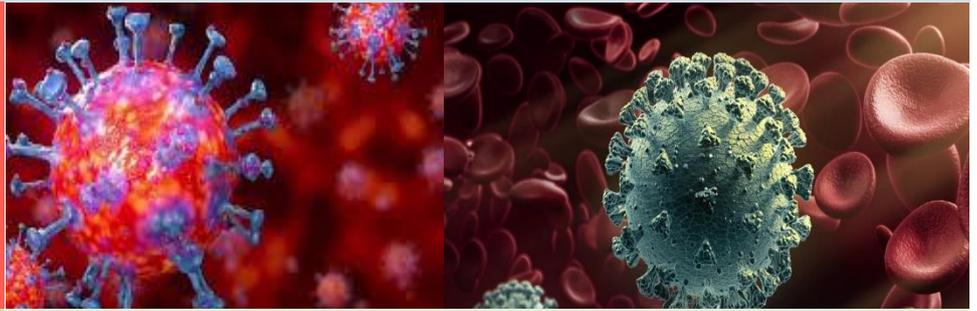


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The dubious national interest

Source: [Jawed Naqvi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-03

GEN Pervez Musharraf was returning from a strategic meeting in Colombo when Nawaz Sharif overplayed his hand. He interdicted the army chief's flight, and set off a chain of events the former prime minister would be ruing now in faraway London. Last week, Prime Minister Imran Khan was in Sri Lanka in as close an embrace with its leaders as the coronavirus permitted. There was a time when Sri.....[more >>](#)

Vaccine reluctance

Source: [Owen Bennett-Jones](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

HAVING failed to prevent a disastrously high number of Covid-related deaths, the British government is at last able to boast about something: its vaccine programme is powering ahead. By giving almost unlimited funds to a group of entrepreneurs with long experience of both venture capital and the health sector, the UK has managed to get access to more vaccines than virtually any other country. More.....[more >>](#)

The surplus masks

Source: [Muhammad Hamid Zaman](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

I have a business proposition. Pakistan should become a face-mask exporting country. If we are not there already, we should get there pretty soon. Early on in the pandemic, the local manufacturers produced masks for the people of the country, but because no one seems to be interested in wearing them, let us convert this into an export business. There is a global demand and we have a supply to meet[more >>](#)

Struggle For Normalcy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

Despite an average of 1100 cases being reported on a single basis and warnings by health experts, Covid-19 related restrictions are being eased in the pursuit of returning back to the pre-pandemic routine. The chances of a third wave manifesting as a repercussion are high, especially considering that our vaccination campaign is nowhere near extensive enough as of yet. If the aim is to facilit.....[more >>](#)

Vaccine challenges

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

THE last few months have seen several countries rolling out vaccination drives against the novel coronavirus, which is a matter of immense relief, but the pandemic still has many twists and turns in store. Several highly transmissible strains — of the thousands now known to exist — originally detected in the UK, Brazil and South Africa have spread far and wide. Pakistan happens to be

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A third wave?

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

In what signals the possible emergence of a third wave of Covid-19 globally, the number of new cases of the infection across the world rose last week for the first time in seven weeks. The World Health Organization attributes this rise to relaxation in public health measures; continued circulation of variants; and people letting down their guard. At a recent news briefing in Geneva, WHO director g.....

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A partnership for the cure

Source: [Dr. Usman W. Chohan, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-03

In the global vaccine drive against Covid-19, which began around the world in late 2020, developing countries came to find themselves at a considerable disadvantage in the procurement and distribution of dosages to their populations. This was attributable to several factors, including: the resource constraints in outbidding major economies' health-budget endowments, the over-accumulation of

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Vaccine, the best precaution against Covid-19

Source: [S Rahman, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-03

Man and Nature have co-existed since times immemorial. During this entire journey, human beings have encountered several calamities including biological perils like the one the world is coping with for the last one plus year, namely the deadly Covid-19 pandemic. This evil has taken a heavy human toll across the globe, both in terms of loss of more than two million human lives and economic dec.....

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Wealth tax

Source: [Chuck Collins, The News, International](#), 2021-03-04

What should good societies do when a wealthy few reap enormous financial windfalls during a global pandemic? While millions lost their lives, livelihoods, health and wealth, the world's billionaires and super-rich prospered. According to research from Americans for TaxFairness and the Institute for Policy Studies, between 18 March 2020 and 19 February 2021, the combined wealth of US

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The great Covid dole

Source: [Khurram Husain, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

NEWS is coming in that the agreement reached between the government and the IMF for restarting the programme includes up to Rs200 billion of continuing spending for Covid support, an amount that is substantially lower than the unspent funds committed by the prime minister under his relief package announced at the start of the pandemic last year. The news has not yet been confirmed officially by the

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Antimicrobial resistance

Source: [EDITORIAL, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

WITH the focus on Covid-19, many health issues, though otherwise recognised as serious medical problems, tend to be overlooked. One of the biggest health challenges in this respect are germs that become resistant to antibiotics. It is an issue that has given nightmares to health experts around the world. In Pakistan, too, doctors and health officials have raised the alarm over the increasing resis.....

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Covid blow to PSL

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

Coronavirus has penetrated into the bio-secure bubble meant to guard all associated with PSL-6 from the lethal infection. The ongoing edition of the cricket league thus stands suspended sine die — in a huge disappointment for the players and officials as well as cricket fans across the country and outside. It started off from Australian leg-spinner Fawad Ahmed contracting the virus, leading.....

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The future of work

Source: [Muhammad Omar Iftikhar](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

It has been almost a year since the world was drastically changed by Covid-19. During February and March last year, Pakistani businesses, educational institutions, and corporations began to shut down their physical activities as many resorted to the work-from-home system. Our lifestyle has altered and perceptions about work have shifted to a great extent. Where remote working or work-from-hom.....

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Self-Inflicted Postponement

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

The remaining schedule of the 2021 edition of the Pakistan Super League has been postponed due to an outbreak of Covid-19 among the players. With another three testing positive on Wednesday, the total number of players that were infected has reached seven. This postponement however, was avoidable and is potentially a big loss for both cricket and the resultant revenue streams. The matches had.....

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Lockdown imposed in Mirpur as 36 more die of Covid in country

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-02

The coronavirus pandemic claimed 36 more lives in the past 24 hours, surging the overall death toll to 12,896, said the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Monday. According to the NCOC, 1,392 fresh infections were reported in the past 24 hours and the national tally of cases has reached 581,365. A total of 38,338 tests were conducted across the country during the aforementioned period.....[more >>](#)

Mirpur remains locked-down on 3rd successive Day

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

MIRPUR - The lake-district of Mirpur -Azad Jammu and Kashmir remained under Covid-19 lockdown on third consecutive day on Wednesday. People across the city and rest of the district mostly adhered to the prohibitory orders to help authorities overcome the spread of corona virus, that has gripped this ancestral district of over a million of the UK-based Kashmiri expatriates. Local district adm.....[more >>](#)

Islamabad

180,000 senior citizens registered for vaccination

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

ISLAMABAD: As the government's Covid-19 vaccination campaign for over 65-year-old citizens is set to start this week, only 180,000 (2.25 per cent) of around eight million senior citizens in the country have registered themselves for inoculation so far. The Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) has described it as a slow response, considering that there are around eight million people a.....[more >>](#)

\$1.1b Covid response plan

Source: [Shahbaz Rana](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday approved \$200 million loan as part of its overall plan to immunise nearly 70 million people against the deadly Covid-19 contagion during current year. The government has planned to procure 146.2 million doses to provide shots to 69.6 million "eligible people" or 70 per cent of the population that can be vaccinated, according to the Ministry of National Health Services.....[more >>](#)

Acknowledgment certificate inked; Korea to provide 600,000 medical masks for Afghan refugees

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

ISLAMABAD: The government of Pakistan, the government of Republic of Korea, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), on Monday, signed an acknowledgment certificate for the provision of 600,000 medical masks to Pakistan as a donation from the Korean side for distribution among Afghan refugees and host communities across the country, particularly, those who are in direct contact.....

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Minister tells Punjab Assembly

Source: [Hassan Abbas](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

LAHORE: Minister Health Punjab Dr Yasmin Rashid disclosed in Punjab Assembly on Monday that seventeen million doses of coronavirus vaccine will shortly be available in Punjab and the people above sixty five years of age will be given preference in the vaccination drive against coronavirus. While responding to the questions on Primary and Secondary Health Care Department minister health said t.....

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People urged to adhere to SOPs to help govt win war against Covid-19

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

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) has asked the people to strictly adhere to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure that the war against Covid-19 pandemic, which has almost been won, is not lost in the ultimate analysis. It said that efforts were being made to get vaccines from Covax at the earliest. NHS spokesperson Sajid Shah told Dawn on Tuesday that the people.....

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COVID-19 claims 42 lives, infects 1,163 more people

Source: [App, Daily Times](#), 2021-03-04

The national tally on Tuesday of total active COVID-19 cases recorded 22,184 with 1,163 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,035 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Forty two corona patients have died during the past 24 hours, 41 of them were under treatment in hospital and one in their respective quarantines and homes on Monday, according to the latest u.....

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IMF grants over Rs200b spending waiver to fight Covid

Source: [Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-03

ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has granted over Rs200 billion spending waiver to create fiscal space for mitigation of the coronavirus contagion – an amount which is less than half of the remaining unspent funds committed under the Prime Minister's Covid-19 Relief Fund 2020. The over Rs200 billion fiscal adjuster is part of the staff-level arrangement agreed between.....

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FAFEN warns of third wave of Covid-19 if SROs ignored

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-03

ISLAMABAD - Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) on Tuesday called upon the Parliament to provide leadership and guidance in ensuring transparency and public trust in the national COVID-19 response. According to FAFEN's fourth governance monitoring report, with a third wave of COVID-19 feared, the elected representatives must take the challenge seriously and steer the national policy

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PM Khan to address 14th ECO summit today

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

Prime Minister Imran Khan will virtually participate in the 14th ECO Summit today, themed 'Regional Economic Cooperation in the aftermath of COVID-19.' The Prime Minister will open the Summit in Pakistan's capacity as the Chair of the 13th Summit, held in Islamabad in March 2017. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will Chair the 14th Summit. While sharing Pakistan's persp.....

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Pakistan reports 1,519 new coronavirus cases in one day

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

Pakistan has reported 63 deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 585,435. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 13,076 on Thursday. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 1,519 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Sindh remains the worst-hit province by the pan.....

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Country reports 75 Covid-19 related deaths in a day

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan recorded a sudden spike in the daily death cases due to the Covid-19 as it recorded 75 deaths during the past 24 hours on Wednesday morning. The number of deaths reported in the day was almost double to the number of Covid-related deaths reported a day earlier. The country also reported 1,388 new Coronavirus cases in 24 hours, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to

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Pakistan sees over 75 Covid deaths in single day after three months

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan reported the current year's highest number of deaths from Covid-19 in a single day as the total casualty figure surpassed 13,000. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 75 patients succumbed to the virus in a single day — the highest after 78 deaths were reported on Dec 21, 2020. The number of hospitalised patients, however, has dropped to

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ECO to explore ways to boost cooperation post-Covid

Source: [Baqir Sajjad Syed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

ISLAMABAD: The 14th summit of the 10-member Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) will be held virtually on Thursday (today) for deliberating prospects of enhancing regional cooperation in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Prime Minister Imran Khan will open the summit as Pakistan is the chair of the 13th summit, which was held in Islamabad in March 2017. Turkish President Recep Tayyip E.....

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Twin cities see surge in Covid-19 cases

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

ISLAMABAD: The twin cities witnessed a surge in Covid-19 cases as 236 people contracted the virus on Wednesday and four people passed away. Positivity rate in Islamabad was recorded at 4.4pc. Three people died in Islamabad, including two male patients, aged between 60-79. They were residents of Lohi Bher and I-11, the district administration officials said, adding that the address of one decease.....

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16 more COVID patients die in Sindh

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

KARACHI - As many as 16 more patients of coronavirus died overnight in Sindh, lifting the death toll to 4,388 while 225 new cases emerged when 9,052 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Wednesday. He added that 16 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives in Sindh province, lifting the death toll to 4,388 that constituted

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Alarm as Covid cases rise by 30pc in a week

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Since the announcement of relaxation in restrictions by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) late last month, the number of Covid-19 cases has gone up by around 30 per cent in the country. The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA), a representative body of health professionals, has urged the government to immediately impose the restrictions to avoid chances of a thir.....

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Imran stresses pooling ECO resources for access to vaccine

Source: [App](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday called upon the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) to devise a joint strategy for ensuring equitable access and distribution of Covid-19 vaccine for the public good. The prime minister, in his address to the virtual 14th ECO Summit themed 'Regional Economic Cooperation in the aftermath of Covid-19', stressed the need for mobilising.....

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Govt has no plan to buy vaccines anytime soon, PAC told

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The government aims to tackle the Covid-19 health challenge through herd immunity and donated vaccines as it has no plan to buy vaccines at least during the current year. This was stated by National Health Service (NHS) Secretary Amir Ashraf Khawaja while briefing the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Thursday. According to National Institute of Health Executive Director Maj Gen Aami.....

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Pindi, Islamabad report highest deaths, new cases since December

Source: [Munawer Azeem | Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

RAWALPINDI: For the first time since December, the twin cities reported highest numbers of deaths and new cases on Thursday. In Rawalpindi, nine people died of the virus and 36 people tested positive while in Islamabad 231 new cases emerged with one death. Ghazanfer Ali, 60, a resident of Mubarak Lane, was brought to Rawalpindi Institute of Urology (RIU) on Feb 15 where he died. Khursheed Ali,

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PSL postponed

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-05

In another international embarrassment for Pakistan, the sixth edition of the PSL, Pakistan's most prestigious premier league tournament, has had to be postponed after at least seven participants tested positive for Covid-19. The Covid-19 scare had existed before the tournament began and there were contesting voices as to whether the PCB should have gone ahead with the mega event in the first

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Highest number of COVID-19 cases

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-05

Rawalpindi: Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 outbreak is continuing to hit Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district severely and claiming significant number of lives from the region as in the last 24 hours, another 11 patients have died of the illness from the region that is the highest number of deaths caused by the virus in 2021. Similarly, the number of patients tested positive

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Moot on issues of pandemic today

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-05

Islamabad: The British Council, in partnership with the WOW Foundation, a UK-based independent organisation working to build, convene and sustain a global movement to advance the empowerment of women and girls, and curating partners Entrepreneurship and Community Development Institute (ECDI) and Olomopolo Media will host the first ever virtual Women of the World (WOW) festival in Pakistan, from Ma.....

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64 more die of Covid-19 with 1,519 fresh cases

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-05

Sixty-four more people died of Covid-19 in the past 24 hours, taking the overall death toll to 13,076, said the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Thursday. According to the NCOC, the coronavirus infected 1,519 more people during the aforementioned period. With the fresh inclusion of the infections in the country, the national tally of cases has reached 585,435. According to the NCO.....

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DRAP okays emergency use of Sinopharm shots for people above 60

Source: [DNA/News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) on Friday approved the emergency use of the Sinopharm coronavirus vaccine for people above 60 years of age. According to the National Command and Control Centre (NCOC), the Sinopharmvaccinewas being administered to people up to the age of 60 years, however, it would now be used to inoculate citizens above 60 years of age too. The body has approved.....

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Pakistan to get 45m doses of Indian-made Covid-19 vaccine, PAC informed

Source: [Muhammad Asad Chaudhry](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD - Federal Secretary National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Aamir Ashraf Khawaja on Thursday informed the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) that the country was going to receive 45m Indian manufactured doses of Covid-19 during current month (March). He was briefing about the ongoing vaccination process in a meeting of PAC that was headed by its Chairman Rana Tanveer Hussain.....

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Pakistan reports 1,519 new corona cases, 63 deaths

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Thursday reported 1,519 new coronavirus cases, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 585,435. The country's death toll climbed to 13,076 after 63 more people succumbed to the deadly disease. Meanwhile, 987 patients recovered from the deadly disease in a day, taking total recoveries to 555,242. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC),

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Covid crisis; Proposed plan aimed at providing fiscal space to developing states

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan has proposed a five-point plan to provide developing countries the fiscal space to recover from the Covid crisis. Prime Minister Imran Khan, in his virtual address to the 14th ECO Summit, stated that for Pakistan, the vision of the ECO's regional economic integration was an essential component of a strategy to transform the tensions of geo-politics i.....

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Coronavirus contingency plan; Listed cos allowed to hold 'electronic' general meeting

Source: [Sohail Sarfraz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Under the coronavirus contingency plan, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has allowed listed companies to hold electronic general meeting. In this regard, the SECP has issued a circular number 6 of 2021, here on Thursday. According to the circular, in continuation to the SECP's circular number 4 dated Feb 15, and in the light of the practical diff.....

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63 die of Covid-19 across country

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: Coronavirus cases in Pakistan over the past few days have witnessed an increase as during the past 24 hours the country registered 1,519 Covid-19 cases and 63 deaths. Owing to the jump in coronavirus cases, the management of the Pakistan Super League (PSL) has also called off the T20 league, which is now expected to be played in May, 2021. According to the National Command and.....

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Capital reports 231 Covid-19 cases

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) has registered 231 new Covid-19 cases which is the highest number in many months by carrying out 5,766 tests reflecting a positivity ratio of four percent. Covid-related data of the federal capital released by the District Health Officer (DHO) Islamabad Dr Zaeem Zia, said the ICT had detected the highest number of cases in many months. Acc.....

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Imported Covid-19 vaccinations; Frontline workers top priority, PAC told

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was informed, on Thursday that frontline workers were the top priority of imported Covid-19 vaccinations. Secretary Ministry of Health informed the committee that the federal government had devised a mechanism for vaccinations and an estimated 270,000 health workers had already been vaccinated. He maintained that vaccination for the senior c.....

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Ex-minister opposes withdrawal of Covid-19 restrictions

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-02

PESHAWAR: Criticising the withdrawal of Covid-19 restrictions, former federal minister Salim Saifullah Khan said it is too early to pull back the restrictions on commercial activities, schools, offices and other workplaces and allowing them to function at full strength. In a statement issued here Monday, he strongly condemned the decision of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) to lif.....

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Ignoring SOPs at tourism festivals may increase Covid-19 cases in KP

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-02

Peshawar - While the Culture and Tourism Authority Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has started arranging festivals in the wake of the lifting of the lockdown, the visitors say there has been complete disregard for SOPs and such events can lead to a spike in the coronavirus cases. A three-day Snow Festival concluded in Gabin Jabba area of Swat district the other day. There have been several other tourism e.....

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Vaccination of senior doctors prompts others to follow suit

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

PESHAWAR: The vaccination of senior doctors against Covid-19 has been the main motivation factor for health workers, who are coming in droves to get inoculated at the centres established by the government. A new strategy adopted by the government regarding vaccination has also worked. "We are vaccinating 2,000 health workers from the past one week because the heads of the hospitals are getting.....[more >>](#)

Punjab

451 corona cases surfaced in Punjab schools since Feb 1

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

LAHORE: As many as 451 persons, including students and teachers, have tested positive for Covid-19 after the opening of the schools in different districts of the province since Feb 1. According to the Punjab School Education Department, 22 persons have so far tested positive for the virus in Lahore district, where three schools were closed for a period of 14 days after detection of new cases there.....[more >>](#)

Two Mayo staffers test positive weeks after first vaccine shot

Source: [Asif Chaudhry, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

LAHORE: Two health workers in the city have tested positive for Covid-19 after having been administered a vaccine, creating doubts about re-exposure of a significant number of people being vaccinated in Punjab. The Mayo Hospital health support staffer and his staff nurse wife at the institution were among the seven employees administered the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine recently under a government deal.....[more >>](#)

17m doses of vaccine to be available in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid told the Punjab Assembly on Monday that 17 million doses of coronavirus vaccine would shortly be available in Punjab and the people above 65 years of age would be given shots on priority. Responding to written questions about her department, she said the vaccine would be available to the general public very soon. She said the government was planning.....

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7 more die of COVID-19, 134 cases

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2021-03-02

Rawalpindi: After a day without reporting of any death from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district due to coronavirus illness, COVID-19 on Sunday, the virus has claimed seven more lives from the region in the last 24 hours which is the highest number of deaths recorded in a day from twin cities after February 4. The positivity rate of COVID-19 from the twin cities has been recording.....

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Corona kills 13 more in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2021-03-02

LAHORE: Around 13 more corona patients died and 705 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) report issued on Monday, the toll of fatalities reached 5,363, while confirmed cases became 172,054 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 16,777 tests have been conducted.....

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CM urges people to follow corona SOPs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-02

LAHORE: Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has asked the citizens to follow guidelines for safety from the second wave of coronavirus. In a statement issued here on Monday, the chief minister said that 704 new cases and 13 deaths were reported during the last 24 hours in the province while 16,777 were also tested during this period. Meanwhile, the total number of active coronavirus c.....

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43 test positive for Covid-19 in Faisalabad

Source: [APP/AFP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

FAISALABAD: Forty-three more people tested positive for coronavirus in Faisalabad district during the last 24 hours. According to Health department spokesperson, 858 coronavirus tests were conducted in public and private sector labs during the period. He said that so far 8,608 coronavirus patients had recovered while 479 lost their lives due to Covid-19 in the district since the pandemic's

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Punjab to get 17 million COVID-19 vaccines soon, minister tells PA

Source: [Hassaan Ahmed](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-02

Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid revealed in Punjab Assembly that 17 million COVID-19 vaccine will be available in Punjab very soon and every individual of the province will be given the dose of vaccine. She was answering the queries of lawmakers in the question-hour during the ongoing session of Punjab Assembly. The vaccine for COVID-19 will shortly be available in Punjab for everyone and th.....

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Minister tells Punjab Assembly

Source: [Hassan Abbas](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

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1,392 fresh corona cases, 36 deaths reported across country

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has reported 1,392 coronavirus cases and 36 deaths on Monday, taking the national death tally to 12,896, and cases tally to 581,365, since the pandemic's outbreak in the country. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), during the past 24 hours, Punjab, Sindh, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) reported the most deaths as the Punjab Health Department r.....

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Asks citizens to follow corona SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has asked the citizens to follow guidelines for safety from the second wave of coronavirus. In a statement, the Chief Minister said 704 new cases and 13 deaths were reported during the last 24 hours in the province while 16,777 were also tested during this period. Meanwhile, the total number of active corona cases has reached 5,222 as 33, 10,.....

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Covid claims 28 more lives

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

LAHORE: The Covid-19 claimed the lives of at least 28 more patients in Punjab during the last 24 hours, taking the virus death toll to 5,391 across the province so far. Of them, 13 people died in Lahore alone where the number of casualties has reached 2,156. Meanwhile, the number of confirmed cases in Punjab reached 172,683 after 629 more people tested positive for the virus during the last 24 ho.....

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Academic session extended till July

Source: [Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-03

RAWALPINDI: The Punjab School Education Department has asked the District Education Authority (EDA) to extend the current academic session till July 2021 while the new academic year will be from August to March 31, 2022. Through a notification dated March 1, the department informed the authority about changes to the academic calendar as per the decision of the inter-provincial ministers' co.....

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Covid-19 cases continue to surface in Pindi

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

RAWALPINDI: As many as 24 people were diagnosed with Covid-19 on Tuesday in the district while 24 people were discharged from hospitals after recovery. In Rawalpindi district, there are 316 active patients. Around 73 are in hospitals and 28 were brought from other districts while 243 patients are isolated in their homes. Around 452 patients are waiting for the results of their coronavirus serolog.....

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No coronavirus death from twin cities, 164 cases

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

Rawalpindi : No death due to coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has been reported from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours though 164 new patients have been reported from the region showing the outbreak is hitting the population hard in this region of the country. It is alarming that the number of patients being tested positive for COVID-19 from the twin cities i.....

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Corona kills 28 more

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

LAHORE: Around 28 corona patients died and 629 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) report issued Tuesday, the death toll reached 5,391 in Punjab, while confirmed cases became 172,683 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 13,616 tests have been conduc.....

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Punjab reports 629 fresh corona cases, 28 deaths

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

LAHORE: Out of 13,616 tests conducted across the province during the last 24 hours, as many as 629 fresh Covid-19 cases and 28 deaths were reported taking the provincial tally of cases to 172,683 and death toll to 5391. With the recovery of 426 more virus patients, the number of recovered patients in the province has reached to 161,895. As per breakup of corona cases and deaths in major citie.....

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Highest number of COVID-19 cases in 2021, one death, 226 cases

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-04

Rawalpindi : The number of patients tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours is the highest in a day after December 24 last year while positivity and number of cases reported from ICT is also the highest in the last three months. District Health Officer ICT Dr. Muhammad Zaeem Zia informed 'The News.....

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50 more die from corona

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-04

LAHORE: Around 50 more corona patients died and 712 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to P&SHD report issued on Wednesday, the death toll reached 5,441 in Punjab, while confirmed cases became 173,395 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 14,339 tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours, which raised the t.....

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Alarming surge in Covid deaths, cases in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

LAHORE: After a period of decline, the number of daily Covid deaths and new confirmed cases are surging in Punjab. It is evident from the latest official figures that the virus has claimed lives of 50 patients during the last 24 hours in Punjab, while 712 more people tested positive for the virus during the same period. Medical experts say the number of new cases was accelerating all over the wo.....

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Curbs removal entails risk of third wave of coronavirus

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

LAHORE: The decision to lift ban on commercial, educational and social activities amid reports of surge in the number of new infections and deaths has entailed the risk of third wave of the novel coronavirus, particularly in the province. The situation has turned [somewhat] worrisome in Punjab which is reporting almost 50 per cent of the country's total infections, with around 100 per cent

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'Smart lockdown' in 12 more Lahore areas

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

LAHORE: The Punjab government on Thursday imposed a 'smart lockdown' on 12 more localities of the provincial capital on reports of surge in number of new coronavirus infections. "There has been a constant increase in positivity percentage and prevalence of Covid-19 in the Punjab province during the last two weeks which poses an imminent threat to public health," reads a no.....

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Smart lockdown in 12 hot spots

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-05

The Punjab govt extended smart lockdown in hotspot areas of the City with maximum emergence of Covid-19 cases. According to a notification issued by P&SHD, Punjab on Thursday, the smart lockdown has been imposed in hotspot areas of Lahore till 13.03.2021. The smart lockdown in district has been imposed in 12 hotspot areas in three towns including Cantonment, Data Ganj Bakhsh Town and Samanabad.....

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39 more die from corona in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-03-05

LAHORE: Around 39 patients died from corona and 796 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) on Thursday, the death toll reached 5,480 in Punjab, while confirmed cases reached 174,191 in the province.

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PMA concerned over relaxing corona SOPs

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-03-05

LAHORE: Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) is concerned over the decision to relax Covid-19 restrictions on commercial activities, schools, offices and other workplaces, allowing them to function at full strength. Permission of indoor wedding ceremonies and opening of cinemas and shrines has been granted with effect from March 15. PMA believed that these restrictions should not be lifted ti.....

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Rising Covid cases compel PCB to postpone PSL-6

Source: [Azhar Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

LAHORE - The rising Covid-19 cases compelled the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to postpone Pakistan Super League (PSL-6) with immediate effect after three new players tested positive for COVID-19, taking the total tally to seven. The sixth edition of the league has been postponed due to a series of COVID-19 cases, as the PCB officially confirmed that three new cricketers from two different tea.....

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Nine shops, restaurants sealed for SOPs breach

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

LAHORE - The city district administration sealed nine shops, stores, restaurants and imposed Rs 25,000 fine on violation of coronavirus related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) here on Thursday. According to a spokesperson for the district administration, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Cantt Zoha Shakir sealed four shops and imposed fine Rs 25,000 for SOPs violation and overcharging in her jurisd.....

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Corona positivity rate remains 4.72pc in Punjab

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

LAHORE: The positivity rate of coronavirus in the province remained 4.72 percent, as out of 16,857 Covid-19 tests, as many as 796 fresh virus cases and 39 fatalities were reported across Punjab taking the provincial tally of cases to 173,395 and death toll to 5,480. With the recovery of 335 more virus patients, the number of recovered patients in the province has reached to 162,993. As p.....

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Sindh

Covid kills three more as another 146 test positive

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-02

Three more people have died due to Covid-19 and 146 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 4,353 in the province. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Monday that 7,315 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 1.....

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World facing pandemic of obesity along with Covid-19, warn experts

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-02

In addition to the Covid-19 pandemic, the world is also facing a pandemic of obesity, which has been taking more lives as compared to the coronavirus. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), over four million people are dying annually as result of being overweight or obese, top gastroenterologists said on Sunday. "Covid-19 and obesity are two pandemics being faced by the world

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PSL 2021: Two foreign players test positive for coronavirus

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-02

KARACHI: Two foreign players part of the Pakistan Super League's (PSL) 2021 bio-secure bubble have tested positive for the coronavirus, said the PCB on Tuesday. This was revealed by the PCB's Media Director Sami Burni during a news conference. Burni clarified that despite emergence of the new cases, the Islamabad United and Quetta Gladiators clash will be played at 7pm today as per schedu.....

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Under 150 new cases detected in Karachi

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Economist](#), 2021-03-02

KARACHI: Less than 150 coronavirus cases emerged in Sindh on Monday, when 7,315 samples were tested for the contagion, said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on the day. The CM said following the recent deaths and cases, the total number of infections reported from the province had increased to 258,411, while the Covid-19 death toll had climbed to 4,353, with three m.....

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COVID-19 claims 3 more lives, infects 146 Share:

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

KARACHI - As many as three more patients of coronavirus died overnight across Sindh, lifting the death toll to 4,353 while 146 new cases emerged when 7,315 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Monday. He added that three more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives in Sindh, lifting the death toll to 4,353 that constitut.....

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18 more vaccination centres planned

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

KARACHI: The Sindh health department has decided to establish 18 more Covid-19 vaccination centres in Karachi division to launch the second phase of vaccination campaign. A senior official at the Sindh health department said on Tuesday that at least 18 Covid-19 vaccination centres were being set up across Karachi. He informed that in the first phase, 11 vaccination centres were established in Kar.....

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Karachi's second largest Covid-19 vaccination centre starts working at LNH

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-03

The second largest adult vaccination centre (AVC) of Karachi for Covid-19 vaccination has started functioning at Liaquat National Hospital (LNH), where frontline healthcare workers are being inoculated, but in the coming days, the public would also be vaccinated against the infectious disease, Sindh health department and LNH officials said on Tuesday. "The National Command and Operat.....

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Coronavirus kills 19 more in Sindh

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

Nineteen more people have died due to Covid-19 and 267 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 4,372 in the province. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Tuesday that 9,186 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting.....

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16 more lose battle against Covid-19, another 225 infected

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-04

Covid-19 claimed 16 more lives in Sindh during the past 24 hours, raising the death toll due to the viral disease in the province to 4,388. In the meantime, 329 patients were under treatment at different hospitals, of whom the condition of 296 patients was said to be critical and 51 of them were shifted were onto life support. In addition to 16 more deaths, 225 new cases of Covid-19.....

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16 more Covid-19 patients die in Sindh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-04

KARACHI: As many as 16 more patients of coronavirus died overnight and 225 new cases emerged when 9,052 tests were conducted. This was stated by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Wednesday. He said that the death of 16 more patients during the past 24 hours lifted the death toll to 4,388 in Sindh, constituting 1.7 per cent death rate. Mr Shah said that 9,052 sampl.....

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PMA warns against relaxing Covid-19 restrictions

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

KARACHI: Expressing concern over the government's decision to relax Covid-19 related restrictions, the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) on Thursday warned that the coronavirus situation may worsen in the country as the vaccination campaign was moving at a slow pace. It suggested that the restrictions shouldn't be lifted till 70 per cent of the country's population was vaccinat.....

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Covid claims HBL PSL

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-05

KARACHI: The HBL Pakistan Super League (PSL) 2021 was on Thursday postponed for an indefinite period after three more players of two different teams tested positive for COVID, taking the overall tally to seven. The issue further complicated when Karachi Kings Australian all-rounder Daniel Christian pulled out of the event.

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Pakistan allows Chinese, Russian vaccines for people over age of 60

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-03-05

KARACHI: In a major development, Pakistan health authorities on Thursday allowed vaccination of people above 60 years of age with Chinese vaccine Sinopharm as well as Russian vaccine Sputnik V, The News has learnt. The decision was taken on the recommendations of an expert committee on vaccines. "The Registration Board of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has allowed vacci.....

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COVID-19 claims 17 more patients, infects 260 others

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

KARACHI - As many as 17 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 4,405 and 260 new cases emerged when 9,689 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Thursday. He added that 17 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 4,405 that constituted 1.7 percent death rate. Mr. Mura.....

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PMA against relaxing COVID-related restrictions

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-05

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Fraudsters 'offering' vaccines, warns EU agency

Source: [Reuters](#) , [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-03-02

BRUSSELS: Dubious intermediaries have offered governments across the European Union a total of about one billion non-existent Covid vaccine doses worth about 14 billion euros, the bloc's anti-fraud agency said on Monday. Such middlemen are asking for advance payments and giving no delivery details, Vile Itala, the head of the European anti-fraud office OLAF, said, stressing that pharmaceut.....[more >>](#)

Pfizer vaccine may be less effective in people with obesity: study

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

LONDON: The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine may be less effective in people with obesity, data suggests, foreign media reported. Italian researchers have discovered that healthcare workers with obesity produced only about half the amount of antibodies in response to a second dose of the jab compared with healthy people. Although it is too soon to know what this means for the efficacy of the vaccin.....[more >>](#)

COVID-19 pandemic fuels attacks on health workers globally

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

Two Nigerian nurses were attacked by the family of a deceased COVID-19 patient. One nurse had her hair ripped out and suffered a fracture. The second was beaten into a coma. Following the assaults, nurses at Federal Medical Centre in the Southwestern city of Owo stopped treating patients, demanding the hospital improve security. Almost two weeks passed before they returned to work with armed guar.....[more >>](#)

South Korea probing two deaths after AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine: KDCA

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

SEOUL: South Korean authorities said on Wednesday they are investigating the deaths of two people after a media report said the pair - both with pre-existing conditions - died within days of receiving AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine. A 63-year-old nursing home patient with cerebrovascular disease developed symptoms, including high fever, after being given the AstraZeneca vaccine, Yonhap news a.....

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Pandemic spurs Canada to offer path to citizenship to more temporary residents

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2021-03-05

Canada's recent move to offer permanent residency to more foreigners living and working in the country is a short-term solution to the economic problems spurred by a pandemic-related immigration slowdown, analysts say, while critics argue the strategy excludes too many vulnerable people. With travel restrictions in place, visa offices closed and immigration applications stalled, the Canada.....

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Thailand plans to allow foreign tourists to quarantine in resorts

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2021-03-05

Thailand's tourism minister said on Thursday he will propose a plan for foreigners to undertake Covid-19 quarantine in popular tourist areas, including beach resorts, in a bid to help revive the country's struggling tourism sector. The economy suffered its biggest contraction in over two decades last year as tourism slumped due to the coronavirus pandemic. The hotel quarantine plan i.....

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Europe starts formal review of Russia's Sputnik V Covid-19 vaccine

Source: [Europe starts formal review of Russia's Sputnik V Covid-19 vaccine](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-05

Europe's medicines regulator said on Thursday it had started a rolling review of Russia's Sputnik V Covid-19 vaccine, an important display of confidence in the shot that paves the way for its potential approval across the 27-nation bloc. Hungary became the first EU country to grant the Russian vaccine emergency national approval in January, Slovakia has ordered shipments, and Czech Pr.....[more >>](#)

Germany to relax Covid curbs as Biden slams 'Neanderthal' mask easing

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-03-05

German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Wednesday unveiled plans to gradually ease coronavirus curbs in Europe's top economy, while President Joe Biden slammed "Neanderthal" decisions to drop mask-wearing mandates in some US states. Merkel and Germany's 16 regional leaders revealed a step-by-step plan to relax restrictions, despite concern over the spread of more aggressive viru.....[more >>](#)

Global vaccine justice — I

Source: [Dr Omer Javed](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-03-05

'The global Covid-19 vaccine roll-out is creating a "vaccine apartheid". As of February 24, approximately 216 million people have been vaccinated against Covid-19 globally. Only 8.4 percent of these are in low and lower-middle-income countries, which are home to nearly half of the world's population. If this trend continues, young and healthy individuals in wealthy countrie.....[more >>](#)

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WHO donates Rs500m to strengthen COVID-19 response efforts of govt

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-03-02

ISLAMABAD - The World Health Organisation (WHO) has handed-over a donation worth over Rs500 million to strengthen the COVID-19 response efforts of the government through strengthening the Surveillance System and Points of Entry. According to a statement issued by WHO, Dr Palitha Mahipala, WHO representative in Pakistan, handed over the donation to Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on.....[more >>](#)

Pakistan to get 10m doses of vaccine under Covax

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

GENEVA: Pakistan, Nigeria and Indonesia will be among the biggest recipients of free Covid-19 vaccines before June — more than 10 million doses each — the Covax scheme announced on Tuesday. Some 238.2 million doses will be distributed around the world by the end of May, in a major acceleration of the programme aimed at boosting access to coronavirus jabs in poorer nations. Though vac.....[more >>](#)

Before June, Pakistan will be receiving over 10m coronavirus vaccines under COVAX

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

Some 238.2 million doses of the coronavirus vaccine will be distributed around the world by the end of May through the COVAX programme. Pakistan, Nigeria and Indonesia will be among the biggest recipients of the free Covid-19 vaccines before June -- more than 10 million doses each -- the Covax scheme announced Tuesday. The Covax scheme aims to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines. It[more >>](#)

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Govt Plans To Vaccinate 70 Million People By Year's End: Parliamentary Secretary

Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point](#), 2021-03-02

ISLAMABAD, Mar 2 (APP – Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 2nd Mar, 2021): Government has planned to administer Covid vaccination among some 70millionpeople by end of 2021 to save them from the deadly pandemic, Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of National Health, Member National Assembly Dr Nousheen Hamid said Tuesday. Sharing views with the participants of the webinar 'Life after Covid-19: Ar.....[more >>](#)

SDPI webinar on Life after Covid-19: 'Adapting to new normal is critical'

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

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PTI govt to vaccinate 70 million people against coronavirus by end of 2021: official

Source: [APP](#), [geo.tv](#), 2021-03-02

ISLAMABAD: The PTI-led government intends to vaccinate some 70 million people against the novel coronavirus by the end of 2021, Parliamentary Health Secretary Dr Nausheen Hamid said Tuesday. Dr Hamid, the PTI lawmaker in the National Assembly, made the comments during a webinar titled "Life after Covid-19: Are we ready to opt for a new normal." The event was organised by the Sus.....[more >>](#)

Adapting to 'new normal' deemed critical

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-03-03

The biggest challenge for Pakistan after the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) is to adapt to a 'new normal' to protect every individual from the pandemic. Experts maintained this while sharing their views with the participants of the webinar 'Life after Covid-19: Are we ready to opt for a new normal" organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Tuesday.....[more >>](#)

Experts call for adapting to 'new normal' to respond to after-Covid-19 challenges

Source: [Zubair Qureshi](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2021-03-03

The biggest challenge for Pakistan after the Covid-19 breakout was to get adapted with the 'new normal' to protect every individual from the pandemic. The experts said this while sharing their views with the participants of the webinar 'Life after Covid-19: Are we ready to opt for a new normal' organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), as a part of

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'Need to adopt post-COVID-19 new normal'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-03-03

Islamabad: Dr Nousheen Hamid, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Health, has said that efforts to raise mass awareness at every level are imperative to become adapted to the "new normal" as a nation after COVID-19. Dr Nousheen was speaking at a webinar on "Life after COVID-19: Are we ready to opt for a new normal" organised by Sustainable Development Pol.....

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Adapting to 'new normal' is critical to respond to after Covid-19 challenges: experts

Source: [DNA News](#), [DNA News](#), 2021-03-03

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