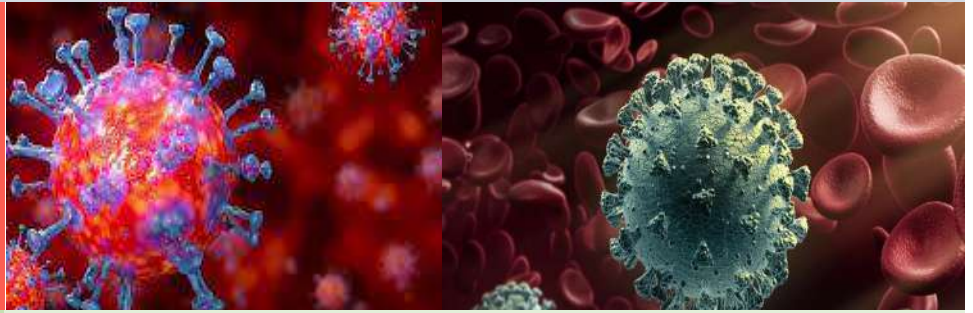


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Rescuing education from the pandemic

Source: [Areebah Shahid, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

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False god of herd immunity

Source: [Dr Rana Jawad Asghar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

Dr Ali Shan Khan is a Pakistani-descent New York-born physician who did many iconic outbreak investigations around the world. He recently called a drive towards herd immunity for Covid-19 as a "false god of herd immunity". He is no ordinary physician, with a stealth record of public health and has held prestigious positions of assistant surgeon general of United States and director of[more >>](#)

Vaccine equity

Source: [Arif Azad, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

IT is evident that the worldwide roll-out of Covid vaccines is increasingly unequal in its distribution. Five months since the inoculations began, many parts of the developing world still remain unvaccinated. In the developed world, one in four people are said to be vaccinated. In poorer countries, the ratio of vaccination is only one in 500. At this pace, developed countries will reach the goal o.....[more >>](#)

Vaccines versus profits

Source: [Syed Mohammad Ali, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

With the havoc wreaked by the current wave of Covid infections in neighbouring India, Pakistan and other surrounding countries are understandably anxious. While this pandemic has not spared rich countries either, the vaccination gap between so-called developed and developing countries has become glaring. A major reason for this glaring lopsidedness is the dominance of a market-based patent system[more >>](#)

Crumbling healthcare

Source: [Abdul Majeed Abid, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

Linus Pauling, a Nobel laureate in chemistry, proposed in the 1970s that eating large doses of vitamin C can cure the common cold. His hypothesis was not based on any empirical evidence but because of his scientific expertise, it became popular and was adopted by doctors throughout the world. It would take almost 30 years before this claim was debunked by scientists in Australia and Iceland. Robe.....[more >>](#)

A voyage around the virus

Source: [Ghazi Salahuddin, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

It does become hard to make sense of one's own feelings when personal grief is overlapped with a tragedy of historical proportions. And I have also to contend with a sudden burst of movement in my own circumstances. That is how I find myself emotionally disoriented at this time, unable to find a focus for my thoughts. First, I have lost two first cousins. They died in India, in the insane s.....[more >>](#)

Covid-19 highlights the importance of science literacy

Source: [Muhammad Zaheer](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

The other day, I happened to watch a video one of my contacts had shared on Facebook. A passionate guy was enthusiastically explaining how to “increase blood oxygen levels” by directly taking steam through a pipe connected to one of the outlets of a pressure cooker. While steam might help alleviate chest congestion in Covid-19 patients, other risk-free alternatives are available. Anoth.....

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Covid-19 and the ‘idea of India’

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

For several decades after what is now Pakistan was carved out of Britain’s Indian colony as a predominantly Muslim state, India was seen as an example to be followed. While it proved impossible for what was original Pakistan to build a viable nation-state out of ethnic diversity, India was able to absorb much greater ethnic, language, castes and religious differences and create a functioning.....

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Internet for all

Source: [Idrees Khawaja](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

TECHNOLOGY supplemented by AI is creating new businesses and jobs and destroying old ones. Developing AI-based products or using them is not possible without access to the internet. Disrupting normal patterns, technology and AI are set to rule, and our resolve for 2021 should be: internet for all. What benefits will accrue to the country, if the government provides access to high-speed internet t.....

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'Coronavirus that causes Covid-19 mutated more than 6,600 times'

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

Director of the Bioinformatics Institute at the Agency for Science, Technology and Research Dr Sebastian Maurer-Stroh has revealed that the novel coronavirus that sparked the Covid-19 pandemic has undergone "more than 6,600 unique spike protein mutations". Explaining why these mutations take place in a report published by The Straits Times, he said that the viruses mutate whenever there

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Strict Measures

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

There are some signs that the positivity rate of the virus is reducing, which might be down to the ongoing lockdown and the government’s strictness to ensure safety measures. The cases are decreasing, though that does not mean that we have succeeded against the virus. According to the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC), Pakistan recorded 3447 new cases in the last twenty-four hour.....

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No entry, no Eid

Source: [Rafia Zakaria](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

EARLIER this year, it appeared that the death grip of Covid-19 on the world was loosening. Vaccines were becoming available, cases were dropping and it appeared that sooner rather than later, the world would be open for business and the pandemic would be an old image in our collective rear view mirror. As we all know now, all of that was an illusion. We can see from the cataclysm across the border.....

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SOP violations

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ON Monday, Sindh Police officials were given a well-deserved slap on the wrist by a judicial magistrate in Karachi for not following government-mandated Covid SOPs. This happened when the police presented in court some 300 people, arrested for flouting SOPs over the weekend, to seek their physical remand. The judge first admonished the officers for not providing the 'suspects' with fac.....

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Vaccines: intellectual property rights

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

US President Joe Biden's decision to support the call to waive intellectual property rights (IPRs) for Covid-19 vaccines will go a long way in rallying consensus at the World Trade Organisation (WTO), where the matter is being discussed, but whether it is really anything more than an ideological victory of sorts remains to be seen. The proposal was floated by India and South Africa in Novemb.....

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Race against the virus

Source: [Jayati Ghosh, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

While the rapid development of Covid-19 vaccines was a truly impressive achievement, it has been tarnished by constraints on global vaccine supply and the related inequities in distribution. As of May 4, less than 8 percent of the world's population had received even one dose of any Covid-19 vaccine, while just ten rich countries accounted for 80 percent of all vaccinations. The reason is no.....

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Covax and the US

Source: [Angela P?Aggeler, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a heavy toll on the world. No country has been unaffected or untouched, including the United States and Pakistan. As partners, we have worked together both bilaterally and through the multilateral Global Health Security Agenda, for more than a year to fight this pandemic and prevent its spread. With the arrival of 1.2 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine on May 8,.....

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Summer of 2021

Source: [Imtiaz Rafi But, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

The current Covid-19 pandemic around the world is one of the most challenging events for all of humanity. The death-toll and the crisis in terms of economy, livelihood, health and social isolation is greater than that of the Second World War. After the defeat of Germany, the World War became the centre of inspiration for art, literature and movie making. "Summer of 42" was one such pro.....

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Resistance to vaccine — a worrisome behaviour

Source: [Khurram Zia Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

I am furious, worried and disappointed to observe the behaviour people in Pakistan have towards the Covid-19 vaccine. A few days ago, a close relative declared that the vaccine is linked toDajjal. The man is so stubborn that he is ready to give away travelling, use of banking and all other facilities if at any stage they are linked with getting the corona vaccine. He is of the view that the treatm.....

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Shifting gears

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Three months in and the stuttering vaccination drive in Pakistan seems to have finally shifted to second gear. According to Federal Minister Asad Umar, around 164,000 people had been vaccinated on May 3 and over 200,000 people were successfully inoculated the following day. As of May 6, Pakistan had vaccinated 3.32 million people — 0.8% of the population. The number of registrants has now ex.....

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Eid during Covid

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

THE last few weeks of Ramazan have reminded us once again that we are living in surreal times. For the third Eid in a row, the run-up to the religious festival in the country has been low key, overshadowed by the ongoing pandemic. For many, the occasion will be marked by grief for the absence of a loved one felled by the contagion. Scores of families will be praying for their parents, siblings, ch.....

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The angels of PEMH

Source: [Adeela Naureen, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Last month, I was struck by Covid-19 and had to be hospitalised. I was blessed and lucky to get admission in the Pak Emirates Military Hospital, Rawalpindi (PEMH). While I have been regularly contributing to The Nation on various issues confronting Pakistan, I thought it appropriate to acknowledge the substantive work being done by the Covid warriors in the military. My condition was quite alarmi.....

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Remembering an untainted officer

Source: [Rahimullah Yusufzai, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

One isn't aware of any other cop in Pakistan who served as the inspector general of police of three provinces. It is also rare to find a policeman who commanded the Frontier Constabulary as well as the National Police Academy and remained a federal secretary, caretaker provincial minister and inspector general of prisons. Muhammad Abbas Khan, who died recently at the age of 82 due to Covid-.....

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Human development

Source: [Foqia Sadiq Khan, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

There is now a well-established critique that GDP alone does not capture human welfare quite well on its own. There is a need for a broader canvas to convey the meaning of people-centred development. Thanks to renowned Pakistani economist Dr Mahbub-ul-Haq, we have been seeing the UNDP Human Development Reports since 1990 based on the Human Development Index that ranks countries in the world on the.....

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The lives people live

Source: [Kamila Hyat, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

It is sometimes extraordinary to look upon the kind of lives people live everywhere in the country. In many places in our major cities, stand tall houses, marked by marble tiles on the floors and chandeliers dangling from the roofs. But has anyone ever peeped into the servant quarters of these homes? Has anyone looked at the lives expected of the people who polish the tiles and clean the chandeli.....

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No end to India's Covid problems

Source: [Editorial, Daily Times](#), 2021-05-08

India's Covid-19 problems seem to be getting worse by the day no matter what authorities there try to do to contain the spread of what is still the second wave of the coronavirus in that country. Unfortunately, despite the gravity of the situation and some very serious orders coming out of New Delhi, all official actions and warnings are still half-hearted efforts at best, because the govern.....

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Praying for peace

Source: [EDITORIAL, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

One had hoped last year that on this Eid the world would be different to the one we saw during Eidul Fitr in 2020. However, at least here in our world the times seem to be getting more and more grim – with Covid-19 ensuring we in Pakistan stay within the confines of our homes as we observe what is traditionally a festive occasion. Elsewhere, such as in Gaza and in Kashmir, violence and trage.....

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Fighting the pandemic

Source: [Jesse Jackson, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Last week, the Biden administration finally challenged the US drug industry, announcing that the White House would support an international waiver of intellectual property protections on Covid-19 vaccines during the pandemic. This is a long overdue measure, but if the industry continues to resist, the negotiations are likely to take months that the world can ill afford. Though the companies benefi.....

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Building a better world!

Source: [Kashif Mirza, Daily Times](#), 2021-05-09

It believed that 9/11 was the false flag operation in the history similar to the Gulf of Tonkin invasion in Vietnam and the sinking of the Lusitania during WWI. As a result of 9/11, we saw major changes in the world, including America's wars of aggression in the Muslim world. Many millions were killed, and many more millions were injured and displaced. Similarly, coronavirus exists but the g.....

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Vaccine hesitancy

Source: [Sarah Nizamani, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

IN 1798, Edward Jenner, an unpopular medical doctor self-published a book which changed the world. The book, titled An Inquiry into the Cowpox, explained how people could protect themselves against smallpox, a brutal disease that killed as many as one in 12 people and left survivors scarred for life. The solution was to inoculate themselves with cowpox, a virus that affected cattle. This was the b.....

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All you need to know about Covid vaccines in Pakistan

Source: [Sumaira Jajja, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-15

Registration for the coronavirus vaccine will open up for those 30 and above from Sunday (May 16). Pakistan has so far approved five Covid vaccines: Sinopharm, Cansino, Sinovac, Sputnik and AstraZeneca. As the government's vaccine drive picks up pace, Dawn.com reached out to Dr Bushra Jamil, the president of the Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Society of Pakistan and a professor at.....

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What I'm grateful for, this Eid

Source: [M Bilal Lakhani](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

Every night I used to beat myself up about what I didn't get done that day. What I could have done better. My mind would race with all the worst-case scenarios playing out in my head about what didn't happen today and what will happen tomorrow. My anxiety and stress levels would shoot through the roof. I thought this was normal. This is how everyone talked to themselves, I re-assured m.....

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Covid, disruptions and inflation

Source: [Ali Khizar](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

As the pandemic fear slowly subsides in regions where a significant portion of the population has been vaccinated, it is expected to worsen the global supply-demand gap. Demand is picking up in richer countries while supply from emerging economies is nowhere close to normalcy. This is bound to create an imbalance. Global commodities' prices – food, metals, hydrocarbons, etc. &ndas.....

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A dose of truth

Source: [Afshan S. Khan](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

Pakistan's health professionals are confused and the pharmaceutical firms reluctant. The government is cautiously optimistic. It expects the Covid-19 vaccine to eventually get the IP waiver as at stake is not just the fate of small people in poor nations but the humanity and the global economy. "It might take time (months) but we are positive that the World Trade Organisation (WTO) wi.....

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Rescuing education from the pandemic

Source: [Areebah Shahid](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, 22.8 million children of school-going age in Pakistan were not in schools. This staggering number made Pakistan host to the second largest population of out-of-school children in the world. The majority of these out-of-school children remained girls. Prolonged school closures and the pandemic's far-reaching social and economic impact have further aggravated t.....

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National drive against Covid-19

Source: [Kamal Siddiqi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

Despite the scary rise in the number of deaths in Pakistan from Covid in the third wave, the general public is still not willing to take the pandemic seriously. Granted that Prime Minister Imran Khan had deputed the army to play a part in making people abide by SOPs, there is so much that the army or any other government institution can do. People are generally simply not interested in following t.....

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Is Covid-19 a turning point in social protection?

Source: [Mahroo Arshad](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

The Covid-19 pandemic and its economic ramifications are posing an unprecedented challenge to countries' social protection systems. In response to this, extraordinary social protection measures, ranging from policy adjustments and efforts to address social protection gaps, were taken across the world along with the provision of emergency support to the vulnerable. In Pakistan, inadequate med.....

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“There is no glory in prevention”

Source: [Iftikhar Firdous](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-16

Inside the Walled City of Peshawar, the streets are empty, and the markets closed. But along the intricate pathway of the bazaar, there is a flurry of plastic stools outside every shop and faint whispers of chatter can be heard from behind the shutters. In the midst of it all, a man is seen standing outside a shoe shop with two women. A few seconds later, another bearded man, seated atop one of t.....

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Celebration under lockdown

Source: [Shahzada Irfan Ahmed](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-16

The last few days in the run up to Eid ul Fitr have always been filled with activity. One expects to see streets, markets, shopping malls and eateries crowded. During the holidays and in the leading to the feast streets and bazaars are so busy that finding one's way through the sea of shoppers often becomes a challenge. Visits to relatives, friends and acquaintances have also been the norm es.....

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Caution for Eid

Source: [Dr Bilal Chaudhry](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-16

With the third wave of coronavirus raging in several cities of Pakistan, this Eid brings with it an eminent threat of massive transmission. However, this year we are equipped with an ongoing vaccination drive and a more experienced healthcare system. In addition, the government has taken extra precaution by implementing a week long break for Eid. This, coupled with strict lockdowns on weekends, is.....

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The best way to pray?

Source: [Waqar Gillani](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-16

For Haider Ali, 34, the best way to pray is with a congregation and the best place to pray is the mosque. “It is high time for me, and other Muslims, to turn to God, to pray for a relief from this pandemic, the Covid-19” he says while downing the shutter of his shop in a busy area in the capital city. Ali is among tens of tens of thousands of people in the country who openly violate g.....

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Eid in time of Corona

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-16

This year Eid ul Fitr has come amidst the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in Pakistan. In 2020, there was a sudden shift worldwide in how Eid was to be celebrated on account of the emergence of coronavirus worldwide. This year, we find ourselves in a similar situation, if not worse. Last year, local markets and malls were asked to observe shorter business hours and those not wearing face masks.....

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Four centres for 12 million

Source: [Ali Raza](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-16

For a city whose population now exceeds 12 million, Lahore currently has only five vaccination centres. Obviously, this is causing huge inconvenience to the people wanting to get the Covid-19 vaccine shots. The locations of these vaccination centres are: Railway Dispensary, Model Town; LDA Sports Complex; Minar-i-Pakistan, Azadi Chowk; Expo Centre, Johar Town; Pakistan Liver and Kidney Institute

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That's Eid

Source: [Saniya Nasir](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-16

Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of the fasting month of Ramazan. It is a three-day celebration and one of the most significant festivals in the Islamic calendar. Pakistanis have their own unique way of celebrating it every year. Families get together for lunches and dinners and devour lavish banquets in joyous celebration. The men of the family go to the mosques to pray the Eidnamaz and return home to ea.....

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National News

Balochistan

Over 200 nabbed for defying lockdown orders in Quetta

Source: [Mohammad Zafar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

QUETTA: Over 200 shopkeepers and traders were arrested by police in Quetta on Sunday for defying orders of the Balochistan government and opening their businesses including shops despite the imposed lockdown. The traders opened shops, markets, shopping malls and other businesses in the morning even after Quetta's deputy commissioner had strictly ordered to close down all business centres a.....[more >>](#)

Gilgit Baltistan

103-year-old Covid survivor has advice for unvaccinated

Source: [News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

CHITRAL - He's 103. He got his COVID vaccine. And he wants you to get one, too. That's the message that Aziz Abdul Alim, who is from the remote valley of Upper Chitral of northern Pakistan, wants to tell the world. He received the second dose of the Sinopharm vaccine on April 24. And he's happy to report he's had no side effects so far. "If a 100-above-year-old man[more >>](#)

Islamabad

Covid challenge;FBR may not be able to achieve revenue target: ICAP

Source: [Sohail Sarfraz, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) has estimated that the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) may not be able to achieve the assigned revenue collection target for 2020-21. According to the ICAP's document (model federal budget 2021-22) submitted to the Ministry of Finance, going forward, attaining a tax collection target in the range of Rs5,900 billion to Rs6.....[more >>](#)

Pandemic results in greater use of financial services: survey

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Financial inclusion in Pakistan has increased from 21 percent of adults pre-pandemic to 25 percent in December 2020 (during pandemic) and the change was driven entirely by mobile money adoption. This was disclosed in the findings of a survey on the impact of Covid-19 on financial behaviour in Pakistan shared during a webinar by Karandaaz, on Friday. The pandemic catalysed greater u.....[more >>](#)

140 deaths, 4,298 new coronavirus cases reported

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, on Friday, reported 140 Covid-19 deaths and 4,298 new coronavirus cases following which the national Covid-19 death tally reached to 18,677 and total cases to 851,031. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) countrywide 4,631 recoveries were also reported as a result the national recoveries climbed to 747,775, since the pandemic outbreak in the count.....[more >>](#)

129 new corona cases, 1 death reported in Rawalpindi

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

RAWALPINDI - A person died of Covid-19 in the district of Rawalpindi on Friday while 129 patients tested positive of the deadly virus while no person was discharged from the hospital, sources said yesterday. Total 950 suspected corona patients arrived in hospitals during the last 24 hours, 129 tested positive and 128 declared negative while the remaining tests are awaited, they said. They added Mu.....

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Karnandaz holds webinar to share findings of survey on Covid-19 impact on financial behaviour

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD - Karandaaz held a webinar to share the findings of the recently concluded survey on the impact of COVID-19 on financial behavior in Pakistan. This survey was designed and conducted in partnership with Kantar and is preceded by six waves of the Financial Inclusion Insights (FII) Survey. The FII survey is a nationally representative survey gauging financial inclusion and access to and us.....

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Pakistan receives 1.23m doses of AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) on Saturday said Pakistan has received about 1.23 million doses of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine today which were procured under the COVAX programme. It further added that out of the 3.5 million Sinovac Covid-19 jabs, one million would reach Pakistan on May 9 whereas another consignment of a million doses would reach the country between

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Four more die of Covid-19 in twin cities

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Three more deaths and 349 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in the capital on Friday. Officials of the local administration said the three deaths raised the toll from the virus in the capital to 702. The deceased were two males in the age group of 70-79 and a female in the age group of 60-69. They were residents of Bhara Kahu, Bari Imam and Phulgran. In the last 24 hours, 3,836 tes.....

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UN probe into corona virus begins: Malik

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Former interior minister Rehman Malik said on Friday that an investigation had been initiated to evaluate COVID-19 virus and former prime minister of New Zealand Helen Clark and former president of Liberia Ellen Johnson Sirleaf were co-chairing the probe. In a rejoinder to United Nation's clarification on his interview with The News, Mr Malik said that he would continue to insist.....

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NCOC extends closure of educational institutions till May 23

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) – Pakistan's nerve centre to control the Covid-19 pandemic – has decided to extend the closure of all educational institutions till May 23. The decision was taken at the NCOC meeting held in Islamabad on Saturday. According to a statement, shared through the NCOC's official Twitter handle, the decision has been taken in view of on.....

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PBC for COVID-19 vaccination centers in courts

Source: [Sohail Khan](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) on Friday rejected the draft bill of The Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Financing of Terrorism AML-DFT Regulations for Lawyers and Independent Legal Professions 2021 and Oversight Body Regulations for Self-Regulatory Body of Lawyers 2021. The 233rd meeting of the Pakistan Bar Council was held in its office at the Supreme Court building, chaired by it.....

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Failure of reforms could lead to IMF programme suspension: Pasha

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Former minister for finance Dr Hafiz A Pasha has warned that the IMF programme could land into suspension mode if Pakistan showed its inability to undertake structural reforms and tough conditionalities in the wake of the third wave of Covid-19 pandemic. He also said that Pakistan should reduce the power tariff for industrial sector instead of hiking the tariff on the IMF demand in orde.....

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Traders vow to operate until chand raat countrywide

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: The All Pakistan Traders Association (APTA) Friday announced that it would continue to carry out all commercial activities countrywide except Sindh until chand raat. According to the APTA President Ajmal Baloch, all markets and businesses will operate across the country, including Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. "We should be allowed to operate businesses 24 hours as the Saudi.....

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Pak Army receives second batch of corona vaccine from Chinese military

Source: [news Desk](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistani military received a second batch of COVID-19 vaccines from the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), China Military Online reported Friday. Pakistan Army received the first batch of the vaccine from the Chinese PLA on February 8, becoming the first foreign military to get the COVID-19 vaccine from the Chinese military. The vaccine was provided with the approval o.....

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SOPs violated in Friday prayers congregations

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

Islamabad : The faithful observed 'Jummatul Wida' (the last Friday of Ramazan), by attending mosque congregations here in large numbers. Though the government had announced standard operating procedures (SOPs) for 'Jummatul Wida' events to stem the spread of COVID-19, worshippers largely turned a deaf ear to them and neither observed physical distancing nor used face marks.....

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Eid shoppers swarm markets before lockdown

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

Islamabad : Though a weekday, Friday witnessed unprecedented crowds of shoppers in markets and malls of Islamabad and Rawalpindi as it was the last day before the start of the weeklong pandemic-induced closure of businesses. The people, especially women and children, jostled and shoved each other pushing their way to garment, footwear, jewellery, crockery and grocery shops, especially near the ma.....

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Financial inclusion in Pakistan increases on mobile money

Source: [Mehtab Haider](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

ISLAMABAD: Financial inclusion in Pakistan increased from 21 to 25 percent from October 20 to December 30, 2020 and it was mainly driven by mobile money adoption, Karandaaz's survey found. Karandaaz held a webinar to share the findings of the recently concluded survey on the impact of COVID-19 on financial behavior in Pakistan. Waqasul Hasan, CEO of Karandaaz said the COVID-19 crisis has b.....

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Covid-19 claims six more lives in twin cities

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

ISLAMABAD: Four people died of Covid-19 and 270 new cases were reported in the capital on Saturday. Officials of the capital administration said the death toll from the virus in the capital had reached 706. Of the four casualties, two were males and two females. They were in the age group of 60-69, 70-79 and 80-89. Two of the deceased were residents of Sohan and one each was from I-8 and Phulgr.....

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Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccines; Pakistan receives first consignment via COVAX facility: Dr Faisal

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination, Dr Faisal Sultan on Saturday said that Pakistan received its first shipment of Oxford-AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines (SII-AZ AZD1222) from the COVAX facility. In a media briefing at the vaccine handing over ceremony along with diplomatic missions and COVAX donors, Dr Faisal said that

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Current Covid wave proving to be more acute than 2nd wave: IMF

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

ISLAMABAD: The current wave of Covid-19 in Pakistan is proving to be more acute than the second wave, and the current number of critical care patients is larger than the one during the first wave in 2020, despite, a lower infection rate as of now, says the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The IMF in its updated report, "Policy Actions Taken by Countries" which reviewed various s.....

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Covid-19 wave likely to hit revenue collection in May, June

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

ISLAMABAD - The ongoing third Covid-19 wave is likely to hit the revenue collection in remaining two months (May and June) of the current fiscal year (2020-21). The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) might struggle to achieve the revised tax collection target as the third Covid-19 wave required business restrictions. An official of the FBR informed that third wave of Covid-19 had slowdown the economi.....

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ZTBL announces free vaccination for employees, dependents

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

ISLAMABAD - The Board of Directors of Zarai Taraqiati Bank Ltd (ZTBL), in its meeting held here, has approved free Covid-19 vaccination for bank's employees and their dependents under the bank's finance scheme. All employees of the bank and their dependents can now avail the free vaccination facility for which the medical services department of the bank will acquire vaccines. Since th.....

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NCOC reviews mobility control measures during Eid holidays

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

A special session of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) was held Sunday to review the mobility control measures being implemented across Pakistan from May 8 to 16 to stem the spread of coronavirus during Eidul Fitr holidays. The session, chaired by NCOC chief Asad Umar and National Coordinator Lieutenant General Hamood-Uz-Zaman Khan, was attended by chief secretaries of all provinces. &q.....

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Corona claims 120 more lives, infects 4,109 people

Source: [App](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan reported 120 deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 854,240. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 18,797 on Saturday. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 4,109 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours, reported private news channel. Meanwhile, P.....

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ZTBL employees, dependents to get free corona jab

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Pakistan receives 1.238m doses of AstraZeneca

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has received first consignment of around 1.238 million doses of Oxford-AstraZeneca's AZD1222 vaccine through a commercial flight on the night between Friday and Saturday in Islamabad. Women below the age of 40 would not be administered the AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine in Pakistan as its safety data is pending, federal health authorities Saturday said. &ld.....

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Schools, colleges, varsities to remain closed till 23rd

Source: [news Desk](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) announced on Saturday all educational institutions — schools, colleges, universities, and others — will remain closed till May 23. The NCOC said a meeting to review the decision would be held on May 18 and the decision to reopen the educational institutions would be taken after taking into account the coronavirus situation at.....

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Tourist areas closed till 16th: NCOC

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Chief secretaries of the relevant administrative units have called on people to desist from visiting tourist destinations in the northern areas and Azad Kashmir, reminding them the areas were closed till May 16 and that they would be turned back if they still travelled. On the other hand, one million more doses of Covid-19 vaccine arrived in Pakistan from China on Sunday as the number

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Islamabad continues to see downward trend in positivity ratio

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD: While the positivity graph has further declined in the federal capital, 290 more people were found infected and two patients succumbed to the deadly virus on Sunday. Moreover, the District Health Office has decided to open a mass vaccination centre at F-9 Park after the Eid holidays which will cater to 6,000 to 9,000 people daily. According to documents available with Dawn, the weekly.....

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Pakistan records 3,447 new Covid-19 cases, 78 deaths in 24 hours

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan recorded 3,447 new coronavirus cases in the last 24 hours, taking the country's Covid-19 tally for confirmed cases to 861,473. According to the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC), the country's death toll climbed to 18,993 after 78 more people succumbed to the deadly disease on Sunday. Most deaths occurred in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) followed by Punjab. Meanwhile.....

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Covid-19 SOPs; Provinces asked to ensure 'complete' compliance

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Sunday reported 118 coronavirus deaths and a total of 3785 new COVID-19 positive cases, as President Dr Arif Alvi urged countrymen to strictly follow precautionary measures in Ramadan and on Eid holidays to avoid spread of the pandemic. According to the data released by National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Sunday, during last 24 hours most death occurred in P.....

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Don't let your guard down against Covid-19: president

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Sunday urged the countrymen not to let the anti-Covid guard down and keep following the precautions and strictly follow Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) during Holy Ramadan and Eid. The president said people of Pakistan must be doing something good that COVID-19 had not overwhelmed Pakistan like in neighboring countries. "We are on a plateau

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PIA transports 1m doses of Sinovac vaccine to Pakistan

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

BEIJING: Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight No.6852 carrying a batch of one million doses of Sinovac vaccine left the Beijing Capital International Airport here on Sunday for Islamabad as the country is battling to control the third wave of Covid-19 pandemic. "More flights of the national carrier are expected to airlift more consignments of Sinovac vaccines procured from China.....

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118 more succumb to Covid as active cases cross 81,000

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD - The country on Sunday reported an increase of 3,785 in active coronavirus cases to take its count to 81,830. A total of 118 patients succumbed to Covid-19 while 4,569 recovered from the disease within last 24 hours. According to National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 101 of those who died were under treatment at different hospitals while the others were being treated at their r.....

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NCOC expresses concerns over SOPs violations

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD - The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) expressed its concerns over violations of coronavirus SOPs in various cities. During a session chaired by Planning Minister Asad Umar here on Sunday, all provinces were directed to ensure full implementation of the Covid SOPs. It was said in the meeting that all markets, businesses and shops would remain closed except essential services.....

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Vaccination centres to open on third day of Eid

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has decided to close vaccination centres on the first two days of Eidul Fitr instead of the three days as was being considered earlier, benefitting at least 200,000 people. On the other hand, the country saw a decline in the number of casualties and new cases. A total of 78 people succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours compared to 1.....

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Over dozen shops sealed for violating SOPs

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

TAXILA: An army contingent along with local administration and police during crackdown against violators of Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) sealed over a dozen shops in Hazro and Kamra. The government has imposed a lockdown from May 8 to May 16 to prevent further spread of the virus in the country. Following the government's directives, officials of the local administration p.....

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More vaccination centres planned in capital

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: The capital administration is establishing more Covid-19 vaccination centres in the city to facilitate people and carry out the inoculation process smoothly, sources told Dawn. On the other hand, 10 people lost their battle against Covid-19 in Rawalpindi and Islamabad during the last 24 hours. Officials of the capital administration said they were getting complaints that some centres

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'Govt making concerted efforts to increase vaccine supply, expand vaccination capacity'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umarsaid on Tuesday that the government was making "concerted efforts" to increase the supply of vaccines as well as expand the country's vaccination capacity. He added that the government was opening vaccinations based on age in descending order "due to finite availability of vaccines globally, as well as vaccin.....

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No vaccination on first two Eid days

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD: Six people died of the novel coronavirus while 71 new cases were reported in a span of 24 hours in Rawalpindi, a District Health Authority (DHA) spokesperson informed on Monday. He said that among the new cases, 25 were reported from Rawal Town, 10 from Potohar, 19 from Cantt, 14 from Taxila, two from Murree, and one from Kahuta. Presently, 131 confirmed patients were admit.....

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Country sees 3,447 new cases of Covid-19

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NCOC's Covid-19 awareness drive continues to curb disease spread

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has continued its national awareness campaign to educate citizens on adopting precautionary measures and for proper implementation of COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to curb the disease in the country. According to an NCOC official, the massive awareness drive was a need of the time as the virus was spreading fast in th.....

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PM visits PIMS

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Monday suddenly arrived at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) hospital and took round of a Covid-19 ward, besides enquiring about the coronavirus treatment facilities. The prime minister asked the authorities and doctors on duty about the latest number of Covid-19 affected patients being treated in the dedicated wards and the daily cases.

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Over 70m Covid vaccine doses to be administered this year: Nausheen

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary, National Health Services Regulations and Coordination Dr Nausheen Hamid on Monday said that over 70 million (7 crore) coronavirus vaccine doses would be administered in Pakistan till the end of this year 2021. Talking to a private news channel, she said a biggest Coronavirus center would be set up in Capital city soon and the numbers of Covid related vacc.....

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PM Khan urges people to follow SOPs to curb COVID cases

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

Prime Minister Imran Khan is responding to public queries via telephone today, live. One of the callers complained about people thronging Eid bazaars because the government had restricted business hours to stem the spread of the pandemic. In response, the prime minister acknowledged the move was a quandary as the government wanted to reduce human interaction by decreasing the hours at which busi.....

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3,447 new corona cases reported with 78 deaths

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD - The country reported 3,447 new cases of Covid-19 and 78 deaths during the last 24 hours, National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) said on Monday. According to the latest data released by the centre, the national positivity rate of the infection remains at 9.12 percent. With 78 reported deaths in the last 24 hours, the country's death toll due to the coronavirus has reached 1.....

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5 vaccination centres added in Islamabad

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD - City health authorities on Monday added five more centres to increase the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination strength in rural areas of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Earlier, 15 centres were set up for the vaccination of the residents of ICT. The addition of five more centres will increase the strength of vaccination centres to 20 in the federal territor.....

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Seven more lives lost to Covid-19 in twin cities

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD: Seven people - one in Islamabad and six in Rawalpindi - lost their lives to Covid-19. In the capital city, 182 new cases were reported on Tuesday. Officials of the capital administration said a woman in the age group of 70-79, who died of the virus, was the resident of Loi Bher. During the last 24 hours, 2,515 tests were conducted and 101 males and 81 females were found infected. The.....

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Pakistan sees lowest number of cases since March 16

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan reported the lowest number of Covid-19 cases since March 16 as the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) issued guidelines for Eidul Fitr prayers on Tuesday. The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA), on the other hand, released data about the number of doctors and paramedics who lost their lives to coronavirus. According to details shared by the NCOC, 3,084 cases were de.....

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Vaccine drive for citizens aged 30, above to commence from May 16

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD: National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umar announced on Wednesday that registration for Covid-19 vaccinations for citizens aged 30 years and above will begin on May 16. "As vaccine supply continues to improve and vaccination capacity gets enhanced in all federating units, we continue to expand the categories of those who are eligible to get vaccinated," Umar

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'Strictly comply with Covid-19 SOPs on Eid to avoid similar situation as in India'

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhary urged the masses on Wednesday to strictly comply with Covid-19 standard operating procedure (SOPs) during the upcoming Eidul Fitr to avoid the spread of the pandemic like in India. The minister's remarks came in a video message during which he warned if we did not comply with the Covid-19 protocols, Pakistan could also face a situation simila.....

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Five new vaccination centres for ICT

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ABBOTABAD/ ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad district health administration has set up five more coronavirus vaccination centres in the federal capital, a spokesperson said on Tuesday. According to District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Zaeem Zia, the vaccination centres have been set up at Community Health Centre (CHC) Shah Allah Ditta, Basic Health Units (BHU) of Humak, Jagiot, Rawat, and Bhukkar. He said th.....

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Guidelines, protocols notified; No hugs, no handshakes on Eid

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) Tuesday while issuing guidelines in connection with Eidul Fitr prayers and other related activities, asked elderly and teenagers below 15 years to refrain from attending Eidul Fitr prayers in a bid to support the government's efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19. The NCOC session was held here under the chairmanship of Asa.....

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Over 40 years of age; Walk-in Covid vaccination facility from today: Umar

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) Chairman Asad Umar Tuesday said the government is to start walk-in vaccination facility for people above 40 years from Wednesday (May 12). In a series of tweets, Asad Umar besides announcing the walk-in vaccination facility for people over 40 years of age, also explained that the government was giving COVID-19 vaccines based on age b.....

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New guidelines issued: Govt restricts use of AstraZeneca for people under age 40

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: Reviewing the national guidelines for the use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine AZD1222 within 24 hours, the federal health authorities on Sunday said use of coronavirus (COVID-19) Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine among less than 40 years be restricted irrespective of gender (till availability of further data). "(On the recommendations of an expert committee), we h.....

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WHO says about dozen countries still without vaccine

Source: [news Desk](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that nearly a dozen countries — many of them in Africa — are still waiting to get vaccines. Those last in line on the continent along with Chad are Burkina Faso, Burundi, Eritrea and Tanzania. "Delays and shortages of vaccine supplies are driving African countries to slip further behind the rest of the world in the COVID-19.....

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PM speaks to nation over phone today

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan Monday paid a surprise visit to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Covid-19 ward and interacted with the staff and patients. Following the standard operating procedures (SOPs), the prime minister visited the hospital and was briefed by doctors about the virus, number of patients and their condition and availability of related facilities for them.....

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Coping with COVID-19: Herd immunity only answer, says expert

Source: [Tariq Butt](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Top medical experts are unsure about the duration of the ongoing lethal third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic that has hit Pakistan. "The severity of the wave will not recede unless there is herd immunity, which will be possible only if 60 to 70 percent of the population is either vaccinated or infected," renowned pulmonologist Dr Shazli Manzoor explained to The News, soundin.....

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Corona claims 78 lives, infects 3,447

Source: [App](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of total active COVID-19 cases on Monday recorded 80,375 with 3,447 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 4,824 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Seventy-eight corona patients died during past 24 hours, 68 of them were under treatment in hospital and 10 were quarantined at homes, according to the latest update issued by the Na.....

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President feels people can overcome Covid by sticking to SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD - President Dr Arif Alvi Tuesday said from statistics, it appeared that the people in Pakistan could manage to overcome the Covid pandemic by following standard operating procedures (SOPs) to contain its further spread. The president, in a series of tweets, said the SOPs included wearing of masks, social distancing and hand washing. "Stats (statistics) are that we have not overco.....

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Pandemic increases trend of digital grocery app downloads

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD - As virus pandemic gripped the world, the trend of digital grocery app downloads and online food delivery services are flourishing as consumers can now easily order food items online within shortest possible time. The rise of digital technology in Pakistan too has now transformed the food delivery process and reshaped the market business. Instead of going to restaurant, customers are no.....

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182 fresh Covid-19 cases reported in capital: NCOC

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD -National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Tuesday said that 182 new cases of Coronavirus were reported from the federal capital during the last 24 hours. According to an official of NCOC, as many as 226 cases were reported on Monday while 290 cases were reported on Sunday. He said so far 78,382 cases were reported from the federal capital while 716 deaths were reported from Isla.....

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President Alvi, PM Imran urge nation to strictly comply with Covid-19 SOPs on Eid

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

President Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Imran Khan, on the occasion of Eidul Fitr, urged the masses to strictly observe Covid-19 protocols to stem the spread of pandemic and show compassion towards the poor while celebrating the occasion. In a separate message, the president greeted the nation as well as Muslims around the world on Eidul Fitr and prayed that the day brings plenty of pleasures and joys.....

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Covid-19 vaccination for 30 & above from 16th

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

ISLAMABAD: National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) chief, Asad Umar, Wednesday, asked people aged 30 and above to register themselves for the coronavirus vaccine from May 16. Taking to Twitter, Asad Umar announced that the government had decided to open registrations for another age group as the vaccine supply in Pakistan continues to improve and the country's vaccination capacity

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Eid SOPs: no hugs, no handshakes

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Surely, the government understands that it is going to need substantial security personnel on the ground to make sure that people follow all the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) has identified for Eid prayers because ordinarily the majority among us feel no qualms even about jumping a red light if a traffic sergeant is not present. The Cov.....

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Pakistan celebrates yet another Eid overshadowed by pandemic

Source: [Dawn.com, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Muslims across the country celebrated Eidul Fitr on Thursday with religious zeal and fervour while also observing precautionary measures to curb the spread of the coronavirus. On Wednesday, the Central Ruet-i-Hilal Committee — after lengthy deliberations — announced that Eidul Fitr would be celebrated today as the Shawwal moon had been sighted in parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochist.....

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Sniffer dogs to identify coronavirus patients at Islamabad airport

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

RAWALPINDI: Airport authorities have agreed to use sniffer dogs to identify Covid-19-infected inbound travelers at Islamabad International Airport. A senior airport official told Dawn that well-trained sniffer dogs will detect the virus among the travellers smelling the odors generated by infected people. Sniffer dogs can be used as a secondary screening tool for detecting Covid-19 infection, he.....

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No let-up in casualties from Covid-19 in twin cities

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Though the capital and Rawalpindi district have been witnessing a decline in Covid-19 cases for the last few days, there has been no let-up in the number of deaths from the virus as five more lost their lives in the area. Islamabad reported 178 new cases in the last 24 hours compared to 182 a day earlier whereas Rawalpindi saw 55 people contracting the virus against 68 the previous day.....

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People of twin cities following SOPs

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

ISLAMABAD - The residents oftwin citiesshowed responsible behavior by following Covid-19 SOPs to save themselves and their loved ones during the Eid ul Fitr holidays. According to a survey conducted by APP on Wednesday, it was observed that the markets were closed and only those people were in the markets who needed some essentials including grocery or medicine in an emergency. "We were ab.....

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131,571 vaccine doses administered on May 11: NCOC

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-13

ISLAMABAD - The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) on Wednesday said a total of 131,571 vaccine doses were administered across Pakistan on May 11. While sharing the vaccine statistics on Twitter, the NCOC said total 3,883,884 vaccine doses had been administered till now.

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Corona cases on the decline first time since March

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-13

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Wednesday morning reported 2,869 fresh coronavirus cases suggesting that the cases are on the decline. This is the first time since March 16 the country has reported less than 3,000 coronavirus cases, when 2,351 cases were reported. According to the officials, 38,616 tests were conducted during the last 24 hours after which 2,869 people tested positive. The total number of.....

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NCOC issues rules for Eid prayers

Source: [App](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Tuesday approved strict guidelines and safety protocols for holding Eid ul Fitr prayers across the country. According to the guidelines, Eid prayers should be organised at open spaces with Covid protocols. In case if there was compulsion to offer Eid prayers in Masjid then windows and doors should be kept opened for good ventilation

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Walk-in vaccination for people over 40 begins today

Source: [Inp](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-12

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister and NCOC chief Asad Umar Tuesday announced that the government was starting walk-in COVID-19 vaccination for all citizens above 40 from Wednesday. The citizens will just have to register for the vaccine by sending their CNIC number to 1166. Vaccination centers across Pakistan are open but will be closed during the first two days of Eid, the ruling party leader wrote in.....

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Pakistan to open vaccine registration for 30-39 age group from Sunday

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-13

ISLAMABAD: Pakistanis aged 30 and above will be able to get themselves registered for the coronavirus vaccine from Sunday, May 16. This was revealed by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umar on Wednesday. In a tweet, Umar explained that the government had decided to open registrations for another age group as the vaccine supply in Pakistan continues to improve and the c.....

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Vaccine registration for people above 30 starts from Sunday: Asad

Source: [news Desk](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2021-05-13

Federal Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar has announced the opening of anti-Covid vaccine registration for persons aged 30 years and above from Sunday (May 16). Asad Umar, who also heads National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), said in a tweet on Wednesday that the decision has been taken in view of the improved vaccine supply and vaccination capacity in all the federating unit.....

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Covid-19 leaves 202 doctors, 30 paramedics dead so far: PMA

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-05-13

Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has urged the government to provide the Shuhuda compensation package announced earlier to the families of healthcare workers, as the death toll of doctors who succumbed to the virus exceeded 200. In a press statement on Wednesday, the PMA said as of now, 202 doctors and 30 paramedics have passed away from the virus. Out of these, 74 doctors hailed from Punjab wh.....

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63 passengers test positive at Pakistan airports

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-05-13

The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has asked the Foreign Ministry to ensure that those travelling to Pakistan from abroad should have undergone tests from reputed laboratories as 63 passengers have tested positive for Covid-19 at nationwide airports. According to a letter written from the NCOC to the Foreign Ministry, passengers travelling from Gulf countries have been arriving with.....

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Public transport resumes today as number of Covid cases falls

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: As Covid-19 vaccine registration of people aged 30 years and above begins, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has decided to resume public transport from Sunday (today) instead of the previously given date of May 17. Besides, all markets and shops will remain open till 8pm from May 17. On the other hand, the country reported the lowest number of cases.....

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No check on quality of sanitisers

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Though the use of hand sanitisers has increased following the outbreak of Covid-19, there is still no authority to check and implement quality control of imported or locally-manufactured sanitisers. This situation has arisen due to a decision taken by the federal cabinet in May last year to transfer manufacture and sale of sanitisers from Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Drap) to.....

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Covid-19 claims 13 more lives in twin cities during Eid

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: As many as 13 people succumbed to Covid-19 in the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad during the three days of Eidul Fitr. Officials said nine deaths were reported in the capital and four in the garrison city. Moreover, 467 people were found infected in Islamabad and 114 in Rawalpindi. Officials of the capital administration said 165 cases and four deaths were reported on May 13,.....

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'Ehsaas Cash Emergency' ranked among world's top 4 social protection initiatives

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

The World Bank has recognised the Ehsaas Emergency Cash programme among the top four social protection interventions globally in terms of number of people covered. The WB has just released a report on "global social protection responses to Covid-19," according to an official statement issued on Saturday. This report is called the "living paper" and it is a partnership effort.....

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Provinces told to ensure closure of educational institutes till May 23

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Federal education ministry directed the provinces on Friday to ensure closure of educational institutions until May 23 to avoid a further surge in Covid-19 cases. "Educational institutions shall remain closed till May 23 in view of the directives of the NCOC [National Command and Operation Centre] to deal with the third wave of Covid," read a communique sent to all provinces, Az.....

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World Bank redeploys \$153m for Pak vaccine drive

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved on Friday restructuring of the Pandemic Response Effectiveness in Pakistan (PREP) project, originally approved in April 2020, to redeploy \$153 million to support the ongoing vaccination drive in the country. The fund, redeployed at the request of the federal government, will help finance purchase of safe and effective Covid-19.....

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31-45 age group most affected by Covid-19 in federal capital

Source: [Shabbir Hussain](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: A report drawn up by the Islamabad district health authority (DHA) suggests that people aged between 31 years and 45 years were the most affected by the novel coronavirus in Islamabad. The researchers, however, were unable to reason for the anomaly. The report said that 22,447 people falling in this age bracket were infected by the coronavirus. The report added that 15,989 people aged.....

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An Eid spent waiting for loved ones Senior citizens heartbroken as families fail to show up in old age homes

Source: [Haseeb Hanif](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Different sections of society celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr in ways that they found comfortable. Most citizens preferred to spend the festive occasion with their families and loved ones. However, it was a heart-wrenching sight to see the inhabitants of old homes who had their hearts set on meeting their children be disappointed. Many senior citizens who wait a day in and day out for a visit

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Markets allowed to reopen from tomorrow

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Saturday decided to allow markets and shops to remain open till 8pm from May 17 onwards. A special session held here with Federal Minister for Planning Asad Umar in the chair, reviewed the implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) over Eid-ul-Fitr holidays and expressed satisfaction on compliance. The NCOC also decided.....

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Country to get another batch of China's vaccines today

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will receive another batch of Covid vaccine from China on May 16 comprising 1.2 million doses. According to sources privy to details regarding vaccine arrival, 1.2 million doses of the Chinese vaccine will reach Islamabad on May 16. "The doses included a million jabs of China's Sinovac vaccine and 200,000 jabs of single-dose CanSino," they said. The source.....

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Covid-19 claims 83 lives; 1,531 new cases reported

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of total active COVID-19 cases Saturday recorded 71,804 with 1,531 new cases during the last 24 hours. According to the latest update issued by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 3,042 corona patients recovered while 83 died, of them 73 were under treatment in hospital. 36 of them were on ventilators. 10 were out of the hospital in their respective.....

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Punjab reports 40 deaths in last 24 hours; Proposal to extend lockdown under consideration

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE: While there is a significant decline in the number of corona positive cases, the Punjab government is mulling to extend the complete lockdown in the province for another week. However, a final decision may be taken in consultation with the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). After a sharp decline in the number of coronavirus infections during the Eid lockdown, the provi.....

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Pakistan reports 2,379 coronavirus cases in 24 hours

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

Pakistan has reported 76 deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 877,130. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 19,543 on Sunday. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 2,379 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Punjab remains the worst-hit province in terms of dea.....

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Expanding Campaign

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

On May 3, Pakistan opened registration for the coronavirus vaccination for people aged between 40 to 49 years across the country. Now, almost two weeks later, Pakistan is opening up the facility for citizens who are 30 years of age or older. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umar announced that from May 16, registration for coronavirus vaccine will be open to all 30 year.....

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Markets to remain open till 8pm from Monday

Source: [Tahir Niaz / Rahul Basharat](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD - The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Saturday announced that all inter-provincial, intra-city and inter-city public transport can resume from May 16 (today) instead of the earlier decided May 17. The forum also decided to continue running trains with 70 percent occupancy in the country. The NCOC also said that normal working hours for offices will resume from May 17, wi.....

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PM Imran Khan urges nation to wear masks

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan has once again urged the nation to follow Standard Operating Procedure of COVID-19 pandemic and wear masks. In a tweet, the Prime Minister also expressed grief over the sad demise of a dedicated young PTI worker Zahid Mohmand to COVID-19 pandemic. He said Zahid Mohmand worked to organise the party at grassroots level in Peshawar. The Prime Minister also offered

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WB redeploys \$153 million to Support Pakistan's COVID-19 vaccine drive

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD - The Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank's has approved restructuring of the Pandemic Response Effectiveness in Pakistan (PREP) project, originally approved in April 2020, to redeploy \$153 million to support the ongoing national vaccine drive in Pakistan. According to a press release, these funds, redeployed at the request of the federal government, will help finance t.....

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C'wealth June 24 summit postponed due to Covid

Source: [Mateen Haider, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD - The Commonwealth summit scheduled for June 24, 2021 in Kigali Rwanda has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Commonwealth secretariat has informed Pakistan about the postponement of the summit and said that new dates for the event would be announced by the secretariat later this year. Prime Ministers of Pakistan and India were among several leaders of the world (members of.....

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KP govt decides to end lockdown amid SOPs by tomorrow

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

PESHAWAR - The government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to end lockdown and restore commercial activities amid corona standard operating procedures (SOPs) in the province by May 17 (Monday). According to a notification issued here Saturday by Home and Tribal Department stated that all commercial activities, establishments, markets would be closed by 08:00 pm from May 17 (Monday) in the provin.....

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Vaccine Hesitancy? Misinformation Kills

Source: [Afshan S. Khan, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

A day before Eid-ul-Fitr, Federal Minister for Planning and Development and the Chief of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCO) Asad Umar announced that the registration for COVID-19 registration for 30 years and older will begin after Eid. A day before Eid, Asad Umar tweeted, "As vaccine supply continues to improve and vaccination capacity gets enhanced in all federating units, we.....

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Covid vaccination resumes after Eid holidays

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

ISLAMABAD -The District Health Authority in Rawalpindi on Saturday restarted its vaccination drive against the novel coronavirus at 24 vaccination centres of the district after the Eid holidays. District Health Coordinator for Coronavirus Management Dr Jawad Zahid told APP that around 5,000 vaccine doses were administered to the people on May 15, raising the total district tally of coronavirus va.....

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Capital, Pindi see drop in Covid-19 cases

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD: Though only 96 cases of Covid-19 were reported in Islamabad, health experts said it was due to the low number of tests - less than 1,200 - conducted on Saturday. The situation will become clear once people return from their native areas and the number of tests surpass the figure of 5,000 daily. According to data, the positivity rate remained 8.07 per cent. Moreover, four deaths were r.....

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FDE extends closure of educational institutions till May 23

Source: [Kasim Abbasi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) has extended ongoing closure of Islamabad-based schools and colleges until May 23. According to officials of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, the FDE issued a notification dated May 14 to extend closure of institutions from May 17 to 23. "Yes, we have extended closure until May 23. Meanwhile, Inter-Provincial.....

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Measures being taken to address impact of global climate crisis: PM's aide

Source: [Jamal Shahid](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on Climate Change Malik Amin Aslam on Sunday said the government was taking measures to address the impact of the global climate crisis on the country's socio-economic sectors to achieve environmental and economic sustainability. The Clean and Green Pakistan initiative includes nation-wide tree plantation and protection activities, p.....

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Inter-provincial, inter-city transport resume;

Source: [Zaheer Abbasi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The government has opened Covid-19 vaccine registration for citizens 30 year and above on Sunday. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) registration of citizens from 30 to 39 years of age has been started from 16th of May, 2021 and vaccination centre and date will be communicated to them through SMS, once the vaccine administration will start for their age g.....

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Injections, output increases 28.07pc in three quarters

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The production of injections in the country has witnessed 28.07 percent increase during the first three quarters of the financial year 2020-21 against the output of the same period of last fiscal year. As many as 1183,119 injections were manufactured during July-March (2020-21) as compared to the production of 923,839 injection manufactured during July-March (2019-20), showing grow.....

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Coronavirus takes another 76 lives

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of active COVID-19 cases recorded on Sunday was 68,819 with 2,379 new cases during the last 24 hours. According to the latest update issued by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 5,288 virus patients recovered and 76 died. Most of the deaths occurred in Punjab followed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. There were 4,376 infected patients under treatment in critical.....

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Calls grow for vaccination as virus death toll nears 20,000

Source: [Agencies / Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD - The National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) Sunday reported at least 2,379 new Coronavirus cases, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 877,130. The country's death toll, meanwhile, climbed to 19,543 after 76 more people succumbed to the deadly disease. Meanwhile, 5,288 patients recovered from the deadly disease in a day, taking total recoveries to 788,768. Accordin.....

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NCOC urges above 30 to get vaccinated

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD - National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has asked all those people who are above 30 years of age to get vaccinated as soon as possible in order to prevent from COVID-19. In a message on Sunday, NCOC asked the above 30 people to get registered by sending CNIC number to 1166 prior to visiting vaccination centre. "Walk in facility for above 40 years also needs prior registrat.....

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'Efforts underway for building greener, sustainable future amid COVID-19'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

'Efforts underway for building greener, sustainable future amid COVID-19' (thenewsIslamabad : Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Climate Change Malik Amin Aslam has said that the incumbent government is taking all-out coping measures to address deleterious impacts of global climate crisis on the country's socio-economic sectors for achieving environmental and economic sustain.....

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

NHMP officer fighting for life against Covid-19 marked absent

Source: [Javed Aziz Khan](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

PESHAWAR: A junior officer of the National Highways and Motorway Police (NHMP), who died from Covid-19 a few days back, was marked absent from duty while fighting for life at the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital, a source told The News. This caused anger among the NHMP officers, who demanded an inquiry as to how a cop was marked absent and transferred to a remote area when he was already on deat.....

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Ban slapped on visit to Shangla tourist places

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

SHANGLA: Deputy commissioner Hamidur Rehman has imposed a ban on visit to tourist destinations in Shangla district during Eid holidays, asking the police to fully implement the ban amid third wave of coronavirus. The deputy commissioner on Saturday issued a notification to ban visits to tourist places on the eve of Eidul Fitr. The notification said the ban would remain imposed till May 20 during.....

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Covid's deadly rampage among medics continues

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

PESHAWAR: Covid-19 has rapidly been claiming the lives of medics across Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) as another doctor succumbed to it on Friday, pushing up the total number to 66. Over all around 102 health workers including doctors have lost their lives so far despite the fact that doctors are constantly demanding proper protective gears for the medics and all hospital staff from the government but

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Impending oxygen shortage spooks K-P

Source: [Umer Farooq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

PESHAWAR: When news of acute oxygen shortages started pouring in from the neighbouring country, the Islamic Republic too had to hit the gas on its production capacity. With cases exploding during the pandemic's third-wave, it was projected that Pakistan could also be experiencing the same catastrophic fate as India, if conditions did not improve by Ramazan's end. In the northwestern

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Peshawar, Mardan continue to record more Covid deaths

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

PESHAWAR: Coronavirus claimed 27 more lives including an employee of Lady Reading Hospital and infected 642 others in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday as Peshawar, Mardan and Swat continued to record more deaths and new cases. A report of health department said that 10 more people fell prey to the virus in Peshawar, five in Swat, four in Mardan and two each in Charsadda and Dir Upper while Chitral Lo.....

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Saidu hospital oxygen plant made functional

Source: [A Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

SWAT: The medical oxygen plant was made functional in Saidu Sharif Teaching Hospital (STH) here on Sunday to cater to the needs of critical patients of Malakand division, including those suffering from Covid-19. This is the first oxygen plant in Malakand division which according to the STH administration would fulfil the needs of over 200 patients. The plant was made functional in a ceremony whi.....

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Foreign tourists exempted from travel restrictions

Source: [Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has exempted foreign tourists from the ban imposed on tourism activities and travelling from May 8 to May 16 due to alarming situation of Covid-19 pandemic. Latifur Rehman, the spokesman for tourism department, told Dawn that visit of foreign tourists to different areas of the province and Gilgit-Baltistan was already scheduled that was why they were ex.....

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Three test positive for virus on return from Afghanistan

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KHYBER: The local health authorities on Sunday diagnosed three more Pakistanis with coronavirus after they came back from Afghanistan through the Torkham border on Sunday. The officials immediately shifted the three affected persons to the quarantine centre set up at the District Headquarters Hospital, Landi Kotal. Another person returning from Afghanistan was found to be infected with Covid-19

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30 shops sealed in Oghi for defying lockdown

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

MANSEHRA: The Oghi tehsil administration on Sunday sealed 30 shops of non-essential items for defying the lockdown. A team of TMA officials and policemen led by assistant commissioner Usman Ali took the action during visits to different bazaars. "We cannot allow anyone to challenge the writ of the government," Mr Ali told reporters on the occasion. The official said the precautionary.....

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Three Pakistanis returning from Afghanistan contract Covid-19

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

PESHAWAR: Focal person of the health department at Torkham border Abdul Qadir said that three Pakistan nationals returned from Afghanistan have been detected corona positive at Torkham border Talking to reporters on Sunday, Abdul Qadir said that three Pakistani citizens who returned from Kabul were detected Covid-19 positive after their Rapid Antigen Test (RATs) were conducted. The affec.....

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Salons, tailor shops sealed over lockdown violation

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

MANSEHRA: The district administration sealed many beauty salons, tailor shops and non-essential business outlets here on Monday for being open despite lockdown. Deputy commissioner Dr Qasim Ali Khan had ordered a crackdown on violation of business closure orders in Mansehra, Balakot and Oghi tehsils. A team of the administration and police led by assistant commissioner Sundus Arshad Malik visited.....

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Clerics' help sought for SOP implementation

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

BATTAGRAM: Deputy commissioner Abdul Hameed Khan on Monday urged religious scholars to play their due role in asking the people to follow the government's standard operating procedures to stem the spread of coronavirus. During a meeting with a delegation of ulema here, the DC said the government had announced a complete lockdown for the non-essential businesses, while the district administration.....

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Covid claims 29 more lives in KP

Source: [Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

PESHAWAR: Coronavirus has claimed 29 more lives and infected 495 others in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as authorities continue to take action against violators of the precautionary measures, especially Mardan, a high-risk district. In Mardan, where positivity rate for Covid-19 swabs rose to more than 17 per cent, calls were made from mosques through loudspeakers by the administration to ask people to stay.....

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235 traders held, 70 shops sealed in Peshawar

Source: [Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

PESHAWAR/DERA ISMAIL KHAN: The Peshawar district administration on Monday arrested 235 traders and sealed 71 shops in the provincial capital during an operation also assisted by the army and police to ensure compliance with the standard operating procedures against the Covid-19 pandemic. An official statement issued here said the operation was carried out in Warsak Road, University Road, GT Road

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24 Covid positive passengers flee Police Hospital

Source: [DNA, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

PESHAWAR: In a shocking incident, 24 passengers who were kept in isolation after testing positive for Covid-19 have mysteriously gone missing from the Peshawar Police Hospital. According to sources familiar with the matter, the passengers reached Peshawar from Sharjah via private airlines and tested positive for the novel coronavirus. They were kept in a quarantine facility at the Peshawar Police

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K-P's Corona Task Force await allowance payment

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

DI KHAN: Members of the Corona Task Force in 11 districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) have not been paid their monthly allowances for the past seven months. Talking to The Express Tribune an official of the task force said that since last November all the payment of the allowances was stopped by the Health Ministry due to unidentified reasons. When the matter was reported in the media, the province.....

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Implementation of Covid-19 SOPs, KP CM expresses dissatisfaction

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mahmood Khan Monday expressed dissatisfaction over the state of implementation of Corona standard operating procedures (SOPs) in some localities and directed district administration and police to ensure its implementation in letter and spirit. He expressed these views during surprise visits to various localities of the provincial capital. The Chief Minister visited Un.....

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Covid positivity rate in Kurram jumps to 14pc

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

PARACHINAR: Deputy commissioner Dr Afaq Wazir has said the Covid-19 positivity rate in Kurram tribal district has jumped to 14 per cent, which is alarming. Talking to mediapersons here on Tuesday, he said that in view of the sudden spike in coronavirus cases, the district administration had decided to take steps to check the pandemic. He said that all the private and government schools had been

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22 shops sealed in Bajaur for violating Covid SOPs

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

BAJAUR: Authorities sealed 22 shops and arrested several traders in different bazaars here on Tuesday for violating the ongoing lockdown. According to a statement issued by the DC office, the district administration sealed 22 shops and detained several traders for violation of the lockdown imposed from May 8 to prevent the spread of coronavirus in the district. It said the visiting officials fou.....

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Authorities struggling to ensure adherence to SOPs on Eid

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

PESHAWAR: Coronavirus has claimed 24 more lives and infected 413 others in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as chief secretary has convened a zoom meeting of the commissioners on Wednesday (today) to ensure full adherence to the precautionary measures during Eidul Fitr. Officials said that Chief Secretary Dr Kazim Niaz would instruct all the commissioners regarding the standard operating procedures (SOPs) in I.....

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237 arrested, 72 shops sealed for violating SOPs

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

PESHAWAR: The hide-and-seek between the police and traders continued on Monday as many shopkeepers reopened businesses despite the lockdown. As many as 237 people were arrested and 72 shops sealed by the officials for violation of standard operating procedures (SOPs). Heavy contingents of police along with district administration and army personnel patrolled the streets and markets to ensure imp.....

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People leaving for hometowns irked by lockdown

Source: [Syed Bukhar Shah](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

PESHAWAR: The people leaving for hometowns to celebrate the upcoming Eidul Fitr with families were irked by the suspension of inter-city and inter-district transport due to the lockdown. The government has imposed a lockdown from 8 to May 16 and closed the bus stands from May 10 including Haji Camp Adda, Lahore Adda on GT Road, Charsadda Adda, Kohat Adda besides all others small stands inside the.....

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Toll reaches 67 as another doctor dies of corona in KP

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: Another doctor in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on Wednesday succumbed to coronavirus, raising the death toll of doctors to have died in the province from the virus to 67. According to details, Dr Fazal Raheem was under treatment at a hospital for two weeks after contracting the infection. According to the Provincial Doctors Association, Dr Fazal Raheem, Senior Pathologist, District

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NCOC's Eid guidelines; KP issues directives for implementation

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: The provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Wednesday issued directives for the implementation of the guidelines of National Coordination and Command Centre (NCOC) for gatherings of Eidul Fitr in the province. In this connection, a meeting of the divisional commissioners, regional police officers and clerics of different schools of thought was held here with Chief Secretary KP,

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Tourist attractions in KP

Source: [4,260 vehicles stopped from entering districts](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: In order to implement ban imposed by National Command Operation Centre (NCOC) over entering of visitors to districts of tourists' attraction during Eid holidays as a preventive measure to contain corona infection, around 4,260 cars were stopped and returned on Wednesday. According to a report jointly prepared by Tourism Department and Provincial Performance Management & Re.....

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Govt orders strict implementation of Eid prayer guidelines

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government on Wednesday issued instructions to the authorities to ensure strict implementation of the National Command and Operation Centre's (NCOC) guidelines during Eid prayers for the prevention and control of coronavirus. The instructions were issued during a meeting chaired by chief secretary Dr Kazim Niaz and attended by the divisional commissioners, r.....

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Nurses pledge to continue fighting Covid-19

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

KOHAT: The International Nurses Day was observed here on Wednesday with a pledge to serve the ailing humanity and continue to perform duties as frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. Speaking on the occasion to her colleagues, president of female nurses Jamsheeda Begum said that the day was celebrated on 12th May every year, which was also the birth anniversary of nursing pioneer Florenc.....

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29 more lose life to coronavirus in KP

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: Coronavirus claimed 29 more lives and infected 522 others in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Wednesday as senior physicians engaged in management of Covid-19 patients said that as long as big congregations and gatherings were avoided during Eidul Fitr, the spike in coronavirus cases wouldn't occur. "I don't think we will have the same Covid-19 situation as that of India. We don't.....

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KP Govt issues directives for implementation on Eid guidelines

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

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Section 144 imposed to implement SOPs in South Waziristan

Source: [Correspondent, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

WANA: The district administration on Tuesday imposed Section 144 to ban tourist and business activities in a bid to contain coronavirus pandemic during Eid holidays in South Waziristan tribal district. A notification issued by Deputy Commissioner Khalid Iqbal Khattak said that there will be a complete ban on movement of people, business and tourist activities to stem the spread of the Covid-19 pa.....

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50 shops sealed in Shinkiari

Source: [Correspondent, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

MANSEHRA: The Baffa-Pakhal municipal administration has sealed around 50 shops in Shinkiari, Ichrian and other towns and bazaars in the tehsil on Tuesday. A joint team of police and TMA staff led by Tehsil Municipal Officer Mazhar Awan paid a surprise visit to the Shinkiari, Ichrian, College, Baffa Doraha and bus terminal. He sealed shops of non-essential items, which were opened in defiance of n.....

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Punjab to strictly enforce lockdown on Eid

Source: [Correspondent, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to strictly enforce the lockdown to restrict the movement of people on the occasion of Eid ul Fitr. Action will be taken against the violators of the lockdown to contain the spread of coronavirus. The decision was taken during a meeting held at Civil Secretariat on Tuesday to review the situation of coronavirus in the province. Provincial Law Mini.....

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Eid cards re-emerge in face of coronavirus restrictions

Source: [Syed Bukhar Shah, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: The coronavirus pandemic, lockdown and the announcements urging the people to stay at home instead of visiting others for Eid greetings have prompted many to re-introduce the culture of sending Eid cards. Sending colorful Eid cards inscribed with messages, wishes, prayers and Eid greetings was an old practice, which is no longer in vogue. People used to send and receive Eid cards, but t.....

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KP govt issues guidelines for Eid prayers

Source: [Bureau Report, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government Wednesday issued instructions to implement the NCOC guidelines for safe management of Eidul Fitr prayers. The instructions were issued at a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dr. Kazim Niaz, said a handout. The divisional commissioners, regional police officers and eminent religious scholars of various schools of thought attended

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Lockdown taking its toll on transgender persons

Source: [Syed Bukhar Shah](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

PESHAWAR: The lockdown necessitated by the coronavirus pandemic has brought routine life to a grinding halt, leaving little space for people to make ends meet at a time of unprecedented slump in business activities. But one group of people, who find it difficult to keep body and soul together, are the members of the transgender community. Though most of the people have started feeling the pinch,

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2 more die of COVID-19 in Nowshera

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

NOWSHERA: Two more patients died of coronavirus while 26 others reported positive for the fatal virus in the district on Wednesday. An official said that two women patients identified as Amtari Bibi, a resident of Khandar, and Dil Araa of Malikabad, were infected by Covid-19 and were under treatment at the Qazi Medical complex, Nowshera. However, they died while battling for life for the last se.....

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Festive firing: Official warns violators of stern action on Eid eve

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

MANSEHRA: District Police Officer Asif Bahadur on Wednesday warned that the persons indulged in the festive firing on the eve of Eid would be dealt with an iron hand. "The police personnel in civvies would be deployed in parts of the district to check the aerial firing and those found committing the offence would be arrested on the spot," the official told reporters here. He said tha.....

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Covid deaths, cases register decline

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa recorded 23 more deaths from coronavirus and 173 new cases on Saturday amid claims by the authorities that the lockdown restrictions have helped reduce the virus-related fatalities and incidence. However, officials said it was hard to ascertain the correct quantum of the virus positivity rate due to a decline in the collection of swabs for Covid-19 testing. They said.....

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Eidul Fitr observed across KP under strict coronavirus lockdown

Source: [Amjad Ali Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

PESHAWAR: Eid-ul-Fitr, the largest Muslim festival was celebrated with religious zeal and fervour, sweet meals and savouries but under a coronavirus lockdown with strict restrictions in place. Special monitoring team of district administrations had ensured strict implementation of Covid-19 restrictions in the province. Routes leading to tourists' sites, including Swat and other up

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KP govt to lift lockdown tomorrow

Source: [Amjad Ali Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has announced the lifting of a week-long complete lockdown across the province from Monday (tomorrow) as per the decision of the National Command Operation Centre (NCOC). Whereas, the public transport, including intercity and intracity will resume operation in the province from Sunday (today). According to an official notification issued by the pro.....

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Corona claims 20 more lives in KP

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

PESHAWAR: Corona-virus claimed 20 more lives during last 24 hours in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa taking the toll from the pandemic to 3743 in the province, said Health Department KP here on Saturday. 211 more have been detected Corona positive in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during 24 hours and the total number of active cases in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reached 126614. But, on the hand, 169 corona patients have been.....

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KP to purchase 1 million corona vaccine doses

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

PESHAWAR - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to purchase corona vaccine and a summary has been sent to Chief Minister Mahmood Khan for the approval into the matter. According to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Secretary Health Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah, the government would purchase one million doses after approval from the provincial cabinet. He said police, teachers and other civil service providers w.....

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Over 2,000 motorists fined for SOP violation

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

PESHAWAR: The transport department along with the respective district administration has fined thousands of owners of vehicles and restaurants during a campaign to implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) against Covid-19. Around 50,000 vehicles, on way to tourist spots in the province, were not allowed to proceed owing to lockdown during Eid holidays. "We successfully implemented 98.....

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Covid positivity rate drops in Mansehra

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

MANSEHRA: The coronavirus positivity rate has dropped considerably because of the effective enforcement of the weeklong lockdown across the Mansehra district. "If we had not effectively enforced the lockdown before and after Eid, positivity ratio could have gone up," deputy commissioner Dr Qasim Ali Khan told reporters here on Sunday. He said the police and officials of the revenue d.....

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K-P to purchase 1m doses of Covid vaccine

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) government has decided to purchase one million doses of corona vaccine and a summary has been sent to Chief Minister Mahmood Khan for approval. Provincial Secretary Health Syed Imtiaz Hussain Shah said this while talking to APP on Saturday. He said the government would purchase the doses after the approval from the provincial cabinet, while police, teacher.....

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Covid-19 kills 3, infects 42 more in Nowshera

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

NOWSHERA: Three patients died of coronavirus while 42 more tested positive for the viral infection in the district on Sunday. With the new casualties, the fatalities from the coronavirus reached 98 in the district. An official said that three patients infected by the coronavirus were under treatment at the Qazi Medical Complex, Nowshera. However, they died of the viral infection while ba.....

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Minister orders uninterrupted supply of essential items during lockdown

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

LAHORE - Provincial Law Minister Raja Basharat has directed the authorities concerned to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential items during the lockdown, saying that the supply chain should not be affected in any way. He gave this direction while presiding over a high-level meeting at Civil Secretariat here on Friday. The Chief Secretary of Punjab, Additional Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary.....

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Police seal 20 shops, arrest many for SOPs breach

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

LAHORE - CCPO Lahore Ghulam Mahmood Dogar, during late night patrolling and flag march, sealed 20 shops on PIA Road and arrested 50 people for violating corona SOPs from various areas of the city. Police said on Friday the flag march started from Police Lines Qila Gujjar Singh and passed through different city roads and markets including posh areas of the city. Teams of Dolphins Squad, Police

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Rush seen in Pindi markets, bus terminals on eve of lockdown

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

RAWALPINDI: As the government has decided to close business activities from May 8 to 16, people thronged bazaars for Eid shopping on Friday. Moreover, bus terminals were also crowded as many people left for their hometowns to celebrate the Eid before the ban on public transport starts on Saturday. "All bazaars and shopping malls will remain closed from May 8 to 16 and we will strictly implement....."

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Markets, bazaars in Pindi remain closed as per new SOPs

Source: [Aamir Yasin](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

RAWALPINDI: As per the directives of the government to impose Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs), all shops and markets were closed for a week on Saturday. Traders in Raja Bazaar and adjoining markets in the garrison city kept their shops closed. In the morning, however, shopkeepers in Bara Market tried to open their shops but they had to pull down the shutters soon after arrival of army.....

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60 more fall prey to Covid in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

LAHORE: The Covid-19 death toll reached 8,951 in Punjab after 60 more patients died of the infection during the last 24 hours across the province. Of them, 20 critical patients, who were on ventilators, died in Lahore. The city has been contributing a large number of infections and deaths to the provincial tally. According to the update released by the Punjab government here on Saturday, 1,817 patients.....

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Punjab reports 1,817 fresh virus cases, 60 more fatalities

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

LAHORE: There is no let up in the spread of coronavirus as 1,817 new coronavirus cases and 60 more fatalities were reported across the province during the last 24 hours taking the provincial tally of infections to 316,334 and the death toll to 8,951. With recovery of 4,957 more people from Covid-19 across the country, the Pakistan's total recovered people reached 752,712. Pursuing.....

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Nearly 2774 people vaccinated against corona in F'abad

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

FAISALABAD: As many as 2774 people were vaccinated against corona at Vaccination Centres in the district yesterday, while so far a total of 81505 people have been vaccinated out of which 65090 have given first dose and 16415 have given second dose. Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Ali said this while briefing to Punjab Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Rai Taimur Khan Bhatti during his visit

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Vaccination centres to remain closed on Eid days

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

CHICHAWATNI - Corona vaccination centres in Sahiwal will be opened from May 9 to 12 and remain closed from May 13 to 15 during the Eidul Fitr holidays. This was stated by chief executive officer (CEO) Health Dr Abdul Majeed Niazi in a press release on Saturday. He said that both the Sahiwal and Chichawatni vaccination centers would be open for vaccination from May 9 to 12 in two shifts from 10am t.....

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DC inspects Corona Vaccination Centre to review arrangements

Source: [Ch Ashraf](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

BAHAWALPUR - The Punjab government has set up corona vaccination centers across the district where people are getting free corona vaccination. Deputy Commissioner Irfan Ali Kathia inspected the Corona Vaccination Centre at Government Girls High School Model Town-A to review the arrangements made for corona vaccination and the facilities provided to the people. He inspected the waiting room, Corona.....

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PHC fines Rs150,000 to a hospital for violating corona SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

LAHORE - The Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) on Saturday has imposed a fine on a private hospital for violating corona Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). As per details, Bilal Hospital in Rawalpindi was treating Covid-19 patients. During the previous days, a team of the PHC inspected the premises to check the implementation of the corona SOPs and regulations, and it was found out that the ho.....

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2 persons die of Covid-19 in Rawalpindi

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

Rawalpindi-Two persons died of coronavirus in the city here on Saturday. They said Afsar Khan, 74, resident of city, died at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences on Saturday where he was admitted from on May 7. Sahbun Nisa, 76, resident of Gulshan Colony Taxila, died at Dr. Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital on Saturday where she was admitted from on May 7, sources added. Meanwhile, slow testing.....

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'Social media best way to wish Eid and stay safe'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

LAHORE: Postgraduate Medical Institute Principal Dr Sardar Muhammad Al Fareed Zafar has appealed to the citizens to follow the government SOPs and medical experts' instructions devised to protect the joys of Eidul Fitr and avoid the perils of coronavirus. Talking to the media, he said everyone should strictly follow the guidelines and precautions so that their happiness does not wane and the.....

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Private schools federation flays NCOC decision to extend schools closure

Source: [Correspondent](#) , [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-09

LAHORE: All Pakistan Private Schools Federation (APPSF) President Kashif Mirza has condemned the decision of NCOC to extend the ongoing schools closure, saying that instead of keeping the campuses closed, the government should go for micro lockdowns. In a statement issued here on Saturday, the APPSF president said that the schools had already faced an irreparable loss to education of 75 million s.....

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Traders warn of protest over shops' forcible closure

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-10

LAHORE: Traders on Sunday asked the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) to take notice of inappropriate use of army troops for forcibly closing down the businesses of small traders by the government and announced that they would hold a protest demonstration in front of the NCOC headquarters in Islamabad after Eid. "This is for Gen Qamar Javaid Bajwa (COAS). The army was called by the government unde.....

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91 arrested, 54 cases registered over lockdown violations

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-10

RAWALPINDI: Police continued its crackdown against coronavirus lockdown violations on Sunday as the number of people arrested during the last two days increased to 91 and cases registered to 54. As many as 79 people were arrested by police and 42 cases were registered over lockdown violations in Rawalpindi on Saturday while 12 people were arrested on Sunday. The arrests of the 12 people came aft.....

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NCOC guidelines to be strictly implemented during Eid: minister

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-10

RAWALPINDI: Punjab Minister for Law and Cooperatives Mohammad Basharat Raja has said that the guidelines issued by National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on the occasion of Eidul Fitr to curb coronavirus will be strictly implemented. "The subcommittee of Punjab cabinet is reviewing the monitoring and evaluation on a daily basis and the movement of citizens during Eid holidays in the p.....

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13 more vaccination counters to open today in Bahawalpur

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-10

BAHAWALPUR: The district administration in coordination with the health department has announced the establishment of 13 more vaccination counters in the district in addition to the existing 18 to facilitate people residing near the rural health centres (RHC). According to Deputy Commissioner Irfan Ali Kathia, the district administration has decided to set up these Covid-19 vaccination counters a.....

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Police personnel's vaccination starts at Qila Gujjar Singh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-10

LAHORE: The coronavirus vaccination facility has been provided to the police personnel at the District Police Lines Hospital, Qila Gujjar Singh. Capital City Police Office (CCPO) Ghulam Mahmood Dogar along with Commissioner Lahore retired Captain Muhammad Usman visited the vaccination centre and inspected the process of vaccination of police officers and the standard of medical facilities being p.....

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SHO suspended for torture of SOPs violators in Lahore

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE: Deputy Inspector General (DIG) operation Sajid Kiyani on Sunday suspended the New Anarkali station house officer (SHO) for allegedly torturing citizens over violation of coronavirus SOPs. A video circulated on different social media websites showed that New Anarkali SHO Muhammad Ahmed was holding a baton and torturing the citizens for not wearing masks and violating coronavirus SOPs. Oth.....

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Punjab plans to vaccinate 30pc population: health minister

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid says the provincial government has a plan to vaccinate 25 to 30pc of its population to create a shield against the spread of the coronavirus. Issuing a warning that the pandemic in South Punjab is gradually increasing, she gave the alarming figure of 23pc infection rate in some areas of the region. Punjab is currently giving over 100,000 vaccine.....

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Half-shut shops cater to Eid needs of nonchalant buyers

Source: [Saleem Mubarak](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

FAISALABAD: Despite imposition of a complete lockdown by the Punjab government to slow down the spread of the coronavirus, many shopkeepers selling Eid-related items kept doing business with the half-shutters down in small towns of the city on Sunday. These shopkeepers, mostly having shops in small markets in the congested areas, were catering to the shopping needs of the customers, most of them

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Arif Lohar's wife passes away

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE: The wife of legendary folk singer Arif Lohar passed away here on Sunday. She was laid to rest in a Sabzazar graveyard. Lohar's wife was admitted to a hospital a few days ago due to fever and was undergoing treatment. She was later moved to the ventilator, but could not survive. Family sources said she had no symptoms of coronavirus.

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'SOPs to be strictly observed on Eid'

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

RAWALPINDI: Punjab Minister for Law and Cooperatives Muhammad Basharat Raja said that the guidelines issued by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) for Eidul Fitr to control the spread of coronavirus would be strictly implemented in letter and spirit. Presiding over a meeting to review the implementation of anti-Covid standard operating procedures (SOPs) here on Sunday, the minister m.....

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29 shops, two snooker clubs sealed

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

RAWALPINDI: As many as 43 shopkeepers were arrested in Rawalpindi on Saturday for violation of preventive measures against coronavirus and directives of Punjab government to curb the spread of Covid. On special instructions of Rawalpindi City Police Officer (CPO) Ahsan Younas, the police held 43 shopkeepers for opening shops and registered cases against them while 29 shops were sealed for violat.....

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Positivity rate on the rise in Pindi

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD: After blatant violations of precautionary guidelines during Eid shopping, the coronavirus infection rate is once again spiraling in Rawalpindi as it was recorded around 11.10 per cent on Sunday. As many as 115 cases were reported in the district while two people succumbed to the virus in a span of 24 hours, officials informed. Health experts are citing flouting of anti-Covid

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Eid days important to stop spread of Covid-19, says minister

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid on Sunday said that the positivity ratio in Punjab has shown a declining trend over the past week but it is still over 8 per cent in 26 districts and Eid days are extremely important to stop the spread of the pandemic. Addressing a press conference, she said in the last 24 hours, there were 1838 positive cases and 81 people lost their lives. She.....

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Lockdown will be lifted on 16th across Punjab: Buzdar

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE: Brushing aside the apprehension of extension in the lockdown after Eid holidays, Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar made it clear on Sunday that the lockdown will be lifted on May 16 and normalcy would return. "Corona situation is being monitored on daily basis as safeguarding the lives of the people is the top priority of the government," Buzdar said, adding that the citi.....

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COAS urged to take notice of 'forceful closure' of markets

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE: All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajran (APAT) Secretary General Naeem Mir has requested Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa to notice of alleged forceful closure of markets by personnel of the Pak Army and Rangers. "We (traders) request Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa to take notice of forceful closure of markets and shops by the personnel of Pak army backed/assisted by.....

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Corona SOPs strictly being enforced in Punjab: Health Minister

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid said here on Sunday that the positivity ratio in Punjab has shown a declining trend over the past week but it is still over 8 per cent in 26 districts and Eid days are extremely important to stop the spread of the Pandemic. Addressing a press conference at 90-Shahr-i-Quaid-Azam on Sunday, she said in the last 24 hours, there were 1,838 positive cas.....

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Vaccination centre for cops set up at District Police Lines

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE - A corona vaccination centre has been set up for the police personnel at the District Police Lines hospital, Qila Gujjar Singh. Capital City Police Chief Additional IG Ghulam Mahmood Dogar, along with Commissioner Lahore Capt (retd) Muhammad Usman, visited the new centre on Sunday and inspected the process of vaccination of police officers and officials and the standard of medical facilities.....

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24 shops sealed over flouting SOPs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE - The district administration during a crackdown against the violators of corona Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) sealed 24 shops, stores, restaurants besides inspecting various markets, bazaars of the provincial capital on Sunday. According to spokesman for the district administration, Assistant Commissioner City Fizan Ahmed sealed various auto spare parts shops, snooker clubs, sweet b.....

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BVH emergency runs short of Covid test kits

Source: [Majeed Gill](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

BAHAWALPUR: The Bahawal Victoria Hospital (BVH) on Monday ran short of the coronavirus test kits, Viral Transport Medium (VTMs), creating problems for the medical staff as well as those visiting for such tests amid recent surge in COVID-19 cases, especially in south Punjab. The BVH, the main health facility in the district, is being daily visited by a large number of patients, most of them in eme.....

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Covid-19 research lab set up in Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

RAWALPINDI: Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital has transformed its research centre into a state-of-the-art research laboratory to gear up the fight against Covid-19 which is threatening masses, a senior doctor said Monday. Final trials of the vaccine developed by a Chinese multinational are in progress after which it will be made available throughout Pakistan; the whole process will take a month, said D.....

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Covid infection rate alarming

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE: Though Punjab witnessed a decline in Covid deaths during recent few days, the positivity rate is alarmingly increasing across the province, particularly in Lahore. According to official figures, the infectivity rate in Punjab reached 13.5 while in the provincial capital 22. The health officials said the coronavirus was spreading fast from major cities to small districts of the province.

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Traders flout lockdown with impunity in Lahore

Source: [Khalid Hasnain](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE: Despite the frequent inspections, monitoring and visits, the teams constituted by the city district and divisional administration could not fully implement the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions in the provincial metropolis. The traders, shopkeepers, car dealers and retailers in various city markets kept on doing business behind half-downed shutters of their shops and showrooms. "The n.....

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Govt to issue SOPs for Eid prayers

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE: In order to contain the spread of coronavirus, the Punjab government has decided to issue standard operating procedures (SOPs) for Eidul Fitr prayers and take strict measures for implementation of the precautions including wearing face masks and maintaining social distance. The decision was taken at a meeting held at the Civil Secretariat on Monday to review the situation of coronavirus.....

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UK strain of coronavirus dominant in Lahore

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE: A more virulent variant of the coronavirus disease, first identified in the UK last year, has now become the dominant strain in Lahore, a study conducted at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) revealed on Monday. "The prevalence of variants is increasing and it is now clear that the UK variant, known as B117, has taken hold across the provincial metropolis," said UHS Immuno.....

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Punjab reports 1,393 fresh virus cases, 26 deaths

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE: The novel coronavirus continued to show alarm, as out of 10,290 Covid-19 tests conducted during the last 24 hours across the province, as many as 1,393 fresh virus cases and 26 more fatalities were reported taking the provincial tally of cases to 319,365 and death toll to 9,058. Despite conducting relatively less number of corona tests, the positivity rate of the virus has reached 13.....

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359 held over SOPs breach

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

FAISALABAD - Police arrested as many as 359 people on the charge of violating anti-corona SOPs in various parts of Faisalabad during past 24 hours. Police said on Monday that on special direction of City Police Officer (CPO), various teams were constituted to check implementation of corona SOPs in the city. The teams nabbed 174 persons from Lyallpur division, 67 from Madina division, 44 from Iqbal.....

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More than 9,000 doses provided for vaccination of police staff: Health Minister

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid monitored vaccination process at Police Lines Qila Gujjar Singh in her visit here on Monday. Present on the occasion were Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department Sarah Aslam, Commissioner Lahore Division Captain (retired), Usman Younis, SP Headquarters Imran Malik and other officials. Dr Yasmin Rashid took a round of the vaccination

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Police hold flag march to implement Covid-19 SOPs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE - The police on Monday held flag march in different areas to monitor law and order and implementation of Corona SOPs. SP Iqbal Town Awais Shafique led the flag march which started from SP Operations Iqbal Town Office and passed through different roads and markets including Wahdat Road, Bhaikeywal Morr, Dubai Chowk, Kareem Market, Scheme Morr, Yateem Khana Chowk, Babu Sabu, Ghulshan Ravi, Sa.....

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Pak Post to offer delivery services during Covid-19 lockdown

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE - Pakistan Post will provide its special services to deliver medicines and sweets of various brands at people's doorstep during Covid-19 lockdown. In this connection, an agreement was signed with brand stores of medicines and sweets with Pakistan Post under supervision of Deputy Postmaster General (operations) Shahid Javed Malik at GPO The Mall here on Monday. The move was aimed at en.....

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Vaccination centres to remain closed on Eid days

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE - The vaccination centres across Pakistan will remain closed for first two days of Eidul Fitr, National Command Operation Center (NCOC) issues a circular on Monday. According to the notification, all vaccination centres across the country will have two holidays on Eid, while vaccination centres will open from 8 am to 8 pm after Ramazan.

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Covid-19 claims 3 lives with 71 new infections during 24 hours in Rawalpindi

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

Rawalpindi - As many as 71 more COVID-19 positive cases were reported during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 24,919 in the district while three persons lost their battle of life against the deadly virus. The total infected cases included 23,010 from Rawalpindi and 1,909 from other districts. District Health Authority informed Monday that among the new cases, 25 were re.....

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Working class, labourers condemn lockdown

Source: [Israr Ahmad](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

Rawalpindi - The daily wagers, tailors, barbers, local traders and shopkeepers are facing immense troubles after the government imposed a complete lockdown to prevent further spread of COVID-19. They say their families are facing tough financial situation since the government has barred them from opening their shops and businesses due to lockdown. Similarly, tens of hundreds of citizens are also.....

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6 more persons tested Covid-19 positive in Attock

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

Attock - The third wave of novel coronavirus (Covid-19) is getting stronger and the situation in Attock district is witnessing an upward trend as six more persons tested positive during the last 24 hours raising the tally to 2067. According to health authorities, during the month of May as many as six persons lost battle to the virus while 90 were tested positive during the month so far. Distric.....

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Vendors, visitors beaten for lockdown breach

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

FAISALABAD: Carrying wooden sticks, a team of Ghulam Muhammadabad police allegedly 'baton-charged' people outside the fruit and vegetables market on Tuesday. The people, including some fruit vendors, and customers were allegedly tortured to ensure implementation of the lockdown. Seeing the police action, people got panicky and moved away. It merits mentioning that the government had.....

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Two shopping malls sealed, owners arrested

Source: [Mohammad Asghar](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

RAWALPINDI: Police sealed two garment shopping malls in Commercial Market, Satellite Town, and arrested their owners and managers for violating the Covid-19 lockdown. The lockdown announced by the government came into effect on May 8 and will remain in force till May 16. During the lockdown, all educational institutions, markets, public parks, public transport and recreational sports will remain.....

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Two new vaccination centres in Lahore

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE: The Punjab government on Tuesday started two new vaccination centres at the Central Park Teaching Hospital and Tehsil Headquarters Hospital (THQ), Kahna, to facilitate the population living in the surroundings. The health authorities said overall 35 counters had been set up at both the centres with cumulatively capacity to vaccinate over 3,000 people per day. The Primary and Secondary Hea.....

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Powerloom workers stuck in Faisalabad sans pay despite approaching Eid

Source: [Saleem Mubarak, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

FAISALABAD: Ansar Ali, a powerloom worker in Faizabad, belonging to Layyah, is staying in the city along with some other workers only to get his wages before leaving for his home to celebrate Eid. He is not sure when he would get his pay. "Last year also, the workers had faced financial hardships as the factory owners had given them only 25 to 30pc of their wages ahead of Eid instead of cle.....

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PHP starts SOPs awareness campaign

Source: [APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

FAISALABAD: The Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP) police launched a special public awareness campaign for implementation on anti-coronavirus SOPs in Faisalabad. The campaign organised by the highway patrolling force was aimed at guiding the public about the dangers of the third wave of the coronavirus disease and the need to strictly follow Covid-19 related SOPs. The citizens were sensitised about the.....

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Punjab reports 1,486 fresh Covid-19 cases, 67 deaths

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE: There is no let up in coronavirus spread and casualties, as more 67 more fatalities including 43 in Lahore were reported across the province during the last 24 hours taking the provincial tally of death toll to 9185. Out of 16,594 Covid-19 tests conducted during the last 24 hours, as many as 1486 fresh virus cases were reported across the province with positivity rate of 8.95% from p.....

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CM approves vaccination of journalists across Punjab

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar on Tuesday approved recommendations of the Cabinet Committee for Corona to vaccinate the journalists across Punjab. In this connection, the CM said that the media persons will be vaccinated on a priority basis after Eid. He asked the Punjab Health Department to take the necessary steps and the establishment of vaccination centres in press club.....

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Positivity ratio in Punjab shows declining trend: Dr Yasmin Rashid

Source: [Correspondent, The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid said here on Sunday that the positivity ratio in Punjab has shown a declining trend over the past week, but it is still over 8% in 26 districts and Eid days are extremely important to stop the spread of the pandemic. Speaking at the weekly press briefing at 90-Shahra-i-Quaid-Azam, she said in the last 24 hours, there were 1,838 positive cases and 81.....

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British strain of COVID-19 dominant in Lahore: study

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LAHORE: An easily spreading coronavirus variant first identified in England last year has now become the dominant strain in Lahore, a study conducted at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) revealed on Monday. "The prevalence of variants of concern is increasing and it is now clear that the UK variant, known as B.1.1.7, has taken hold across the metropolis", said the UHS Immunology.....

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Punjab to enforce strict lockdown during Eid holidays

Source: [Iqtidar Gilani](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE - The Punjab government has decided to strictly enforce the lockdown to restrict the movement of people on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. The decision was taken at a meeting on Tuesday to review the situation of coronavirus. Law Minister Raja Basharat, Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid, Chief Secretary Punjab, Additional Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Administrative Secre.....

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Four more vaccination centres set up in Kasur

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

KASUR - Deputy Commissioner Aasia Gull said on Tuesday the process of vaccination against coronavirus was continued as 26,643 people had been vaccinated in the district. Talking to the media, she said that four more vaccination centres had been set up at RHCs Chunian, Khadian, Phoolnagar and cardiac centre Chunian where people were being vaccinated. She said that the best arrangements had been ma.....

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21 Shopkeepers booked over SOPs breach

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

MULTAN - District administration got cases registered against 21 shopkeepers and some other citizens for violating COVID 19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Following direction from Deputy Commissioner Ali Shehzad, the officials expedited process of raids and ensured strict implementation on precautionary measures. During last 24 hours, six persons were also arrested. Similarly, 26 business c.....

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Medical experts appeal citizens to restrict movement on Eid days to avoid Covid

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

MULTAN - Medical experts appealed citizens to follow precautions against the pandemic COVID 19 as it could be more injurious during coming days. Dr Muhammad Sanaullah, Dr Fakhar Islam, Dr Maria and some others talking to APP stated that the third wave of coronavirus was very much crucial and the citizens should demonstrate responsibility. Dr Sanaullah stated that the people movement increased man.....

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Punjab scaling up vaccination process: Dr Yasmin

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE - Punjab started two new vaccination centres in the provincial capital, Central Park Teaching Hospital and THQ Kahna, on Tuesday as Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid visited these centers to personally monitor the working. The Minister was accompanied by Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department Sarah Aslam and Commissioner Lahore Division Captain (retired), Usman Younis during

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DC visits vaccination centre to review arrangements

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE - Deputy Commissioner Lahore Mudassir Malik on Tuesday said that Covid-19 vaccination process was being carried out in a systematic way as more than 450,000 people have been vaccinated in vaccination centres. He said that vaccination process was being conducted within 15 minutes. He expressed these views during his visit to Qila Gujjar Singh vaccination centre here to review the overall arr.....

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12 shops sealed on SOPs violations

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE - Deputy Commissioner Mudassir Malik on Tuesday sealed 12 shops on violation of SOPs pertaining to COVID-19 in Chungi Amer Sadhu. During the visit, the DC checked implementation of corona SOPs and took action on violation of SOPs including opening of shops and others. He said that 12 shopkeepers were also taken into custody on violations, adding that stern action would be taken against shop.....

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Flag march held in city to implement Covid-19 SOPs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE - The Capital City Police flag marched in different areas of the provincial capital to monitor law and order and implementation of corona SOPs. Capital City Police Officer Lahore Ghulam Mahmood Dogar along with Commissioner Lahore Muhammad Usman led the flag march. DIG Operations Sajid Kiani, CTO Lahore Syed Hammad Abid and other senior police officers also participated in the flag march. C.....

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2 markets sealed in Rawalpindi over corona SOPs violation

Source: [Israr Ahmad](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

Rawalpindi-Two markets in Rawalpindi were sealed on Tuesday by police besides arresting four traders for not following the standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the government to curb Covid-19 infections and lockdown. The moves came a day after the district government expressed its frustration over thousands of persons thronging shopping centres in the city and flouting social distancing.....

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Corona positivity rate drops to 7.62pc in Punjab

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LAHORE: The corona positivity rate in Punjab has declined to 7.62 percent from previous 8.95 percent, as out of 16,594 corona tests conducted during the last 24 hours, as many as 1,266 fresh virus cases and 63 fatalities were reported across the province taking the provincial tally of cases to 322,117 and death toll to 9,188. Out of 63 deaths, 29 were reported from Lahore, three from Rawalpin.....

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Traders complain police forcibly closing even grocery shops

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-14

FAISALABAD: Some policemen have come up with a novel way to mint money from grocery shopkeepers who are not being allowed to run their businesses even during the day. On May 8, City Police Officer Sohail Chaudhry had categorically told his subordinates that grocery stores would remain open till 6pm. However, policemen are apparently flouting both the government and the CPO's instructions re.....

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HED deputy secy dies of Covid

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LAHORE: Punjab Higher Education Department (HED) Deputy Secretary (Universities) Sheikh Tanzeelur Rehman died of coronavirus on Wednesday. Mr Rehman was posted to HED in May 2019 where he served for two years and tested positive in July 2020. He recovered after a month and joined the office. He was again infected with the virus in February 2021 and was admitted to Mayo Hospital in March. Later,.....

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CAMB lab to study corona behaviour

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LAHORE: The Punjab University has completed a state-of-the-art project of establishing bio-safety level 3 (BSL 3) laboratories at Centre for Applied Molecular Biology as part of its initiatives to cope with Covid-19. The BSL 3 laboratory, which is a minimum standard to do research on infectious agents which are transmittable through air and cause potentially lethal infections, has been set up at

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Official study shared with a global website: Punjab faces multiple strains of virus amid UK-variant dominance

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LAHORE: The Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department has uploaded its fresh study on a UK-based global website to update the world that Pakistan, particularly Punjab, has been facing circulation of multiple strains of coronavirus with visible dominance of the UK-variant. The study was carried out by virologists, health and medical experts at the the Punjab Public Health Reference Laboratory (P.....

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BVH gets Covid test kits

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

BAHAWALPUR: The Bahawal Victoria Hospital's (BVH) emergency ward was provided 200 coronavirus testing kits by the health department on Tuesday. The kits were supplied on the intervention of the health secretary after the hospital's emergency ward ran out of them on Monday. Quaid-i-Azam Medical College Principal Prof Dr Shafqat Ali Tabassum, who is also the chief executive officer of

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Decline in new infections

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LAHORE: The number of Covid patients in Punjab's public and private sector health facilities continued to drop amid reports of decline in new infections and death rate. Particularly, the hospitals in the provincial capital witnessed a sharp decline, according to the new statistics officially released by the Punjab health authorities. The data showed that the bed occupancy rate in high depe.....

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Online system collapses at vaccination centre

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

SAHIWAL: Hundreds of people falling in 50 and 60 years plus age categories could not be vaccinated against the coronavirus on Wednesday because the online registration systems collapsed at the vaccination centre set up at the Government Comprehensive High School here. According to local health officials, the online system collapsed at the centre in the morning because of some technical fault. The.....

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Basharat seeks public co-op to contain corona

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

RAWALPINDI - Punjab Law and Cooperatives Minister Muhammad Basharat on Wednesday urged the people to extend full cooperation to the administration in containing the spread of coronavirus and ensure the implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) during Eidul Fitr holidays. Chairing a meeting to review the implementation of the ban during the Eid holidays, he said the zero-tolerance poli.....

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Seven more vaccination centres set up in Hafizabad

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

HAFIZABAD - Seven more COVID-19 vaccination centers have been setup in rural areas in the district from where people of above 40 years could get vaccination. DC Naveed Shahzad Mirza on Wednesday said seven centres had been set up at Kolo Tarar, Vanike Tarar, Kassoke, Rasoolpur Tarar, Jalalpur Bhattian and Sukheke. He said that two centres at Hafizabad and two centres at Pindi Bhattian were already.....

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53 business centres sealed for violating SOPs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

MULTAN - The district administration launched crackdown against violators of corona SOPs and sealed 53 business centres across the district during the last 24 hours. Two shopkeepers were apprehended over opening shops despite lockdown. Rs2,23,000 overall fine was also imposed to SOPs violators.

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Govt increasing corona vaccination centres: Buzdar

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Lahore - Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that the number of corona vaccination centres was being increased in the city and other parts of the province to accommodate more and more citizens every day. In a statement on Wednesday, he said that as compared with other provinces, more people were being vaccinated every day in Punjab and the target would be timely achieved due to the.....

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Adequate amount of vaccine available in Punjab, says Health Minister

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid visited Mayo Hospital Corona Monitoring Unit here on Wednesday. Present on the occasion were Consultant Prof Dr Asad Aslam Khan, Prof Dr Saqib Saeed, Medical Superintendent Dr Iftikhar and other officials. Later, the Health Minister visited Vaccination Centre at Sabzazaar. Present on the occasion were Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare Depar.....

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26,53,62 corona patients recovered in public sector hospitals

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LAHORE - As many as 26,53,62 corona patients are recovered in the public sector hospitals being run under the control of Specialized and Primary & Secondary Healthcare departments, while 2,215 patients are recovered during the last 24 hours. This was disclosed by Barrister Nabeel Ahmed Awan Secretary Specialized Healthcare Punjab here on Wednesday. He said that 7,479 beds were reserved in all

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Covid-19 claims 3 lives with 55 new infections in Pindi

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Rawalpindi-As many as 55 more COVID-19 positive cases were reported during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 25,041 in the district while three persons lost their battle of life against coronavirus. The total infected cases included 23,128 from Rawalpindi and 1,913 from other districts. District Health Authority informed Wednesday that among the new cases, 12 were reported....

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Covid-19 keeps upward trend in Attock

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

Attock- Despite the fact that the third wave of Covid-19 is getting thinner at national level, the situation in Attock district keeps an upward trend as one more patient succumbed to virus while five more tested positive during last 24 hours raising the tally to 2,085. According to health authorities, a patient identified as Hassan Din, who was admitted at district headquarters hospital succumbed....

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Shopkeepers, others arrested over SOPs breach

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE: District administration continued its operations against violation of corona SOPs and arrested several shopkeepers and citizens besides sealing many businesses here Tuesday. Deputy Commissioner Lahore Mudassar Riaz visited Chungi Amar Sadhu Bazaar where he found majority of shops opened. Following his instructions, over a dozen shops were immediately sealed and shop owners were detained.

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Govt to strictly enforce lockdown on Eid

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to strictly enforce the lockdown to restrict the movement of people on the occasion of Eidul Fitr. Action will be taken against the violators of the lockdown to contain the spread of coronavirus. The decision was taken during a meeting held at Civil Secretariat on Tuesday to review the situation of coronavirus in the province. Provincial Law Minis....

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Seven more die of corona, 247 new cases reported

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

Rawalpindi : In the last 24 hours, as many as seven patients suffering from coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district have died of the illness taking the death toll to 1,635 while 247 new patients have been reported from the twin cities taking the tally to 101,457. According to details, as many as six patients died of COVID-19 from Rawalpindi district

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Experts warn of Covid spike in Punjab after SOPs violations on Eid

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE: With 134 Covid-19 deaths during three days of Eidul Fitr, the health experts have warned that the third wave of the virus may get intensified in Punjab in the next two weeks. Though the parks and public places wore a deserted look during the three days of Eid as the public stayed away from them, the religious festival was celebrated with traditional zeal by the people who organised family....

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Five booked for thrashing doctor over vaccine unavailability

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

FAISALABAD: Five people were booked on charges of thrashing a doctor of a government hospital when he could not administer them the Covid-19 vaccine due to technical glitches in the system. Submitting an application with the Batala Colony police, Dr Rizwan Ramzan of Government General Hospital in Haseeb Shaheed Colony stated that he was on duty on Wednesday when Abdul Haq Gujjar came to the hospi.....

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Covid mutes ceremonial ritual at Wagah

Source: [Asif Mehmood, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE: Before the sunset at the Wagah border — the only crossing point between India and Pakistan, young men of the Punjab Rangers and the Indian Border Security Forces lower their national flags with honour. But missing from this nightly ritual are the heart-warming, skycracking slogans that are no longer heard, nor are the soldiers of the two natio.....

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SOPs' implementation in Punjab shows good results: law minister

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE: Punjab Law and Cooperatives Minister Raja Basharat said Saturday strict implementation of lockdowns and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) during the Eid holidays in Punjab is showing positive results whereas the number of COVID patients is decreasing. He further said that on the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, the administration, police and law enforcemen.....

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Vaccination at Lahore Expo Centre opens round the clock

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE: The Lahore district administration has decided to keep the Expo Centre Vaccination Center open round the clock with an aim of vaccinating maximuma number of people with Covid-19 vaccines. As per the details released by the administration here on Saturday, the timings of all vaccination centres in the provincial capital have been revised; apart from the Expo Centre Vaccination Center,

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Nearly 128,580 people vaccinated against corona

Source: [Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

FAISALABAD: As many as 128,580 people have so far been vaccinated against corona at Corona Vaccination Centres in Faisalabad district of which 101008 people have been given first dose and 27,572 second dose. District Health Officer Dr Ata ul Moazam has said that 39,096 persons aged 40 to 44 years have vaccinated likewise 39596 persons aged 45 to 49 years, 83993 persons aged 50 to 59 years, 31.....

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Corona rapid tests of 361 passengers conducted at airport

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

FAISALABAD - Coronavirus rapid tests were conducted of 361 passengers who arrived through different airlines at Faisalabad International Airport during the last two days. Assistant Commissioner (Sadar) Umar Maqbool supervised the process of tests. As many as 128 passengers arrived from Dubai, 103 from Bahrain and 130 from Sharjah. All the passengers were allowed to go home as their tests were nega.....

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Over 100 arrested over violation of anti-corona SOPs

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

FAISALABAD - Over 100 people were arrested over violation of anti-corona SOPs from various roads in the city during Eid holidays. A Corona SOPs monitoring team headed by AC (City) Syed Ayyub Bukhari visited Noorpur main bazaar, Millat road, Madina Market, Sadar bazaar, Razaabad bazaar No. 2,3 and held over 100 people over not wearing face masks and other violations of the SOPs. Separate cases have.....

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Number of corona vaccination centres being increased in City: CM

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that the number of corona vaccination centres is being increased in Lahore and other parts of the province to accommodate maximum citizens on daily basis. He said that as compared to other provinces, more people are being vaccinated every day in Punjab. He appealed to the citizens to maintain social distance, wear facemasks and remain con.....

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80,000 people being vaccinated on daily basis across province: Health Minister

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE - Punjab government has decided to open its mass COVID vaccination facility at Expo Centre Lahore for 24 hours in a bid to facilitate a speedy process of inoculation. According to details, Deputy Commissioner Lahore made the announcement saying that the vaccination at the Expo Centre facility will continue for 24-hours. "Previously in Ramazan, the vaccination process was continuing

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Basharat urges people to continue following corona SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE - Law Minister Raja Basharat has said that implementation of lockdowns and SOPs during the Eid holidays was showing positive results with decrease in number of new COVID patients. He said that on the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, the administration, police and law enforcement agencies in the province rendered excellent services ensuring implementation of the SO.....

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27,09,11 corona patients recover in public sector hospitals

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

LAHORE - As many as 27,09,11 corona patients have recovered in the public sector hospitals being run under the control of Specialized and Primary & Secondary Healthcare department, while 171 patients recovered during the last 24 hours. According to Barrister Nabeel Ahmed Awan Secretary Specialized Healthcare Punjab, 7480 beds were reserved in all government hospitals for corona patients, out

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45 die of Covid in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

LAHORE: The coronavirus infection deaths reported during the last 24 hours were 45 in Punjab, including 20 in Lahore compared to 40 deaths in the province during the previous day. The coronavirus infections also rose to 1,073 during the last 24 hours compared to 483 reported during second day of Eid. The total number of people who contracted coronavirus reached 325,662 and total deaths 9,367 acr.....

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Lahore admin, police nexus allow ban deviance Business owners claim bribery helped them operate despite lockdown

Source: [Saqib Saleem Butt](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

LAHORE: In spite of strict lockdown orders placed by the government, several shop owners defied the business ban in connivance with local police officials. A barber who operates his shop in Sabzazar said police visited the market to ensure closure of all notified businesses at 6pm. "After that, shop owners paid hem somewhere between Rs1,000-5,000 to get excess business time or avoid legal.....

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Pakpattan reports 14 new COVID-19 cases

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

PAKPATTAN - The Health Department reported 14 new COVID-19 positive cases in Pakpattan district on Sunday. According to a spokesperson, with detection of new infections, the total number of corona positive cases had reached 511 in the district while 20 patients had been under treatment at DHQ Hospital. As many as 491 have quarantined themselves at their houses and 21 persons have died of corona a.....

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Implementation of SOPs must be tightened in Lahore: Dr Yasmin

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

Lahore - On Sunday, Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid said that the number of coronavirus should have been reduced but it did not happen as the number of cases in the provincial capital were still high. In an interview, she said that implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) will have to be tightened in Lahore. The provincial minister said that registered vaccines have bee.....

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Global epidemic like corona completely changes normal life

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

LAHORE - Principal Ameer-ud-Din Medical College Prof Al-freed Zafar said that in very special circumstances as a global epidemic like corona has completely changed the normal life, on the special instructions of Secretary Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Barrister Nabeel Awan all the senior doctors, paramedics and other employees of Lahore General Hospital spent this Eid by performing

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5,000 cases registered in three days of Eid over SOPs violations

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

LAHORE - Over 5,000 cases were registered while 487 challans of cars and motorcycles were carried out in three days of Eid-ul-Fitr in Lahore due to violations of coronavirus Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). According to details, 78 FIR were also filed against public transporters for not implementing guidelines.

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Punjab reports 20 deaths, 1,073 Covid cases in 24 hours

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

LAHORE - Punjab reported as many as 20 deaths and 1,073 new cases of the novel coronavirus over the last 24 hours. According to the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department, 20 more people died of the virus during this period. NCOC on Sunday said that as many as 2,379 cases of COVID-19 and 76 virus-linked deaths have been reported in the country during the past 24 hours. According to the NCOC,.....

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COVID-19 SOPs to be followed during anti-polio drive from June 7

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

Rawalpindi-Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Health Authority Dr. Faiza Kanwal on Sunday said training of mobile polio teams is continuing under the supervision of health officers of District Health Authority which would commence in the entire district from June 7 to make the campaign successful. Talking to APP, the CEO said COVID-19 standard operating procedures would be followed in letter and spirit....

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COVID-19 claims 3 lives; 18 new infections reported in 24 hours in Rawalpindi

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

RAWALPINDI- As many as 18 more COVID-19 positive cases were reported during the last 24 hours, raising the tally of confirmed cases to 25,173 in the district while three lost their battle of life against the deadly virus. The total infected cases included 23,249 from Rawalpindi and 1,924 from other districts. District Health Authority informed Sunday that among the new cases, four were reported f....

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Another 7 die of corona, 111 more test positive

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

Rawalpindi: As many as 111 new patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 in the last 24 hours from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district while the virus has claimed another seven lives from the twin cities on the third day of Eidul Fitr that has taken death toll from the region to 1,660 on Sunday. Data collected by 'The News' reveals that as ma....

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45 more die from corona

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

LAHORE: Around 45 patients died from COVID-19 and another 1,073 positive cases 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 9,367 in Punjab, while confirmed cases were 325,662 in the province. After 9,367 fatalities and recovery of a total of 285,368 patients so far,.....

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Sindh

Sindh govt announces new Covid restrictions

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

KARACHI: The Sindh government on Friday announced a new set of restrictions as part of the national 'Stay Home - Stay Safe' drive to curb Covid-19 during the Eid holidays. In a notification issued by the Sindh Home Department, the provincial government stated that the new restrictions will remain in place from May 9 to 16. All tourist spots, picnic places, including beaches (.....

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Café bogie sealed over SOPs violation

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

KARACHI - On the orders of DC South Karachi, the restaurant café bogie managed by the Railways has been sealed on Friday. The DC South Karachi paid visit to the different areas in order to ensure SOPs. The café bogie was providing food services violating COVID-19 SOPs. The DC South sealed the café over violation of SOPs. Café bogie management continued food service with.....

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Sindh imposes new coronavirus restrictions from tomorrow

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

KARACHI - The new coronavirus restrictions in Sindh will be imposed on May 9 (tomorrow) and stay in force till May 16, a notification by the province's home department stated. The decision was taken to prevent the spread of the deadly coronavirus. According to the directives issued on Friday, it was decided to reduce mobility and movement during Eid-ul-Fitr. The following measures have been.....

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Pandemic warning: Pakistan still has time to avoid tragedy at its doorstep

Source: [Hammad Sarfraz](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

KARACHI: With coronavirus cases skyrocketing, Pakistanis teetering on the edge of a health crisis that has the potential of being as catastrophic as one presently unfolding in neighboring India, according to a leading US-based infectious disease expert. "While the situation in India is beyond prevention, Pakistan still has time to prepare and take measures to avoid the tragedy at its doorst.....

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Week-long ban on passenger transport services from tomorrow

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

KARACHI: The Sindh government on Friday announced a ban on all kinds of public transport across the province from Sunday (tomorrow) for one week putting restriction on movement of all such vehicles even during Eid holidays. The move indicates an almost lockdown-like situation for at least seven days when businesses would also remain closed under the recently defined measures by the National Comma.....

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Covid-19 claims 24 lives overnight

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-08

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24-hour mega vaccination centre at Karachi Expo Centre to become operational today

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

KARACHI: The Sindh government is set to take a major leap in the ongoing nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive by opening a massive facility at the Expo Centre on Sunday (today), said to be the largest in the country, where an estimated 25,000 people could be inoculated in a day with round-the-clock service to be offered to visitors registered by the federal government for the jabs. Officials and.....

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Four more Covid patients die

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

KARACHI: As many as four more patients of coronavirus died overnight and 911 new cases emerged when 13,079 tests were conducted. This was stated by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Saturday. He said that the death of four more patients of Covid-19 brought the death toll to 4,726 in Sindh that constituted 1.6 per cent death rate. Mr Shah said that 13,079 samples w.....

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Ban on inter-provincial transport imperative to contain spread of COVID: PMA

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

KARACHI- Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) on Saturday said that the COVID-19 pandemic was spreading rapidly from one province to another which could only be control by banning inter-provincial transport. In a statement, Secretary General, PMA (Centre) Dr S M Qaisar Sajjad said though the markets are closed at 6 pm but this is not enough, inter-provincial transport is still not stopped yet. Under.....

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Covid-19 deaths

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: Sixteen coronavirus patients died overnight and 976 cases emerged when 14,486 tests were conducted, said the chief minister in a statement issued on Sunday. He said the deaths in past 24 hours lifted the toll to 4,742.

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Fresh restrictions to control Covid-19 pandemic cripple life in Karachi

Source: [Azfar-ul-Ashfaq, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: All commercial and business activities, government and private offices as well as passenger transport services in Karachi remained suspended on Sunday as part of the National Command and Operation Centre's 'stay home-stay safe' restrictions that would remain in place till May 16 to stop further spread of Covid-19 pandemic. It was the first day of the lockdown in Karachi.....

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Buy your own Covid jabs, Ali Zaidi tells Sindh govt

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: The Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Syed Ali Zaidi has said that the Sindh government can procure coronavirus vaccines like the Punjab government has done as the National Command and Operations Centre (NCO) has not restricted any province from doing so. Speaking to the media during his visit to the Khaliq Dina Hall vaccination centre on Sunday, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf minister.....

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Pandemic claims 16 more lives

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: As many as 16 more persons succumbed to the coronavirus in Sindh, which reported nearly 1,000 cases on Sunday. According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's House, 976 coronavirus cases emerged when 14,486 samples were tested, indicating a positivity rate of 6.7 per cent. The pandemic death toll and tally rose to 4,742 and 292,643, respectively, in Sindh with the recent fa.....

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Round the clock: Hyd vaccination centres increase hours

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

HYDERABAD: Four government hospitals in Hyderabad have begun to provide round the clock Covid-19 vaccination services while two others will remain open from 9am to 12 midnight, it emerged on Sunday. The Hyderabad deputy commissioner has directed the staff of vaccination centres at the government hospitals in Qasimabad, Paretabad, Kohsar and the Bhattai Hospital Latifabad to carry out inoculation.....

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Sindh govt imposes complete Eid lockdown

Source: [INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: The Sindh government has also imposed a complete lockdown in the province from Sunday leaving shopaholics in disarray. The lockdown began affecting travel and tourist hotspots in a bid to prevent a surge in Covid-19 cases during Eidul Fitr holidays. According to the provincial government's notification, all businesses will remain shut from May 9 to 16, (Eid holidays). Many.....

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Sindh reports 976 new cases of Covid-19

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: As many as 16 more patients of Coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 4,742 and 976 new cases emerged when 14,486 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Sunday. He added that 16 more patients of Covid-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 4,742 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate.

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Mass vaccination centre set up at Expo Centre

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho, Sunday, inaugurated Mass Vaccination Center at Expo Centre Karachi that is capable to administer 30,000 jabs in a day. Sindh secretary for Health Dr. Kazim Hussain Jatoe, representatives of National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) and other officials were present at the occasion. The biggest vaccination centre set up at the Hall

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Ban on restaurants takeaways; FPCCI chief slams Sindh govt over Covid restrictions

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: President FPCCI, Mian Nasir Hayat Magoon has asked the Government of Sindh whether it considers itself above and beyond NCOC! This question has been raised on the basis of their defiance to implement NCOC SOPs in letter and spirit. While expressing his deep disappointment over the recently issued restrictions from the Government of Sindh for takeaways from restaurants Mian Nasir Haya.....

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'Skilled women face financial losses in lockdown'

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

HYDERABAD: The Member Working Committee and Chairman, Handicraft Sub-Committee HCCI Shaukat Soomro said that in lockdown due to Covid-19, women skilled in handicrafts, sewing, bangle making and mehdi are facing extreme difficulties and financial loss as their stock of bangles, mehdi, handicrafts and others for Eid could not be sold due closure of markets and bazaars in lockdown.

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Pakistan's largest vaccination facility set up in Expo Centre Karachi

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

Around 70m doses of COVID jab will be made available in country in current year, says Pechuho KARACHI - Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho on Sunday inaugurated Pakistan's largest vaccination facility at Expo Centre Karachi that is capable to administer 25,000 to 30,000 jabs in a day. The Parliamentary Secretary for Health Qasim Siraj Soomro, Sindh Secretary for Health Dr Kazim.....

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Four Hyderabad hospitals to provide round the clock vaccination service

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

HYDERABAD - Four out of 11 hospitals to provide 24 hour service while two will remain open till midnight in two shifts for COVID-19 vaccination in Hyderabad. This was stated by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Fuad Ghaffar Soomro here the other day. Sindh Government Hospital Qasimabad, Pareetabad, Kohisar Hospital and Bhitai Hospital Latifabad would provide vaccination service round the clock, the DC sa.....

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Sindh to vaccinate 0.1m people against Covid everyday: Murad

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah directed on Monday the provincial health ministry to vaccinate 0.1 million people every day to overcome the surge in Covid-19 infections. Murad issued the directions while chairing a meeting of the coronavirus task force this afternoon. He also directed to build the capacity of the Expo Centre vaccination unit to administer 50,000 vaccinations on a daily.....

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300 violators of Covid-19 SOPs released by court

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI: A local court on Monday released as many as 300 people arrested for violating the lockdown and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to prevent coronavirus in the city. Police claimed to have arrested around 300 individuals for allegedly violating the Covid-19 SOPs in different areas of district South. They were booked in several FIRs registered under Section 188 (disobedience to order d.....

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Health dept told to double capacity of Expo's mass vaccination centre

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday directed the health department to take measures to increase the capacity of the mega vaccination centre at Expo Centre from 25,000 to 50,000 people per day. "I want health department to develop the vaccination capacity of 100,000 per day ... this will help secure our population through a mass vaccination system," he said while pres.....

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Two doctors die of Covid-19

Source: [Agencies, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

LARKANA: A senior doctor of Sukkur, who contracted coronavirus from his patients, died at a Karachi hospital on Monday while 10 Covid-19 patients succumbed to the deadly virus during April at Chandka Medical College Hospital's intensive care unit (ICU) and high dependency unit (HDU). CMCH medical superintendent informed participants in a meeting at commissioner's office about the death.....

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Virus-related restrictions bound to take toll on Sindh govt's revenues

Source: [Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

DADU: While each and every segment of society is suffering losses and hardship in terms of earning amid closure of almost all kinds of trade, business and commercial concerns, the Sindh government is also bound to lose heavily on revenues in this fiscal. Among the departments which would suffer heavily are Auqaf and tourism as all shrines and recreational spots across the province have been close.....

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Lockdown more effective on day 2

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI: Even though some people decided to ignore SOPs, the second day of lockdown in the city was implemented more effectively than the first. The police and other law enforcement agencies were present on the roads to ensure the implementation of restrictions. All the markets and shopping centers remained closed. Only grocery stores, food item shops and petrol pumps remained open. Citizens fa.....

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Sindh to vaccinate 100,000 people daily

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI: Restricting people to their houses is not enough to contain Covid-19, warned Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah. He ordered the health department to increase vaccination its capacity to 100,000 people a day. Chairing a meeting of the provincial taskforce on coronavirus, he said mass inoculation was the need of the hour. He directed the health department to increase vaccination capacity to.....

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Murad for expanding vaccination facilities to provide 0.1m jabs per day

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI: Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday declared Covid-19 control as top priority of his government and directed to further accelerate measure for expanding the vaccination facilities so that one hundred thousand jabs could be provided in a single day. Eidul Fitr prayers could be offered with observance of Covid-19 related SOPs but large gatherings would not be allowed.....

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24/7 vaccination facility becomes operational at Expo Centre

Source: [INP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI: Sindh's largest vaccination centre became operational at Karachi Expo Centre on Monday and so far, over 1,000 people have been vaccinated against coronavirus. The facility will be functional 24 hours a day and will be able to vaccinate 25,000 to 30,000 people a day without any charges. Health Minister Sindh Dr Azra had inaugurated the largest vaccination centre of Pakistan.....

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Buyers switch to online Eid shopping due to lockdown

Source: [N H Zuberi](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI: As the city markets are closed because of strict lockdown, buyers have started online shopping to purchase different items ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, the biggest festival of Muslims. Insiders said online sales have boosted slightly due to covid-19 pandemic across the country. Even rural people also move here due to easy access and offer prices in different products including essential com.....

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Flag march of Pak Army, Police held in Qasimabad to ensure COVID SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

HYDERABAD - Pakistan Army and local police, In order to ensure implementation of restrictions imposed by the government to stop spread of COVID-19, hold a flag march on Monday in Qasimabad. The purpose of flag march was to create awareness among people about precautionary measures against the spread of the disease. Assistant Commissioner (AC) Gada Hussain Soomro led the march in which personnel o.....

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Senior doctor loses his life in fight against coronavirus

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

SUKKUR - Dr Akbar Ghanghro, a senior medical officer who was infected with coronavirus while treating patients died, in isolation on Monday. Dr Ghanghro had been under treatment at a private hospital in Karachi since contracting the deadly virus. Commissioner Sukkur Shafique Mahesar, condoling the demise Dr Ghanghro, said it was he who bravely took and collected the samples of COVID-19 patients at.....

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Over 300 Hyderabad policemen test positive for coronavirus in 12 months

Source: [Mohammad Hussain Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

HYDERABAD: As many as 325 policemen — a substantial number of the operational police strength — have so far contracted the coronavirus in Hyderabad within the last 12 months. Police management had to seek additional force (around 125 personnel) from other districts to ensure anti-corona policing in the city as Hyderabad has become a hotspot for the virus in the last fortnight, statist.....

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PMA urges govt to provide PPE to health workers

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

KARACHI: Against the backdrop of two recent doctors' deaths caused by Covid-19, the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) on Tuesday called upon the government to make Covid-19 vaccination mandatory for health workers and ensure uninterrupted supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to all healthcare facilities. "The PMA is very much concerned over the large number of deaths of doct.....

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'Too many nurses leaving jobs, country'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

KARACHI: Nurses are either moving abroad for better pay or leaving the profession, noted policymakers and prominent healthcare professionals. During a seminar at the Aga Khan University on Tuesday, participants agreed that nurses and midwives played a pivotal role on the frontlines against the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. The event was held ahead of World Nurses Day, which is celebrated

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'113 nurses have died of Covid'

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

KARACHI: May 12th is celebrated as the International Nurses Day across the globe. The profession of modern nursing was founded by Florence Nightingale in 1860. Despite of her family's disapproval for the profession due to societal beliefs of the time, Nightingale pursued nursing and declared it a profession as respectable as any other. International Nurses Day is celebrated to pay homage to

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Business community seeks relaxations on Covid restrictions

Source: [PPI, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

KARACHI: The Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) has appealed to the Sindh government to benefit the shopkeepers and small traders of the city by relaxing end of Ramazan restrictions. It has asked that these traders be allowed to keep businesses open from Sehri to Iftar on the last two days before Eid. The chamber believed this would allow business owners to recover a portion of th.....

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Covid-19; ICUs, HDUs fully occupied at LUMHS Hyderabad, Jamshoro

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

HYDERABAD: ICUs and HDUs in Jamshoro and Hyderabad branches of LUMHS have been fully occupied with Covid-19 patients and management of Liaquat University of Medical And Health Sciences on an emergency basis has established 15-bed ICU and 20-bed HDU at Civil Hospital Jamshoro to shift the patients there immediately. Beside this, there is also a separate isolation ward in Jamshoro. Liaquat Univ.....

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New guidelines issued: Govt restricts use of AstraZeneca for people under age 40

Source: [Correspondent](#) , [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-10

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: Reviewing the national guidelines for the use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine AZD1222 within 24 hours, the federal health authorities on Sunday said use of coronavirus (COVID-19) Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine among less than 40 years be restricted irrespective of gender (till availability of further data). "(On the recommendations of an expert committee), we h.....

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COVID claims 12 more lives

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-12

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah on Tuesday said that 12 patients of COVID-19 passed away taking the deaths tally to 4,765 in the province. In a statement, he said 12,675 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, of which 812 new cases of coronavirus were detected. The chief minister said a total of 3,792,480 tests had been conducted in the province so far for the coronavir.....

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Eidul Fitr holidays last year showed 30pc spike in Covid-19 cases: CM

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-13

KARACHI: The number of cases had increased by 30 percent last year during Eid holidays said the Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Wednesday making an appeal to the people to stay home on the coming Eid. "I would suggest to all the people to stay home and enjoy your Eid with your immediate family members – this is the only way to contain the virus and save others."

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Covid-19 lockdown; SBP should support SMEs, small traders: analyst

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-13

KARACHI: Economic & Financial Analyst Ateeq Ur Rehman has said that it is very difficult for Small Entrepreneurs to fetch out salaries, wages and payments for their workers as the businesses and monetary transactions are at halt or will be closed for almost two weeks. Enormous hardship is being faced by the employees; therefore an urgent support in the shape of grant or easy terms refinance po.....

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Murad urges people to follow SOPs during Eid to contain spread of Covid-19

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-13

KARACHI: The number of Covid-19 cases had increased by 30 per cent last year during the Eid holidays, said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Wednesday, making an appeal to the people to stay home on the coming Eid. "I would suggest to all the people to stay home and enjoy your Eid with your immediate family members. This is the only way to contain the virus and save others,"

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Benazir varsity to streamline virus patients' data

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-13

LARKANA: Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU) has decided to streamline the data of Covid-19 patients. To supervise the system, three statistical officers would be deputed to monitor and ensure the system's link with the dashboard working at CM House, Karachi, for the purpose. In a meeting presided over by SMBBMU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Aneela Atta-ur-Rehman here rece.....

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Last Eid-ul-Fitr holidays showed 30pc spike in COVID cases: CM

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah has urged the people of the province not to visit their relatives on Eid-ul-Fitr because during the last Eid, the number of cases had increased by 30 percent which would be dangerous this time. "I would suggest to all the people to stay home and enjoy your Eid with your immediate family members–this is the only way to contain the.....

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Covid-19: Several cases of Black Fungus emerge across Pakistan, say experts

Source: [M. Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

KARACHI: Several cases of Mucormycosis, also known as 'Black Fungus' and "some deaths due to it" have been reported among Covid-19 patients at several healthcare facilities across Pakistan, infectious diseases specialists confirmed on Tuesday, adding that many centers were not reporting them as it is very hard to identify and diagnose this lethal fungal infection among pati.....

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'Pakistan has great shortage of trained high-quality nurses'

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

KARACHI: Pakistan's nurses and midwives are playing a vital role on the front line of the third Covid-19 wave despite the ongoing shortage of healthcare professionals in the country, a seminar held at the Aga Khan University (AKU) on Tuesday to celebrate International Day of Nurses and Midwives was told by officials, policymakers and academics. "Pakistan has one of the greatest shorta.....

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Sindh govt calls for holding Eid prayers at open places to avoid COVID spread

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-05-13

Sindh Minister for Information Syed Nasir Hussain Shah on Wednesday said that the Eid prayers should be held at open places and with complete adherence to SOPs to avoid COVID spread on the festive occasion. "Eid prayers should be held at open places and more and more open places should be utilized for the purpose," he said while briefing media on decisions taken during a meeting of th.....

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Last Eid-UI-Fitr holidays showed 30% spike in COVID cases: CM Sindh

Source: [news Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-05-13

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Covid-19 hampers ship-breaking activities in Gadani: Report

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-05-13

The coronavirus pandemic has hampered recycling capacities at Gadani Ship-Breaking Yard as well as other yards of South Asia, according to GMS, the world's largest cash buyer of ships for recycling. Pakistan tightened domestic restrictions this week and in Gadani, activities at ship recycling yards have been suspended for the time being, similar to the present situation in India where all y.....

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Resham bazaar, chicken shops, parlors sealed for violating COVID SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

HYDERABAD - The district administration on Wednesday continued actions against violation of COVID SOPs and sealed "Resham Bazaar" with barbed wires. On the directives of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Fuad Ghaffar Soomro, local administration officials expedited action against violation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) in City, Latifabad and Qasimabad talukas. Taluka administration

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Distt admin issues guidelines to ensure SOPs during Eid prayers

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

HYDERABAD - In order to contain the spread of coronavirus, the district administration on Wednesday issued standard operating procedures (SOPs) for congregational prayers of Eid-ul-Fitr with strict precautionary measures including wearing of masks and maintaining social distance. According to the guidelines issued by Government of Pakistan, National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), Eid-ul-Fitr.....

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997 new Covid cases reported in Sindh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

KARACHI: Only one Covid-19 patient died overnight while 997 new cases emerged when 10,730 tests were conducted. In a statement, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said that the death of one more patient lifted the death toll to 4,794 constituting 1.6 per cent death rate. He said that 10,730 samples were tested which detected 997 cases that constituted 9.3pc current detection rate. The CM said t.....

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Experts say Vitamin D 'highly beneficial' in treatment of Covid-19

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

KARACHI: Amid a high number of coronavirus cases in the country and slow pace of Covid-19 vaccination, health experts and medical science professionals suggest people use Vitamin D, calling it highly beneficial in the prevention and treatment of the disease. They found that people with Vitamin D deficiency were more likely to contract Covid-19 as the ability of the virus to attach with human cell.....

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Karachi experiences jump in oxygen demand

Source: [Tufail Ahmed](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

KARACHI: Ascoronaviruscases continue to balloon in the provincial capital, the demand for oxygen has also taken flight, climbing upwards of 30 to 40 per cent in time for Eidul Fitr holidays. This is due to growing oxygen shortage fears, which have resulted in citizens not only piling oxygen cylinders for relatives showing symptom but also more assumptively, just in case a need arises. As per Aga.....

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Covid infects 997 more people

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

KARACHI: Around 997 cases of coronavirus infections were reported out of 10,730 tests conducted overnight with at least one fatality across the province, said a statement issued by the Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah on Saturday. Shah said that the detection rate has reached 9.3 per cent, "so far 3.8 million tests have been conducted against which 298,061 cases were diagnosed, of them 92.....

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President Alvi reviews measures to contain Covid-19

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

KARACHI: President Dr Arif Alvi on Saturday chaired a high level meeting to review the measures taken by the government to contain further spread of Covid-19, at Sindh Governor's House. The meeting was attended by Governor of Sindh Imran Ismail, Federal Ministers Asad Umar and Ali Haider Zaidi, Senator Saif Abro, Member National Assembly Jay Prakash and Members of Sindh Assembly Firdous.....

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Eidul Fitr celebrated under strict Covid-19 restrictions

Source: [APP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

HYDERABAD: The congregations of Eidul Fitr were held in nearly 1,000 places including 115 big and small Eidgah in Hyderabad including the biggest congregations which took place at 12 places. Eidgah Qasimabad, Bagh-i-Mustafa Latifabad, Qadam Gah Moula Ali (RA), Eidgah Hussainabad, Eidgah Cantt, Eidgah Amani Shah Colony and Masumeem mosque in Tando Agha were among the places where largest congr.....

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All educational institutions in Sindh to remain closed till May 23: Ghani

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-16

KARACHI - Provincial Education Minister Saeed Ghani announced on Saturday that all educational institutions across Sindh would remain closed till May 23 to avoid a further surge in COVID-19 cases. The decision was taken in view of the current coronavirus situation, Ghani added. "During this time, educational institutions will remain open and children will be educated through online classes,.....

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Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated with religious fervor amid COVID-19

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PCSIR okays medical use of oxygen produced at power plant

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

HYDERABAD: The Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) has allowed use of oxygen being released in electrolysis process at the Jamshoro Power Generation Company for medical purposes, particularly for coronavirus patients. Jamshoro deputy commissioner Fariduddin Mustafa said that National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) had advised him and the power generation company he.....

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Seven Covid-19 patients die overnight in city

Source: [From the Newspaper](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

KARACHI: Seven patients of coronavirus died overnight and 1,116 new cases emerged when 14,792 tests were conducted. In a statement issued on Sunday, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said that the death of seven more patients during the past 24 hours lifted the death toll to 4,801 that constituted 1.6 per cent death rate. He said that 14,792 samples were tested which detected 1,116 cases that c.....

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Experts say Covid-19 survivors may face psychological, physical issues

Source: [Lubna Jerar Naqvi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

KARACHI: Survivors of the coronavirus experience many different kinds of effects even after recovering. These include both psychological and physical effects. Many doctors are still in the process of learning about this virus and sometimes they do not have the knowledge to deal with many things linked to Covid-19. AH is a 55-year-old survivor of the coronavirus. After recovery, he faced many heal.....

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Sindh reports 1,116 new cases of Covid-19

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

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Coronavirus: 'No proof triple mutant from India reached Pakistan'

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

KARACHI: No evidence is available if the 'triple mutant Covid variant from India' or B.1.617.2 has managed to reach Pakistan. All possible measures, including 'reduced inbound travel', testing on arrival at airports and quarantine for those tested positive are in place to keep the deadly variant at bay, the country's top health officials said on Sunday. &ldquo.....

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Covid kills seven more as another 1,116 test positive

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

Seven more people have died due to Covid-19 and 1,116 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 4,801 in the province. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Sunday that 14,792 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting

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Pak Navy ship with medical supplies reaches Karachi from Bahrain

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

ISLAMABAD - A ship of the Pakistan Navy, with medical supplies for the treatment of Covid-19, reached Karachi from the Kingdom of Bahrain on Sunday. According to the official sources of Pakistan Navy, a special Pakistan Navy Ship (PNS) NASR transported the medical equipment from the kingdom. The equipment will facilitate the improvement of medical infrastructure and response towards Covid-19 emerg.....

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Wahab inaugurates free corona vaccination centre

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-17

KARACHI - Spokesperson for Sindh government and Adviser for Law and Environment Barrister Murtaza Wahab inaugurated the Free Corona Vaccination Centre at HY Hospital in collaboration with Delhi Sodagran and Sindh Health Department. Speaking on the occasion, he said that there are free corona vaccination centres all over Sindh, including Karachi, and the people of Delhi Colony and adjoining areas.....

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Covid-19 vaccination centre established at community hospital

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

The Sindh Health Department and the community of the Jamiat Punjabi Saudagaran-e-Delhi (JPSD) have joined hands to establish a free-of-charge Covid-19 vaccination centre at the latter's hospital in Karachi's Delhi Colony. Sindh government spokesman Barrister Murtaza Wahab inaugurated the new coronavirus vaccination centre on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that free f.....

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UK upgrades Indian mutation of coronavirus to 'variant of concern'

Source: [Anadolu Agency](#) , [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-08

LONDON: The highly transmissible Indian variant of coronavirus has been upgraded to a "variant of concern" in the UK following an increase in the number of mutated cases. The mutation, also known as VOC-21APR-02, had been earlier classified as a "variant under investigation" when it was first discovered in March. However, as the number of cases linked to the mutation increas.....[more >>](#)

WHO approves China's Sinopharm Covid-19 vaccine

Source: [AFP](#) , [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-08

GENEVA: The World Health Organisation on Friday approved the Sinopharm Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use - the first Chinese jab to receive the WHO's green light. The UN health agency signed off on the two-dose vaccine, which is already being deployed in dozens of countries around the world. The WHO has already given emergency use listing to the vaccines being made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Mod.....[more >>](#)

Gandhi warns 'explosive' corona wave threatens India, world

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-08

NEW DELHI: India's main opposition leader Rahul Gandhi warned on Friday that unless the deadly second COVID-19 wave sweeping the country was brought under control it would decimate India as well as threaten the rest of the world. In a letter, Gandhi implored Prime Minister Narendra Modi to prepare for another national lockdown, accelerate a country-wide vaccination programme and scientificall.....

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Two more Indian states declare lockdown

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-09

NEW DELHI: New Covid-19 deaths surged past again in India on Saturday in one of the world's worst outbreaks, two more states declared lockdown. India now accounts for nearly half of the world's new known cases according to an AFP database, and it reported 409,300 new cases and more than 4,133 deaths on Saturday. Many experts suspect the official death and case numbers are a gross unde.....

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British-Pakistani elected councilor in UK

Source: [Agencies](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-09

WIGAN: British-Pakistani Nazia Rehman, cabinet member for Finance, Resources and Transformation in Wigan has won her seat in Tyldesley for the second time in elections held on May 6, says a statement. Wigan is a large town in Greater Manchester, England. After the results were announces she tweeted: "I am honoured and privileged to be re-elected by the great people of Tyldesley. Thank you

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British-Pakistani woman's ordeal at London's quarantine hotel

Source: [Murtaza Ali Shah](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-09

LONDON: A British-Pakistani woman, who arrived from Pakistan a week ago, has complained that quarantine hotel where she is staying hasn't provided her a fridge for keeping essential medicines. Kiran Suman arrived from Islamabad with her husband Khurram Arif and children Nehan Malik, 7, and Ayana Malik, 3, and checked in Millennium Hotel Gloucester Kensington in West London. She had already

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Merkel urges US to export Covid vaccines

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-09

BERLIN: German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Saturday urged the United States to export coronavirus vaccines made on its soil, as she rejected a patent waiver call from Washington for the jabs. "Now that a further part of the American population has been vaccinated, I hope that we can come to a free exchange of components and an opening of the market for vaccines," she said, adding the EU.....

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UAE suspends travellers coming from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ABU DHABI: The UAE General Civil Aviation Authority and the National Emergency Crisis and Disaster Management Authority announced on Monday suspension entry for travelers from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka on all flights of national and foreign carriers, as well as transit passengers coming from them as 23:59pm on May 12. The decision comes as countries take measures to curb the spre.....

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India rejects Pakistan's offer of liquid oxygen despite record Covid cases

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

Chief Minister of Indian Punjab Amarinder Singh has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi government had refused the request for private firms in the state to commercially import liquid medical oxygen from Pakistan. AsIndiareported a record number of coronavirus cases and its health sector choking due to lack of equipment particularly oxygen cylinders, Pakistan, in April, offered Covid-19 support to

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'Black fungus' complication adds to India's Covid woes

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

BENGALURU: The Indian government has told doctors to look out for signs of mucormycosis or "black fungus" in Covid-19 patients as hospitals report a rise in cases of the rare but potentially fatal infection. The state-run Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said at the weekend that doctors treating Covid-19 patients, diabetics and those with compromised immune systems should wat.....

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Help desks to save cows from COVID: Public backlash forces Indian state to deny plan

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

NEW DELHI: Facing a wave of criticism following an announcement to set up help desks to protect cows in the wake of a pandemic crisis, the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh was on Sunday forced to deny the plan, foreign media reported. The chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, known as a hardline Hindu politician of the country's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has been promoti.....

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WASHINGTON: The United States, which has reported the world's worst overall COVID-19 death toll, has "no doubt" been undercounting fatal cases, top pandemic adviser Anthony Fauci said Sunday. The country has officially lost over 581,000 people to the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus - but a University of Washington study released Thursday estimated deaths at more tha.....

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Spain ends Covid state of emergency across the country

Source: [AFP](#) , [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-10

Spain has lifted a state of emergency in place since October to fight the pandemic, allowing Spaniards to travel between regions for the first time in months. "It's like New Year's," said 28-year-old Oriol Corbella in Barcelona, where the lifting of the curfew was met with shouts, applause and music. "We're getting a bit of normality back, of freedom, but we have

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Mass inoculation: Spain, Britain near achieving herd immunity

Source: [news Desk](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-11

ISLAMABAD: 'Herd immunity', also known as 'population immunity', is the indirect protection from an infectious disease that happens when a population is immune either through vaccination or immunity developed through previous infection. On Monday, the Spanish prime minister said Spain is "just 100 days away from reaching herd immunity" to COVID-19, while the UK vaccine.....

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Fewer tests or remedial measures?: New cases, deaths decline in India

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-11

NEW DELHI: Indian coronavirus infections and deaths seem to be on the decline on Monday, foreign media reported. The 329,517 new infections and 3,879 deaths were reported on Monday were off a little from recent peaks, taking India's tally to 22,991 million with 250,025 deaths as hospitals run out of oxygen and beds and morgues and crematoria overflow. Last week more than 4,000 deaths and over.....

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New antibody drug helps patients breathe; virus may insert genetic fragments into genetic code

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-05-12

The following is a roundup of some of the latest scientific studies on the novel coronavirus and efforts to find treatments and vaccines for Covid-19, the illness caused by the virus. New drug helps Covid-19 patients breathe on their own When a new monoclonal antibody drug was added to treatments being given to hospitalized Covid-19 patients who were still breathing on their own, the drug - lenzil.....

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Russia records first cases of Indian COVID variant

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Russia has recorded its first cases of the variant of COVID-19 first found in India, Kommersant newspaper reported on Thursday, citing authorities in the Ulyanovsk region. The regional branch of consumer health watchdog Rospotrebnadzor said it had recorded 16 cases of the variant among Indian students at Ulyanovsk State University, some 700 kilometres (435 miles) east of Moscow. Dilyar Khakimov, a.....

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PM Boris Johnson honours four Pakistanis on Eid for their humanitarian services in UK

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Thursday honoured and recognised the 'One Million Meals' campaign founded by four Pakistanis through the Points of Light Award for their extraordinary services for the National Health Services (NHS), key workers, the homeless, and people in need. Bilal Bin Saqib, Momin Saqib, Raja Suleman Raza and Muhammad Arif Anis launched the 'One Millio.....

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India Covid-19 death toll surpasses 250,000

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

New Delhi - India's coronavirus death toll surpassed 250,000 on Wednesday, official data showed, as the pandemic raged across the vast country of 1.3 billion people. According to the health ministry, 4,205 people died in the past 24 hours -- a new record -- taking total fatalities to 254,197. The number of cases rose almost 350,000 to 23.3 million, the second-highest after the United States.

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COVID-19: Record 4,200 death in India

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

NEWS DELHI: India's coronavirus crisis again aggravated on Tuesday with record 4,200 deaths in one day, Johns Hopkins University data shows. India's daily coronavirus cases rose by 348,501. India's total coronavirus infections are now at 23.34 million, while total fatalities rose to 254,225. India leads the world in the daily average number of new deaths reported, accounting fo.....

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Pfizer vaccine gets US nod for 12-15 year olds

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-12

WASHINGTON: The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Monday authorised the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 12 to 15 years old. "This is a promising development in our fight against the virus," said President Joe Biden. "If you are a parent who wants to protect your child, or a teenager who is interested in getting vaccinated, today's decision.....

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Net across Ganges to catch India Covid-19 corpsesSource: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

New Delhi - Authorities in northern India said they have installed a net across the Ganges river after the bodies of dozens of suspected Covid-19 victims washed up. The discovery of 71 corpses in Bihar state stoked fears that the virus was raging unseen in India's vast rural hinterland where two-thirds of its people live. Locals suggested to AFP that relatives immersed the bodies in the ri.....[more >>](#)

Britain to launch public inquiry into Covid responseSource: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-13

London - A full, independent public inquiry into the British government's handling of its response to the coronavirus pandemic will be held early next year, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Wednesday. The country had "found itself in the teeth of the gravest pandemic for a century" and the state has "an obligation to examine its actions as rigorously and as candidly as.....[more >>](#)

Donors News**Rs5 billion pledged for global relief efforts on Coca-Cola's 135th anniversary**Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-11

KARACHI - To mark its 135th anniversary, Coca-Cola announced to pledge a sum of PKR 5 billion for new global initiatives, whereby top priority was marked on Covid-19 –Stop the spread initiative, for which PKR 3 billion will be spent on partnering with credible local not-for-profit entities to support those who have been impacted the most during this pandemic. The company's Covid-19 rel.....

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LAHORE: Pakistan Red Crescent Society has donated 5,000 high quality N-95 masks for doctors and medical staff serving on the corona front in the Lahore General Hospital so that those can be saved who are facing this dangerous epidemic. Red Crescent Society Chairman Ibrarul Haq handed over these masks to Postgraduate Medical Institute Principal Prof Dr Sardar Muhammad Al-freed Zafar. Speaking on

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GENEVA: The World Health Organization issued a grim warning on Friday that the second year of Covid-19 was set to be "far more deadly", as Japan extended a state of emergency amid growing calls for the Olympics to be scrapped. "We're on track for the second year of this pandemic to be far more deadly than the first," said WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebr.....

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Covid lessons from India

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-17

India's health minister declared victory over Covid-19 in January 2021. A month or so later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also celebrated India's victory over the virus in words that seem hollow today: "At the beginning of this pandemic, the whole world was worried about India's situation, but today India's fight against corona is inspiring the entire world. He added:.....[more >>](#)

Pak-Saudi economic ties and Vision 2030

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-05-10

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Salman is on a mission to transform the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He has envisioned the kingdom as a country which will be vibrant, dynamic and diverse. He wants to build an economy and society which can tackle the challenges of 21st Century. He is striving to diversify the economy and social fabric in the country. It is not merely a dream as he is taki.....[more >>](#)

Tobacco industry and tax evasion

Source: [Syed Ali Wasif Naqvi & Waseem Iftikhar Janjua](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-05-09

Pakistan has been a signatory to the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) since 2004. The FCTC, has 182 parties representing almost 90 percent of the world population. It is a comprehensive document aimed at controlling the increase in the number of smokers. The signatory countries agree to abide by the guidelines provided by the WHO and to enact l.....[more >>](#)

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Pakistan is a part of the Silk Road Community Building Initiative

Source: [APP](#), [APP](#), 2021-05-08

BEIJING, May 8 (APP):Chinese Minister of the International Department Central Committee of CPC (IDCPC), Song Tao attended a conference of the 2nd Anniversary of the Silk Road Community Building Initiative held in Beijing. Deputy Minister of IDCPC, Chen Zhou, Minister Counselor , Pakistan Embassy, Beijing, Ahmed Farooq and ambassadors to China from Laos, Lebanon, Mongolia, Namibia and Nepal were a.....[more >>](#)

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