision to vaccinate the people aged 65 and over against coronavirus, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa health department has said the tally of vaccination centres in the province will reach around 500 next week. The vaccination of the elderly will begin on March 8. "We [department] have established 280 Covid-19 vaccination centres in the province and wi.....

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Smart lockdown imposed in Khar

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

BAJAUR: The Bajaur district administration imposed micro-smart lockdown in an area of the Khar subdivision following emergence of fresh Covid-19 cases, said a notification issued here on Sunday. It stated that in view of the detection of positive cases of Covid-19, the administration in consultation with the health department has imposed a micro-smart lockdown in Bai China locality. It said the

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Health workers being vaccinated against corona in KP: Jhagra

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

Peshawar - Corona vaccination to health workers continued with a total of 16595 medical personnel had been vaccinated in the province, said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Minister while talking to media men here on Sunday. In the last 24 hours, 2855 more health workers had been vaccinated against corona, KP Minister Taimur Saleem Jhagra said. He said corona vaccination had been started in all dist.....

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Punjab

5 COVID-19 deaths, 148 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2021-02-27

Rawalpindi : Another five patients suffering from coronavirus illness, COVID-19 belonging to Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district have died of the illness in the last 24 hours taking the death toll from the region to 1,127 while as many as 148 new patients have been confirmed positive from the region taking the tally to 57,035. Data collected by 'The News' on Friday rev.....

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Pakistan Post undertakes delivery of vaccines

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-27

LAHORE: Under a move to increase revenue, the Pakistan Post has signed an agreement with the Punjab Health Department for safe transportation and delivery of vaccines and blood samples for the Hepatitis Control Programme. The agreement was signed by Postmaster General (Central Punjab) Khwaja Imran Raza and Health Department Director General Dr Haroon Jahangir. "Pakistan Post is now enterin.....

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Sudden surge in Covid cases in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-27

LAHORE: The new positive cases of Covid-19 jumped to 748 on Friday in Punjab, the highest figures reported in a day across the province this month, raising concerns among health experts. With the new infections, the total number of the confirmed cases of the virus reached 170,222 in Punjab since March last year. Of the new cases, most of them – 430 – were reported from Lahore where t.....

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Two more die of COVID-19

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

Rawalpindi: Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed another two lives from Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours taking the death toll to 633 in the district though no death due to COVID-19 has been reported from Islamabad Capital Territory from where a total of 496 patients have so far died of the illness. Data collected by 'The News' on Saturday reveals that as many as 92 patie.....

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COVID claims 14 more lives

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

LAHORE: As many as 14 COVID-19 patients died and 595 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) report issued on Saturday, the toll of fatalities was raised to 5,337 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of coronavirus reached 170,817 in the province. As per the spokesperson of Corona Monitoring Room at Primar.....

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Punjab reports 595 fresh corona cases, 14 deaths

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

LAHORE: There is no let-up in the cases of coronavirus as 595 fresh virus cases and 14 deaths were reported across Punjab during the last 24 hours, taking the provincial tally of cases to 170,817 and death toll to 5337. With the recovery of 1390 more people from the virus, the number of recovered patients has reached 160,685 across the province. As per the breakup of cases and deaths due.....

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Sanctions on cinemas, marriage halls, govt offices lifted

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

LAHORE: The Punjab government has lifted various sanctions it imposed on the cinemas, marriage halls, shrines and government offices during peak time of second wave of Covid-19 in November last year to limit the spread of virus. A notification in this regard was issued by the Punjab primary and secondary healthcare department here on Saturday with intimation that the implementation on this notifi.....

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Universities to follow old guidelines

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

LAHORE: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has clarified that all universities will continue to operate as per guidelines issued by the HEC earlier. The recent announcement of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training is about resumption of a regular school week of five days a week for urban centres of Karachi, Hyderabad, Lahore, and Peshawar. Earlier schools in these cities.....

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Two more patients die of corona

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

MULTAN - Another two patients lost battle of life against coronavirus at Nishtar Hopsital within last 24 hours. Nishtar focal person for infectious diseases, Dr Irfan Arshad said that Muhammad Ahmad, 74 and Altaf Hussain, 50, both belonged to Multan passed away at ICU of Nishtar hospital on Saturday morning. Twelve patients were declared positive and nineteen were suspected of the virus out of tot.....

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Shops, restaurants sealed

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

LAHORE - The city district administration sealed six shops and two restaurants besides imposing a heavy fine over violation of coronavirus related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) here on Saturday. According to a spokesperson for the district administration, Assistant Commissioner City Fizan Ahmed Cantt sealed Ikhlq Bhai Food Corner, Makkah Paint, Ice Land, Ejaz Pharmacy and Decent Pharmacy.

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199 new cases in twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-01

Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed no life from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours though the number of patients tested positive from the twin cities in a day, on Sunday is the highest after January 1 this year. Data collected by 'The News' on Sunday reveals that as many as 199 new patients have been tested positive for

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13 more die from corona

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-01

LAHORE: Around 13 patients died from coronavirus and 532 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) on Sunday, the toll of fatalities reached 5,350, while confirmed cases reached 171,349 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 15,786 tests have been

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Over 20 die from Covid in Punjab, Islamabad

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-27

LAHORE: Around 16 patients died from COVID-19 while 748 new infections were confirmed in Punjab province during the last 24 hours. Besides, another five patients suffering from coronavirus belonging to Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district have died of the illness in the last 24 hours while as many as 148 new patients have been confirmed positive. According to report issued by Prima.....

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16 more die from corona in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-27

LAHORE: Around 16 patients died from COVID-19 while 748 new infections were confirmed in Punjab province during the last 24 hours. According to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department Punjab on Friday, the death toll reached 5,323 in Punjab, while confirmed cases reached 170,222 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 18,07.....

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13 more Covid fatalities in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

LAHORE: The Punjab government reports that coronavirus has claimed 13 more lives during the past 24 hours taking the tally of total deaths in Punjab to 5,350. Of 13 deaths, seven have been reported from Lahore, two each from Faisalabad and Gujranwala and one each from Rawalpindi and Bahawalpur. As many as 532 new cases have been reported in Punjab during the past 24 hours making the total Covid-.....

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Governor lauds role of charities, corporate sector during Covid lockdown

Source: [news Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-01

Punjab Governor Chaudhry Sarwar has lauded the role of the leading charities and corporate sector in Pakistan in alleviating the miseries of the deprived people during the Covid-19 lockdown imposed in the country last year. The governor stated this as he along with Azad Kashmir President Sardar Masood Khan conferred 13th CSR Awards on 75 different companies and organisations for showing excellenc.....

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Sindh

Over 3m screened for Covid-19 in Sindh since first case one year ago

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-27

Over three million people have been screened for Covid-19 in Sindh since the first case of the infectious disease was reported in the province one year back on February 26, said provincial health minister Dr Azra Pechuho on Friday, adding that the disease claimed 13 more lives over the past 24 hours, bringing the death toll to 4,335. "We have so far conducted over three million PCR tests fo.....

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Covid kills eight more as another 274 test positive

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-28

Eight more people have died due to Covid-19 and 274 others have tested positive for the disease during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral coronavirus infection reaching 4,343 in the province. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Saturday that 11,225 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 274

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AGP Khalid Jawed Khan tests positive for Covid-19

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

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COVID-19 claims 8 more patients, infects 274 others: CM

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

KARACHI-As many as 8 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 4,343 and 274 new cases emerged when 11,225 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Saturday. He added that 8 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 4,343 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate. Shah.....[more >>](#)

Sindh to continue 50pc attendance policy for students: Saeed Ghani

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-01

The Government of Sindh has decided against acting on the recommendation of the federal administration that all educational activities may be resumed with full attendance starting on Monday (today). Addressing a news conference at his camp office on Sunday, Sindh Education Minister Saeed Ghani said that the last meeting of the steering committee had decided to reopen the province's educatio.....

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Covid-19 kills seven more as another 262 test positive

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-01

Seven more people have died due to Covid-19 and 262 others have tested positive for the disease during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral coronavirus infection reaching 4,350 in the province. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Saturday that 10,057 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 262[more >>](#)

Covid-19 kills seven more as another 262 test positive

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-01

Seven more people have died due to Covid-19 and 262 others have tested positive for the disease during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral coronavirus infection reaching 4,350 in the province. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Saturday that 10,057 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 262[more >>](#)

Industrial chemistry experts share knowledge at NED moot

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

KARACHI: Several eminent scholars and professionals from the country and abroad presented their research papers and discussed important issues during the first international conference on industrial chemistry which concluded on Sunday. Set on the theme 'Industrial chemistry towards a sustainable future: growing together', the conference was organised by the chemistry department of the.....[more >>](#)

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Only 50pc students allowed to attend classes at a time, says Ghani

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Education and Labour Saeed Ghani has said that as per the standard operating procedures (SOPs) educational institutions in the province are still bound to call only 50 per cent of students in Sindh as the Covid-19 pandemic is still very much there. He was speaking at a press conference called by him at his camp office on Sunday. "On one hand, the Federal Minister.....

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KARACHI: As many as 262 new cases of Covid-19 emerged while 7 more died overnight, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in a statement issued here on Sunday. The CM added that death toll lifted to 4,350 that constituted 1.7 percent death rate. The chief minister said 10,057 samples were tested which detected 262 cases that constituted 2.6 percent current detection rate. He added.....[more >>](#)

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UN Council adopts resolution for equitable access to vaccines

Source: [AFP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-02-27

UNITED NATIONS: The UN Security Council gave unanimous approval on Friday to a resolution calling for improved access to Covid-19 vaccines in conflict-hit or impoverished countries. It was the second resolution on the pandemic passed by the council since it began a year ago. In a rare gesture, it was co-sponsored by all 15 members of the council, diplomats said. "We are all facing the sam.....[more >>](#)

United States hands over IT wall to strengthen Punjab Covid-19 command and control centre

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-02-27

The United States Government, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), today handed over an IT wall to the Health Department to help strengthen the Covid-19 Command and Control Center's capacity to monitor, analyze the data and effectively respond to cases across the province. USAID has partnered with Pakistan's federal and provincial health departments to strength.....[more >>](#)

\$1.9trn Covid plan clears US House, heads to Senate

Source: [AFP](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

WASHINGTON: The US House passed an enormous, \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package early Saturday, hailed by Democrats as a critical step in funneling new funding toward vaccinations, overburdened local governments, and millions of families devastated by the pandemic. Four days after the Covid-19 death toll surpassed 500,000 in the United States, the sprawling measure backed by President J.....[more >>](#)

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US journalists placed among early receivers of vaccines

Source: [Anwar Iqbal](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

WASHINGTON: The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has included journalists among essential workers who need to receive the Covid-19 vaccine on priority. The official US health agency has included journalists and other frontline media workers in its 1c category of those essential workers who have "a high risk" of getting infected by this deadly virus because of the na.....

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Germany tightens Covid controls at French border

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

BERLIN: Germany declared France's Covid-battered Moselle region a high-risk area for virus variants on Sunday, prompting tougher entry rules for visitors at the border. France's eastern Moselle region is now classed as an area "at particularly high risk of infection due to widespread occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 virus variants", Germany's Robert Koch Institute for diseases.....

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Golden Globes to launch Covid-era awards season

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

LOS ANGELES: Hollywood's award season kicks off this week at a very different Golden Globes, with a mainly virtual ceremony set to boost or dash the Oscars hopes of early frontrunners like Nomadland and The Trial of the Chicago 7. Usually a star-packed, laid-back party that draws Tinseltown's biggest names to a Beverly Hills hotel ballroom, this pandemic edition will be broadcast from.....

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Modi takes home-grown vaccine as India widens immunisation drive

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

NEW DELHI: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was inoculated with the first dose of a home-grown coronavirus vaccine on Monday, kicking off an expansion of the country's immunisation campaign that began in mid-January with healthcare workers. People above 60, and those who are 45 or more and suffering from certain medical conditions, are now eligible for the vaccinations. India, which ha.....

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New hope in Covid crisis as US approves third vaccine

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-01

The Covid-battered United States authorized Johnson & Johnson's vaccine for emergency use Saturday, offering a glimmer of hope as Britain said farewell to fundraising war veteran Captain Tom Moore who died of the virus earlier this month. US President Joe Biden hailed his country's announcement of its third available vaccine but said the nation's battle was far from over. &l.....

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UK vaccinates over 20 million people with at least one dose

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-01

London - Britain announced Sunday that it has given more than 20 million people at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, with the rapid rollout providing hope in a country with Europe's highest death toll. Health Secretary Matt Hancock made the announcement in a video on Twitter, saying: "I'm absolutely delighted that over 20 million people have now been vaccinated." In mid-Fe.....

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United Nations Security Council calls for global ceasefires to speed up virus vaccination

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-28

UNITED NATIONS - The UN Security Council (UNSC) has unanimously adopted a resolution calling on all member states to support a "sustained humanitarian pause" to local conflicts, in order to allow for coronavirus vaccinations. Resolution 2656, adopted unanimously on Friday by the 15-member council, will enable the vaccines, which COVAX began distributing on February 24, to reach tho.....

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