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Say no to tobacco
Source: Salahuddin Choudhry, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
The World Health Organisation created World No Tobacco Day in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes. The day draws attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and to the negative health effects that lead to more than 8 million deaths worldwide each year, and almost 1.2 million non-smokers exposed to second-hand smoke. During the past 21 years, the Day has seen both enthusiasm.... view more

Recognising threats
Source: Owen Bennett-Jones, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
It is perhaps inevitable that armies are best prepared to fight the last war rather than the next one. As strategists plan ahead, they end up looking back to see what lessons can be learnt from the battles that have most recently happened. And yet, the nature of threats is always changing. In the past, this has most often been the result of developing military technology. There is not much point, for example, training soldiers to conduct a caval..... view more

Fear of testing
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
As confirmed Covid-19 cases rapidly increase across the country, a dangerous trend is emerging within communities: people are refusing to get tested for the coronavirus as they fear being shamed and stigmatised. There appears to be a general fear that if the test turns out to be positive, the infected individual will be expelled from the community or left to languish in an isolation centre. The belief is that calling a Covid-19 testing team to on..... view more

The third sector
The onset of the unprecedented and unforeseen coronavirus pandemic has brought into question many of the ideas, assumptions and biases we hold dear. It has reminded us to reflect on what we can do away with, what is absolutely essential, and what we must change in the post-Corona world order. One such notion requiring introspection is the role of social development organizations or Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) operating in Pakistan and ..... view more

A dark chapter
Just a few days ago the US reached the grim milestone of 100,000 deaths from Covid-19. Even as the country was grappling with these losses, many more disturbing events have taken place. Just in the past week, while the nation was coming to grips with Covid-19 losses, President Trump announced the US will leave the WHO and withdraw the special trading status that had been granted to Hong Kong, following Beijing's announcement of curtailing ma..... view more
Limited lockdown only
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
It was pretty much understood that the National Coordination Committee (NCC), chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan, would never endorse a complete lockdown even though doctors were screaming for it and a high level report, in Punjab at least, asked for exactly that for at least a month; that too beginning in the middle of May, just when the province decided to open up yet more instead. The PM has never been one for shutting down. And his p.... view more

When sorrows come visiting us...
Source: Wajid Shamsul Hasan, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Indeed. When sorrows come visiting us, they don’t come in singles but in battalions. That’s the way phrase goes and perhaps one finds it quite appropriate to describe the predicaments that Pakistan has always been facing. A leadership muddled by indecisiveness, has not been able to come up with a well thought out policy to grapple the Co-vid-19 pandemic. Its mishandling of the Co-vid-19 is sinking it deeper and deeper every day in th..... view more

Herd immunity or the Chinese model
Source: Munir Ahmed, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
With more than 70,000 confirmed cases of Covid-19 and increasing toll daily deaths, Pakistan is getting into miserable condition while the decision makers are still reluctant to take any strict measures. Rather they are trying to convince the nation that the virus would peak somewhere in the first week of July. It means another six weeks to achieve the peak of ‘herd immunity’ that Pakistan is leading to intentionally since the day one..... view more

Turkey’s heroic innings against COVID-19
Source: Dr Haroon Muzaffar Buttar, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Across the globe health systems, economies and social structures are reeling under the gargantuan impact of a novel pathogen. In cricket terminology, currently almost all countries are the pathogen COVID-19’s playground and the pathogen is playing a destructive innings against the governments’ capacity, capability and effectiveness to bowl it out. However, very few governments exhibit stellar performance in this gladiatorial contest b..... view more

Locust attack equates to a COVID attack on human society
Source: Fayaz A Soomro, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
With the onset of 2020, the world community got entrenched in the web of the horrendous Coronavirus. The COVID-19 conundrum remains a perplexing quagmire of the present era. Due to pandemic the essence and aura of life on earth got importance with possible measures to save the human life on planet. The pandemic sensitized human importance despite the accelerating phenomenon of social distancing. To avoid any socioeconomic set-back and Armageddon ..... view more

The pandemic and the super power
Source: Dr Amjad Abbas Magsi, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
As of June 1, the US has reported more than 1.83 million confirmed COVID-19 cases cumulatively with over 106,000 deaths, both figures quite easily being the highest in the world.In the face of an utterly poor pandemic response, economic slowdown, bipartisan hostility, and divided public opinions, some US politicians are head over heels busy, not battling the outbreak and saving lives, but shifting the blame and putting on one disgusting farce aft..... view more
**Is Covid-19 bigger than Karachi?**
Source: Dr Maria Saifuddin Effendi, *Daily Times*, 2020-06-02
Karachi has a world of its own. One of the largest cities in the world, as big that it can accommodate three cities the size of Islamabad, Karachi shelters the densest population with more than 15 ethnic communities and major religious minorities living inside this mini Pakistan. With the outbreak of COVID-19, Karachi is the main focus of national media today. It is referred to as the “worst-hit” of COVID-19 in Sindh with almost 5000 ..... view more

**Corona demands something more!**
Corona, or you may call it Covid-19 is a tirade against the dogmas. Science was vigorously telling for last two decades that the virus has to prevail. But according to one of my schoolteacher’s poetry, ‘khugran-e-teergi ko hae museebat roshni’ so we always shirked the ways science was compelling us to think, behave and act. It poses a serious threat to at least three dogmas — logic is what I know or as such told to know, &..... view more

**Our world in the coming years**
Source: Noor Aftab, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02
Pandemics among other calamities have re-shaped the core of faith, politics and economic structure of societies for millennia. Fear grips nations across the world as death tolls rise on an exponential basis, and much of the global population remains under lockdown. Our generation may be more fortunate than its predecessors. Living in the digital age, many are in a better position to face these shutdowns given their heavy dependence on technology ..... view more

**Undeserved Cut**
Source: Editorial, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02
The Punjab government's decision to slash the funds of the police department by 3 billion needs to be revisited. The provincial government perhaps ignores the fact that the department is already horribly under-resourced. At a time when the government should have allocated more funds to the law enforcement agency on the frontline of the fight against COVID-19, the government's move is beyond comprehension. The evidence shows the w..... view more

**A global response**
Source: Jamil Ahmad, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03
KNOWING no boundaries, Covid-19 has caused a global health crisis and exposed the vulnerabilities of healthcare systems, allowing little time to organise effective response measures. An avalanche of cases has overwhelmed healthcare structures in developed countries. In developing nations with long neglected public health sectors, the pandemic is leading to mayhem due to a shortage of medical equipment and personnel, and obsolete infrastructures. ..... view more

**Secrets and society**
Source: Rafia Zakaria, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03
EVERY society has secrets, but some societies have more than others. Ours is such a society. Relationships are important, and to maintain them a lot of secrets have to be kept. Arranged marriages, care-taking obligations towards
parents, surviving in homes with many siblings with many views that are easy to offend and that also offend. Added up, the careful arithmetic of relationships is no less than a tightrope, and to be a part of society most..... view more

Blundering into disaster
Source: Zahid Hussain, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-03
IT was a surreal moment listening to the prime minister as he warned the nation of more coronavirus deaths while removing restrictions that could contain the spread of the deadly infection. His latest words highlight the recklessness that defines the federal government’s approach while dealing with an existential crisis. With almost all restrictions on movement gone, it has now been left to the people to save themselves from the fast-spread..... view more

Finally, something for medical workers
Source: News Desk, Daily Times , 2020-06-03
Finally, months into the crisis, Prime Minister Imran Khan has found the time to take note of lack of safety measures for doctors and paramedical staff at the forefront of the war against the coronavirus and sought a comprehensive action plan from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Welcome as this help and attention is, it must still be noted that it came after a good number of health professionals were infected, at least 11 were ..... view more

Peace influencing pandemics via human security
Source: Syed Hussain Shaheed Soherwordi, Daily Times , 2020-06-03
The Corona pandemic will have a long-term change and effect in domestic and global politics like global and local -governance, -security and -healthcare to name a few. Every country is going through emergency measures. Armed forces, Police, and health departments are playing a leading role in limiting the spread of coronavirus. Quarantining communities, managing crowds, sealing of borders, providing food and healthcare on war-footings, giv..... view more

COVID-19: Infected US presidential elections 2020
Source: Khurram Shahzad, Daily Times , 2020-06-03
Tuesday 3rd November 2020 will be the day for the 59th quadrennial presidential election. But this time elections would give a tough time to the candidates and their campaigns. As this pandemic affected the world, U.S. elections can face a disastrous conflict due to less in-person and more mail-in-ballot voting. Pandemic has changed the U.S. economy and the election campaign as well. The election candidates’ picture is clear. Donald Trump,..... view more

Responsible Citizenry Amid COVID19
Source: Shagufta Gul, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-04
“A house divided against itself cannot stand” noted Ibrahim Lincoln and this time around, however, the house is the whole planet and the global population comprising of members of the same household. The household which is
afflicted by the same perilous circumstance with no permanent resolution in the foreseeable future. March 2020 onwards WHO affirmed that the COVID 19 has transformed into a pandemic and asked the governments to take

| The fifth horseman unloosened |
| Source: Harlan Ullman, *Daily Times*, 2020-06-03 |
| No sooner had this column identified the Fifth Horseman accompanied by MAD (Massive Attacks of Disruption), both struck with a vengeance following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis las week. Nation-wide protests erupted. Many were not peaceful. Riots and violence broke out and still rage. Just a few blocks west of where we live in Washington, DC, houses and businesses on Wisconsin Avenue were vandalized and looted. In one sense, these p..... |

| The virus did not wait! |
| Source: Irfan Tahir, *Daily Times*, 2020-06-03 |
| The Big Boss was shouting at me like anything, “The coronavirus will cross borders of Pakistan in no time. It has already engulfed half of sphere. How will you respond at borders? What are your requirements, needs and demands? What is your preparation to stop its entry to Pakistan?” I was Head of all Points of Entry of country, including airports, ports and land crossing. I had nothing in hand. I saw the spiky balls (of virus) f..... |

| New directions |
| The disaster that has descended on the world in the form of Covid-19 has shaken global economies. Many economic giants including the US, China, Germany, UK, Japan, France and Italy are struggling to cope. The sectors most affected include tourism and travel-related industries, transportation, automobile industry, hotels, restaurants, sports events, consumer electronics, and financial markets. Stock markets around the world have suffered badly an..... |

| Crisis versus virus? |
| In a crisis stricken world gasped by challenges, from an unprecedented public health crisis to mounting economic turmoil, Prime Minister Imran Khan’s decision this week to partially withdraw a lockdown is nothing short of mind-boggling. And his message to the Pakistani public urging them to ‘live with the virus’ added more confusion to an already troubled policy framework. In the three months since the coronavirus pandemic engu..... |

| Learning from Covid-19 |
| Covid-19 is a big hoax: this is what an incredibly large percentage of people are convinced of, not only in Pakistan but also in many other countries. Another lot sort of accepts that a pandemic exists but discounts it as nothing serious; a kind of ‘flu which will go away. More people die every year in road accidents, some others argue. And then there are the believers in conspiracies, ranging from it being a sinister plot of the Chinese t..... |
The fault is in our strategy
The recent attack on the Civil hospital Karachi has rightfully perturbed the medical community that has been risking itself for the future of this nation. The mob not only damaged medical equipment but one of the protesters also reportedly slapped a female doctor. Such condemnable acts reflect our insensitivity towards those who are serving us selflessly; it also shows the selective bravery within us that prompts us to attack the weak and bow dow..... view more

On our own
As the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases in Pakistan is increasing daily by the thousands, the response from the federal government and the NDMA has been as confused as ever. The number of infected people is approaching the 80,000 mark. The number of deaths across the country is feared to touch 2000 in the next couple of days. The increasing number of infected persons among the medical community should be a serious cause of concern and more a..... view more

Death and Despair: What have we learned from the Covid-19 pandemic?
Source: Mohammad Zaman, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
As I write, there are close to six million COVID-19 cases globally with nearly 400,000 confirmed deaths. Also, some have died and remain unaccounted in many countries. The US has now recorded over 103,000 deaths due to coronavirus—a grim and ugly milestone that shall remain a historic tragedy to mourn and remember for all times to come. Even when we cry and collectively grief for those known and unknown deaths, how do we deal with the despa..... view more

Corruption & corona: a lethal combination
LAHORE: The world is in a precarious situation as almost every country is short of resources to cope with pandemic; however, nations managing their economies prudently and transparently would fare better than those that are corrupt, and we unfortunately are one of them. The pandemic would cause irreparable loss to the economies managed incompetently. There should be justification for every penny we spend from now onwards. Both the political and ..... view more

Covid-19 and our insensitive mentality
Source: Aminah Mohsin, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
These unprecedented times comprising months of lockdown have given the world the required energy and space to introspect — and redress. Today, all of us want something. The haut monde of today is worried about its health and safety and is not hesitating in adopting all safety practices prescribed by authorities. They want the crisis to end soon so that their economic prosperity can take the ascending path once again, only if their fat..... view more
Trapped in a ‘catch-22’ economic situation
Source: M Ziauddin, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
It is peaking in Pakistan. And there has been no full-blown lockdown as such since the Covid-19 curve started taking a steep trajectory at a relatively faster rate some two weeks back. Meanwhile, the economy at large is continuously going south as the current fiscal year races to its closing days and the balance sheet for the next is about to be presented. Exports and remittances are shrinking. Import bill, though relatively smaller, still far ah..... view more

‘Red Muhafiz’: the frontline warriors against Covid-19
Source: Khalid Bin Majeed, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
We can’t see the enemy, but everyone is terrified. The world is now racing against time to slow the spread of Covid-19 by testing and treating patients, limiting travels, quarantining citizens and encouraging social distancing. The pandemic is moving like a wave – one that may yet crash on those least able to cope. And the crisis is definitely set to permanently reshape our world as it continues to unfold. The situation is no differe.... view more

Appreciating Siraj-ul-Haq
Source: Muhammad Tahir Iqbal, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
With cap set on his head at a slightly rakish angle and a face bedecked with a smile, he keeps working day in and day out for the relief of those who are affected somehow or the other because of COVID-19. Hailing from a remote village of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) where few could have thought to cross beyond the hills of the area, he dreamt, planned, toiled and thereby carried himself to the rugged arena of politics where his presence matters ...... view more

Increased Spread
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
Pakistan’s partial easing of the lockdown, which included lifting restrictions on certain businesses, while risky, made financial sense. This was a cost-benefit calculation of the risks of the pandemic spread compared to the economic costs it would bear, especially to daily wage workers. However, Prime Minister Imran Khan’s recent announcement of the reopening of several other businesses, which include the tourism industry, is an und..... view more

Hajj Policy For 2020
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
The annual Hajj pilgrimage sees hundreds of thousands of Muslims across the world travelling to the holy city of Makkah to perform their religious duty. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are serious concerns whether the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) will postpone this year’s Hajj. A final decision on the matter is yet to come. However, Indonesia has now announced that it will not be sending its citizens to Makkah this year due to cor..... view more

Losing without a fight
Source: Khurram Husain, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
I HAVE not seen a government abdicate all responsibility to safeguard its citizens from clear and present danger so comprehensively as this government has just done. It was a moment of disbelief watching the prime minister announce that people should take care, try to stay indoors — and then announce areopening of tourismso people in large numbers start going to areas like Murree, Swat, Kaghan and Naran and the northern areas, where healthc..... view more
Thousands still missing
Source: I.A. Rehman, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
SINCE the issue of Covid 19 has been decided — that those who cannot avoid getting infected cannot be saved — and those in command are not open to changing their view, there is no point in talking about the epidemic for the moment. Instead, let us divert our attention to a festering sore that seems to have disappeared from the executive’s radar altogether. Last month, APP reported that the chairman of the Commission of Inquiry ... view more

Targeting hospitals
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
OF late, a number of attacks targeting medical staff in hospitals in Karachi and Peshawar have given rise to apprehension amongst healthcare workers. On May 15, a mob vandalised a section of Karachi’s JPMC after attempting to forcibly retrieve the body of a deceased patient who died after contracting the coronavirus. On May 29, the relatives of a 50-year-old woman who tested positive for Covid-19 inflicted damage on Peshawar’s Lady Re... view more

Federal government finally waking up?
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
It seems the federal government is finally waking up to the fact that new coronavirus cases, and indeed the number of deaths, is rising simply too fast for the so called limited lockdown to continue without some modifications. It was precisely this scenario that the government was warned against initially when it talked down the necessity of a nationwide quarantine at every opportunity. The prime minister did not listen to anybody at the time, but th.... view more

A perturbing linkage: Cov2 vaccine & microchip?
Source: Syed Qamar Afzal Rizvi, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
Amidst the ongoing Coronavirus the debate –about its cure which involves quarantines, social distancing, antivirals and other drugs, and healthcare for the sick– has become heated. But apparently the novel idea of a vaccine for defeating Covid-19 – the quintessential silver bullet – has nonetheless become an issue of perturbing inoculation. A viral claim which is routed globally says Bill Gates is planning to use microchip i... view more

Protecting women in times of Covid-19; perspective from Pakistan & Italy
Source: Salman Ali & Giulia Cerqueti, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
In Pakistan, on average, every one in four women experiences emotional, physical or sexual violence. This accounts for approximately eight million women grappling with various forms of violence every year. The risk of violence has likely further increased as economic and social pressures mount amid the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 crisis affects men and women in different ways, experience shows that domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence i... view more
The Hideous Morbidity In The House Of Cards
Source: Syed Nasir Hassan, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
Lately, some American politicians have been taking advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic out of pure selfish interests in the 2020 presidential election. Their hysterical and ludicrous farce and morbid insanity have clearly shown the world the hideous and despicable deals going on in the House of Cards, a den of iniquity. The US has ripped off the fig leaf over their sheer lies. Ever since the COVID-19 outbreak began, certain American p..... view more

Technology’s use on front lines
Source: MEHER AZEEM HAKRO, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
A difficult time of trial has befallen the nation due to the spreading of coronavirus. This is a difficult time, not only for the nation but also for the individuals and the world. This government is going through a difficult phase because it has to make tough decisions. On the one hand, the responsibility to save the lives of the people lies with the government and on the other hand, lies the economy. If the government saves the lives of the peo..... view more

Staring into the abyss
‘Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance’. One wonders if he were alive today, how eloquently Bernard Shaw would have described these dystopian times and the leading personalities showcasing a combination of these two traits. Unfortunately for those of us still present, the characters leading us are anything but fictional – dystopian as they may still be – and their ignorance and false knowle..... view more

Comparing corona
As I write (the weekend of May 30-31), the UK’s death toll from the Covid-19 pandemic has reached 38,489. Even the rightwing Financial Times regards this figure as an under-estimate, and says the actual toll is 60,300. The Murdoch-owned Sky News reports that the UK’s population-adjusted COVID19 death toll has now overtaken Italy’s. The prime minister’s office used to include this comparison in its daily slideshow on t..... view more

Canton Fair and CIIE June 04, 2020 Mitigating the effects of Covid-19
Source: LI BIJIAN, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
As Covid-19 still spreads and disrupts the business activities across the world, how to resume the global economy and social development is a huge challenge for all countries. Quickly resuming the production, supply and value chains becomes very critical. In this context, it is more imperative to conduct international exchanges, trade and practical cooperation by innovative methods. Here, I’d like to present two grand platforms on which Chi..... view more

Missing pandemic awareness campaign
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan has announced the reopening of the tourism industry after a meeting of the National Coordination Committee (NCC) on June 1, 2020. The argument offered to justify the decision is the hardship being caused and likely to be caused to people in the tourist areas in the north and the Galliat that only have a narrow window of 3-4 months to earn their living for the whole year. All overseas Pakistanis, especially labourers..... view more
Resumption of immunisation amid COVID-19
Source: Huma Khawar, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
Immunisation is one of the most powerful and fundamental disease prevention tools in the history of public health, these were the opening lines of Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General at a press briefing last week. However, since March 2020, routine childhood immunisation services have been disrupted on a global scale which may be unprecedented since the inception of expanded programs on immunisation. Many countries, temporar.....view more

Hosting coronavirus
Source: Senator Rehman Malik, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
Since its outbreak in Pakistan, I have been observing our national approach against coronavirus very closely and I feel that right from day one, as a nation, we are confused in our day-to-day actions. Corona is given a free hand in Pakistan to make its entry from any direction as by now, the mighty virus has found that our policy is hardly putting up any resistance to stop its spread. Even our national slogan is, “Corona sey darna nahee&rdq.....view more

Without Marriage Halls
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
There is nothing essential about a big wedding. It may be something that people prefer in our culture, but a smaller, private congregation, or even no congregation at all, does not prevent two people from being joined in the bond of marriage. Recent years have seen a surge in the highly profitable marriage halls industry, taking advantage of the culture of extravagance and excess surrounding Pakistani weddings. Closed down due to the coronavir.....view more

The next calamity
Source: Eric Shahzar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
The Covid-19 pandemic could reduce global carbon emissions to levels last witnessed in 1945 after WWII. Global carbon emissions have already dipped by 17%. This leaves many environmentalists optimistic about the future. While the pandemic is causing unprecedented havoc, mankind will soon defeat the virus through science and technology. A vaccine will soon be discovered. However, this is only the beginning of a much bigger problem. While the curre.....view more

Protecting the environment
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
EVEN though the novel coronavirus pandemic has put many burning issues on the back-burner, it still presents an opportunity to reflect on the direction the world had been moving towards in recent decades, and to course correct. Of course, the dream of a better world cannot come to fruition until we change our basic value systems. Since today marks World Environment Day, it is a good time to reflect on our attitudes towards the natural world, as w.....view more

SOPs not followed
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
AS Covid-19 cases swell across the country, the deaths of some legislators who contracted the coronavirus are a tragic example of how close to home the pandemic has hit for so many families. Among the latest Covid-19 fatalities are two legislators from Punjab and KP who passed away after testing positive. Before this, a Sindh minister died
after testing positive. In May, a JUI-F MPA and former Balochistan governor as well as a PTI MPA in Punjab p.....view more

**Online classes**
Source: News Desk, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
FOURTEEN-year-old Devika Balakrishnan’s lifeless body was found near her home in Kerala, India, on Monday: the first day of her school semester. According to the police, a suicide note had been left behind, with her last words: “I’m going”. Her father, a daily wage earner, said she was disheartened after she was unable to participate in an online class with her peers. Under pressure to perform well in a competitive society.....view more

**Grey in the picture**
Source: Asha’ar Rehman, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
THERE are six hundred and seventy thousand, eight hundred and one reasons for the government in Islamabad to scoff at those in charge of dealing with Lahore’s delicate health matters. Suspected Covid-19 patients account for 670,800 of these. This is the estimate of infected people in the city as projected by a recent Punjab health department summary based on ‘smart sampling’. The remaining solitary figure — which may appe.....view more

**An opportunity?**
Source: Zubeida Mustafa, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
IN tandem with Islamabad, the Sindh government has announced that the students who were scheduled to sit for their Grades IX to XII Board examinations this summer will be promoted to the next class without being tested. In the absence of an alternative, this can be deemed to have been a sensible step. Moreover, the fact is that the exams we have been holding for the last several decades are no less than an ‘immaculate deception’. The.....view more

**Clean the air first**
Source: Clean the air first, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
IF there is one thing that Covid-19 has shown us, it is that there is no getting away from it. It is here to stay and we will have to look at ways to protect ourselves. The crisis has also highlighted the extent to which our health is linked to the health of the ecosystem. If we want to live healthy lives, we need to conserve the planet and use natural resources in a sustainable manner. While governments are busy battling the pandemic, experts f.....view more

**Hiding behind Covid-19**
The daily toll of deaths and new infections we receive updates about every day on our laptops and television are scary enough. But there is lurking behind these another equally terrifying problem which may have a long-term impact, particularly on young people and also children. The lockdown, or since there was in practical terms never any real lockdown in our cities, the prohibition placed by families on leaving home, has created increased level.....view more

**COVID-19 patients will soon emerge from every home as epidemic out of control, PA told**
With the lockdown eased off countrywide, the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Pakistan has become out of control to the extent that patients of the viral disease are likely to emerge from every house, after which the hospitals will not
have spare beds and ventilators to deal with the health crisis. This was stated by Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho on Thursday as she spoke in the Sindh Assembly. The stern warning from the health minister..... view more

Perception and reality
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
The government is right in insisting that another lockdown needs to be avoided. Sure, it's the right thing to do considering the rising number of cases and deaths but that's all theory. In reality, the economy simply cannot afford it. But when it goes so far as reopening the tourism industry the government creates just the wrong kind of perception. In other words it dilutes the threat. Tourism is a matter of life and death for the peo..... view more

Covid-19: a blessing for environment
Source: Munir Ahmed, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
This year June 5 – the World Environment Day witnesses significant reduction in consumption of the nature, natural resources and goods made in the factories that has reduced the emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs). Perhaps, it is the only positive side of the Covid-19. But it is not so. Restricted movement has saved about two million people from dying in five months from accidents and environmental hazards and disasters globally besides si..... view more

Washington’s Game of Thrones amid COVID-19
Source: Saddam Hussein, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
The United States (US) has reported more than 1.9 confirmed COVID-19 cases cumulatively with over 109,146 deaths, as of June 4, 2020, both figures are highest in the world. The grim situation necessitates an effective response in the wake of global pandemic. However, White House, in the backdrop of economic melt-down, bipartisan adversity, and diverging public opinions, is in topsy-turvy to shift the blame on others by fabricating a never-ending ..... view more

Re-defining normal life in small US town
Source: Ken LeBlond, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
Two and half months of lockdown may not seem very long, but given the emotional and social upheaval that I have experienced, it now feels like another lifetime. In mid-March, the US was in the early phase of the pandemic. Some of the earliest restrictions prevented me from traveling to Pakistan for work to support an international exchange program. It was a disappointing development as I have fallen in love with Pakistan and its people..... view more

Going Back to Universities
Source: Dr Muhammad Umair Arshad, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
COVID-19 continues to spread across the world with a trajectory that is difficult to predict. The health, humanitarian and socio-economic policies that we implement will determine how quickly and strongly we recover. It has revealed a significant impact on different sectors of life including economy, health, business, agriculture and education, etc. In particular, higher education is significantly affected during this COVID war. Universities are ..... view more
Future of Globalisation?
Source: Humza Ahmad Barlas, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
Globalisation helped elevate the so-called “Chinese virus” to a worldwide pandemic. Ironically, the virus now seems to threaten globalisation itself. For many, globalisation happened to be a foregone conclusion. A world without borders seemed an unchangeable reality that everyone must reckon with. However, COVID-19 has changed much, at least for now. The coronavirus pandemic has altered the global political and economi..... view more
## National News

### AJK

**AJK PM seeks national consensus for elimination of coronavirus**

Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02  
MIRPUR (AJK) - Azad Jammu & Kashmir Prime Minister Raja Farooq Haider Khan on Monday called for national unity and making collective efforts to fight the coronavirus. He was addressing the meeting of the National Coordination Committee (NCC) through a video link here. In-charge Control Room Asad Ummer, chief ministers and chief secretaries of all the four provinces and other concerned officials attended the meeting. Speaking on the occasion.....[view more](#)

**Three doctors test positive for Covid-19 in AJK**

Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05  
MUZAFFARABAD: Three doctors were among 28 new Covid-19 cases that had emerged in Azad Jammu and Kashmir over the past 24 hours, pushing the region’s tally to 313, a minister said on Thursday. Dr Mustafa Bashir Abbasi, minister for information technology, told reporters at his regular media briefing that of the new cases 20, including child specialist Dr Khawaja Tahir Aziz, neurologist Dr Mazhar Hamdani and Dr Sabahat, were from Muzaffaraba.....[view more](#)

### Balochistan

**Balochistan govt extends smart lockdown for 15 days**

Source: Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02  
The Balochistan government on Tuesday has extended smart lockdown due to coronavirus for fifteen days and issued directives to run businesses with precautionary measures. A notification in this regard has been issued by the Balochistan Home Department in which it has been stated that business centers and shops will remain open six days a week from 09:00 AM to 07:00 PM while complete lockdown will be observed on Fridays. According to the not.....[view more](#)

**Balochistan govt approves programme to fight epidemics**

Source: Mohammad Zafar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-02  
QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Kamal on Monday approved the provincial health department’s three-year program to fight against epidemics in the province, directing authorities to submit PC1 for the program. The meeting thoroughly reviewed the Health Response Program in order to uplift the provincial health sector and building its capacity to curtail Covid-19 and other diseases. Briefing the meeting, Balochistan health secreta.....[view more](#)

**Balochistan bans sharing information about Covid-19 patients**

Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04  
QUETTA: The government of Balochistan on Wednesday decided to ban sharing personal information of Covid-19 positive patients. “Unfortunately, the Covid-19 patients are facing discrimination because their names and other personal information are being shared on social, print and electronic media who along with dealing with the infection also have deal to with added mental stress,” said Rubaba Buledi, Parliamentary Secr.....[view more](#)
# Imran lifts restrictions on tourism industry

Source: Syed Irfan Raza, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2020-06-02

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday announced the reopening of tourism industry and allowed all overseas Pakistanis to return home after the National Coordination Committee gave the go-ahead to self-quarantine policy for Covid-19 patients among them. Over the past 24 hours, the countrywide tally of coronavirus cases surged from 71,068 to 74,320. So far, 29,647 cases have been detected in Sindh, 26,240 in Punjab, 10,485 in Khyber Pakhtu.....[view more](#)

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# Online complaint hearing a success: ombudsman

Source: Bakhtawar Mian, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2020-06-02

ISLAMABAD: The online hearing of complaints by the federal ombudsman secretariat during the corona outbreak has resulted in an increase in such complaints and their speedy redressal. Federal Ombudsman Syed Tahir Shahbaz said on Monday experience of online hearings remained successful during the lockdown. He said that the number of complaints had even increased during the lockdown. He was speaking to the investigating officers of regional office.....[view more](#)

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# Majority of Covid-19 casualties in capital aged between 60 and 69

Source: Munawer Azeem, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2020-06-02

RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD: Covid-19 cases continued to rise in the twin cities on Monday with 171 new patients in the capital and 36 patients in Rawalpindi. Three people died of the disease in Islamabad and four in Rawalpindi. Capital administration officials said two of the deceased patients were Islamabad residents and one was from another district. One person died at Polyclinic and another died at home while the patient who was not an Islamabad re.....[view more](#)

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# Islamic university launches comprehensive virtual education policy

Source: staf reporter, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2020-06-02

ISLAMABAD: International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) on Monday said that it has launched a comprehensive virtual education policy for online teaching amid the Covid-19 pandemic. According to IIUI, the policy aims to take care of intellectual rights, in line with the best academic practices. “The university has ensured to keep the interest of its students at first. Despite all of these arrangements, in case a student is not satisfi.....[view more](#)

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# University students threaten protest against online classes

Source: Bureau Report, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2020-06-02

PESHAWAR: Student groups of different universities on Monday rejected online classes over a lack of access to Internet in parts of the province and warned that they would stage street protests if the Higher Education Commission didn’t withdraw the online education decision. They also demanded an immediate end to the lockdown and reopening of universities. Accompanied by Mansoor Zeb of the Agriculture University, Khurshid Khan of Islamia C.....[view more](#)

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# Alizai hospital short of doctors, paramedics

Source: News Desk, **Dawn, Islamabad**, 2020-06-02

PARACHINAR: At a time when the country is facing an alarming spike in cases of Covid-19, the tehsil headquarters hospital in Alizai, Kurram tribal district has only three doctors for a population of 150,000. Kurram tribal district has
three major administrative divisions including Upper, Lower and Central. It has two tehsils -- Sadda and Alizai. “Since creation of Pakistan, inhabitants of Alizai have been alienated and ignored by the auth... view more

**Pandemic’s effect on food security to be reviewed**
Source: Khaleeq Kian, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02
ISLAMABAD: With major real sectors of economy in the red, the government has called the first meeting of the Think Tank on Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Wednesday (June 3) to review and analyse the food security situation and ponder over possible responses. The Think Tank on Economic Impact of Covid-19 was constituted by Prime Minister Imran Khan on May 5. It has been entrusted with to focus on four key areas at the outset before moving to the ..... view more

**Covididiots in courtroom irk chief justice**
Source: Ikram Junaidi, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02
ISLAMABAD: Amid the rising number of coronavirus cases with the masses throwing caution to the wind, the Chief Justice of Pakistan on Monday expressed concern over the violation of social distancing in the Supreme Court. Heading a five-judge SC bench, Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmed asked at a hearing why the courtroom was jam-packed. “What happened to the formula of social distancing? Who are you and why are you sitting here,” he asked w..... view more

**Govt decides to further ease Covid-19 lockdown**
Source: News Desk, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02
Prime Minister Imran Khan while making a passionate appeal to the people to behave like ‘a responsible nation’ in the Covid-19 situation, Monday indicated to open more sectors of economy, including tourism to minimize negative effects of lockdown on the country’s 25% population living below the poverty line. Over 50 million people in Pakistan cannot afford two-time meal if they do not go to work. We have a totally different situa..... view more

**3,500 fresh coronavirus cases emerge in a day; 55 lives lost**
Source: News Desk, *Daily Times*, 2020-06-02
The nationwide tally of Covid-19 patients soared to 74,326 on Monday, with 26,240 cases reported in Punjab, 29,647 in Sindh, 10,485 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 4,393 in Balochistan, 711 in Gilgit Baltistan, 2,589 in Islamabad and 261 in Azad Jammu and Kashmir so far. The virus has claimed at least 1,574 lives while about 26,083 coronavirus patients have recovered so far. Around 1,402 new coronavirus cases and 22 deaths were in Sindh on Monday, s..... view more

**‘Sustaining livelihoods and enforcing steps against virus growing challenge’**
Islamabad:The coronavirus pandemic has brought new social, economic and political challenges for Pakistan like many other countries, so it has become increasingly challenging to sustain the livelihoods of millions of people while putting in place effective safety measures against the virus, said adviser to the prime minister on climate change Malik Amin Aslam on Monday. “A recent assessment indicates that up to 19 million people could be l..... view more
Pakistan’s steps to contain coronavirus appreciated
Islamabad: Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan Ms Wendy Gilmour on Monday called on Federal Minister for Railways Sheikh Rashid at the Ministry of Railways. Both the sides discussed matters pertaining to mutual interest during the meeting, said a press release issued here by the Ministry of Railways. Sheikh Rashid said Canada and Pakistan had a long-standing relationship and that would be further strengthen in the future. “We are commit.... view more

FDE directives may increase risk of spread of COVID-19
Islamabad:The recent directives of Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) to the heads of all its 423 educational institutions, through a notification, asking to ensure presence of all their administrative staff is feared to put their lives on risks during the prevailing crisis of coronavirus. According to an official source, it was decided by the government to keep all the educational institutions across country closed till July 15 as a precaut.....view more

If you are not COVID-19 positive, there is no space for you at hospitals
Source: Muzammil Ferozi , Daily Times , 2020-06-02
The Covid-19 has made the situation worse at hospitals due to the poor planning of the Sindh government. The patients of other disease are suffering, as they are not being hospitalised or treated. In accordance with the experienced Dr Azhar Chughtai, except a few, all the private hospitals are like post offices or check posts to know the address to reach because no one is permitted to be admitted.”If anyone is suffering from other disease fo..... view more

PM gives go-ahead to launch of ‘Protected Area Initiative’
Source: News desk, Daily Times , 2020-06-02
Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday gave go-ahead for the launch of “Protected Area Initiative” under the umbrella of Green Pakistan Programme. The go-ahead for “Protected Area Initiative” was given by the prime minister during a meeting with Advisor on Climate Change Malik Amin Aslam Khan, who called on him here. The meeting was in continuation of the “Green Stimulus” package approved by the prime minister in Ap..... view more

PM discusses COVID-19, other topics with Italian counterpart
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-02
Prime Minister Imran Khan held a telephonic conversation with his Italian counterpart Giuseppe Conte on Monday and discussed the COVID-19 pandemic and a broad range of other subjects. Offering deep condolences over the loss of precious lives, the prime minister commended Italy’s efforts to fight the pandemic. He briefed the Italian prime minister about the latest situation in Pakistan and the steps taken by the government to contain the spread..... view more

Sindh Healthcare Commission tells healthcare establishments to give PPEs to their staff
Source: News Desk, Daily Times , 2020-06-02
The Sindh Healthcare Commission has directed healthcare establishments to provide PPEs’ to their healthcare staff; otherwise action may be taken against any complaint received for HCEs’ not providing personal protective equipment to their staff. Sindh Healthcare Commission’s Chairperson Nargis Ghaloo attended a meeting with Health Minister Dr Azra Pechuho to discuss current scenario of services provided by Healthcare Establishmen..... view more
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LIVE: Sindh reports 1,439 new cases as nationwide coronavirus tally jumps to 77,837
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
ISLAMABAD / KARACHI / PESHAWAR / LAHORE / QUETTA / MUZAFFARABAD: The novel coronavirus emerged in the central China city of Wuhan towards the end of last year and proliferated to almost the whole world within a couple of months. It's not the virulence or fatality, but the infectivity of the new virus – also known as SARS-CoV-2 – that has set off a global frenzy. The Covid-19 respiratory illness caused by this mysterious co..... view more

This year, no adventures for Pakistan's mountaineering industry
Source: Zulfiqar Baig, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
ISLAMABAD: Home to five of the world’s 14 tallest mountains, every year Pakistan entices hundreds of trekkers and mountaineers from near and far, who wish to summit its dangerous peaks. Usually, the months from June to August, being prime mountaineering season in South Asia, are the busiest for mountaineering-related activities in the country. The season, which attracts mountain climbers from all parts of the world, creates a hoard of..... view more

PM announces further easing of lockdown
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday said a decision had been taken to reopen all sectors apart from those in the “negative list”, and urged the people to show responsibility and follow the government-issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) “because the virus will spread and the death toll will rise”. The prime minister, after chairing a National Coordination Committee (NCC) meeting, while speaking to t..... view more

Covid-19 outbreak ; PML-N expresses ‘grave concerns’ over govt’s actions
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has expressed “grave concerns” over the “ill-preparedness” of the government to deal with the coronavirus amid alarming surge in confirmed cases. “The government dishes out one lie after the other, jeopardising lives of thousands of Pakistani people,” said PML-N spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb, alleging that the government was unprepared to cope with the Cov..... view more

Confirmed cases of coronavirus surge to 76,398 in Pakistan
Source: Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
Pakistan confirmed 78 more deaths from novel coronavirus in one day as the nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 1,621 and positive cases surged to 76,398. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 3,938 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Sindh remains the worst-hit
province by the pandemic followed by Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan. Till now 29,647 coro.... view more

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**FM, Planning Minister discuss coronavirus situation**
Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar at a meeting in Islamabad on Tuesday reviewed the steps taken to check the spread of coronavirus. Shah Mahmood Qureshi said the pandemic has engulfed the whole world. He said developing countries such as Pakistan are faced with serious challenges due to Covid-19. The Foreign Minister said steps are being taken to enhance the capacity of healthcare. He ..... view more

**Salman Sufi shares his experience of fighting COVID-19**
The founder of Salman Sufi Foundation and the renowned social activist Salman Sufi shared his experience of battling COVID-19 and lamented on how rapidly the virus is now spreading to even those who are strictly implementing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and are cautious of the virus. Sufi has recently contracted the contagious virus and is under isolation at his home. “There are two kinds of battles that we fight against the co..... view more

**An alarming decision**
IN a move that flies in the face of ominous data, Prime Minister Imran Khan has decided to further ease lockdown restrictions across the country and to reopen almost all sectors of industry — an unfortunate decision that will see a greater surge in coronavirus infections. The announcement was made by Mr Khan after a meeting of the NCC which deliberated on the rapid increase in daily new cases and deaths, yet did not come up with a preventio..... view more

**4000 test positive: Record jump in corona cases**
ISLAMABAD: With no signs of coronavirus pandemic going away anytime soon, Pakistan on Tuesday reported a record number of 3,938 new coronavirus cases with 79 deaths over the last 24 hours. Sindh Minister for Human Settlement Haji Ghulam Murtaza Baloch and MMA MNA Munir Khan Orakzai were also among the victims who died of coronavirus on Tuesday. The latest surge in cases takes the nation-wide tally of reported cases to 78,290 while the death tol..... view more

**Govt decides to hold Covid-19 prevalence survey**
ISLAMABAD: Amid rising fears that a large number of people can be asymptomatic after over 16,000 new cases of coronavirus emerged during the last week only, the government has decided to hold a seroepidemiological survey to know what percentage of the population has already been infected. The pilot study, which will be completed in two to three weeks, will be conducted in the federal capital before the launch of a nationwide study by mid-June to..... view more
PPP suggests mandatory corona tests of govt employees, traders
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
ISLAMABAD: Expressing grave concern over “non-serious attitude” of the federal government in the fight against coronavirus and alleged failure of the Punjab government to implement recommendations of the health authorities to impose a 30-day complete lockdown in the province, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) has called for mandatory Covid-19 tests of all government employees, businessmen and traders. PPP secretary general Nayyar...... view more

PIMS denies refusing virus patients
Islamabad : The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), the capital city's premier government hospital, has denied refusing admissions to coronavirus patients. “There are rumours being circulated that PIMS is refusing admissions. It is not true. At the moment all patients are given critical services and none of them is being refused,” Islamabad Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat quoted the hospital administration a..... view more

Covid-19 forces some families to skip funeral of loved-ones killed in crash
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
ISLAMABAD: Gathered together via Zoom, friends and relatives of Wahida and Fazal Rahmaan watched from afar as the beloved couple were buried in Pakistan, days after they were killed in a plane crash. For many who lost loved ones in the May 22 tragedy, grief has been compounded by the coronavirus, which has made travel to funerals impossible and attendance dangerous. The Rahmaans, married 53 years, were among 97 people killed when the Pakistan I..... view more

Lockdown extended for two weeks in Balochistan
Source: Saleem Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
QUETTA: The Balochistan government has extended the smart lockdown in the province for another two weeks with effect from June 1, the provincial home department announced on Tuesday. The decision has been taken in view of the increasing number of local transmission of coronavirus cases across the province. The home department in a notification issued late on Monday night said that the disease might cause “devastating consequences, infectio..... view more

Alarm raised over vulnerability of health professionals
Islamabad : Alarmed by the growing vulnerability of health professionals to coronavirus, Young Consultant Association chairman Dr Asfandyar Khan has warned that if a single doctor gets infected with coronavirus, every health care worker that comes into contact with him/her had to be quarantined. Taking to 'The News', he wondered if all doctors were quarantined, who would treat patients. “All frontline health care professionals in ..... view more

ICRC supports people with disabilities during pandemic
Islamabad : The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), as part of its response to COVID-19, is ensuring provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), hygiene kits, economic support and informational material to 26 ICRC-supported physical rehabilitation centers across Pakistan. Access to protective gear, hygiene material and authentic information is crucial for everyone during a pandemic, more so for People With Disabilities (PW..... view more
**‘Pakistan facing bigger threats than coronavirus’**
Islamabad: The Founder of Islamabad Chamber for Small Traders, Shahid Rasheed Butt on Tuesday said the country is facing threats bigger than the coronavirus which should be tackled without further delay. Pakistan is facing worst locust attack in the last 27 years that has destroyed crops on hundreds of thousands of acres because timely action was not taken despite warnings, he said. Moreover, the undeterred hoarders have initiated an artificial...... view more

**Violation of SOPs posing threat to commuters**
Islamabad: Intercity transportation has been posing a serious threat to the residents of Islamabad due to non-compliance of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for prevention of coronavirus pandemic by the transporters. Different means of transportation including local vans and cabs remain crammed with the passengers without adopting prevention measures to stay safe from the coronavirus can adversely impact the authorities’ efforts to co...... view more

**Hand washing booths installed at shelter homes**
Islamabad: The management of Shelter Homes-Panahgah has installed hand-washing booths at its capital-based facilities to keep the coronavirus at bay through promotion of hygiene habits among the dwellers. With the help of a Strengthening Participatory Organization, we have installed at least three hand-washing booths at each ‘Panahgah’ of Islamabad including Bhara Kahu and others, Prime Minister’s Focal Person on Shelter Homes...... view more

**IIU to offer over 4,000 online courses**
Islamabad: After launching a virtual education policy for online teaching amid coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the International Islamic University has planned to offer over 4,000 online courses for over 30,000 students, 498 academic programmes and 88 departments of nine faculties. According to IIU rector Professor Dr Masoom Yasinzai, the virtual education policy is meant to take care of intellectual rights in line with the best academic p...... view more

**LIVE: Sindh reports over 1,800 cases in a day to push nationwide tally to 83,292**
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**More than 300 test positive for Covid-19 in one day**
Source: Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: The capital saw yet another record increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and patient deaths on Tuesday after 304 people were diagnosed with the disease and four patients died. Capital administration officials said that the four patients who died were residents of G-17, G-8, I-10 and Kuri. Two of the patients died at
the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences and two at private hospitals. Two of the deceased were between ......

### Export of PPEs allowed by Cabinet
**Source:** INP, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03

ISLAMABAD: A Federal Cabinet meeting held here on Tuesday gave its approval to export of locally-manufactured personal protective equipments (PPEs), sanitizers and other things. The meeting, which was chaired by prime minister Imran Khan, also decided that a committee comprising members from ministries of commerce, health, industrial production and science and technologies will be authorized to ban the export of any particular item keeping in view.....

### 4,000 new coronavirus cases in a day; 70 more succumb to virus
**Source:** News Desk, *Daily Times*, 2020-06-03

The nationwide tally of Covid-19 patients soared to 78,249 on Tuesday, with 27,850 cases reported in Punjab, 31,086 in Sindh, 10,897 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 4,514 in Balochistan, 738 in Gilgit Baltistan, 2,893 in Islamabad and 271 in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The virus has claimed at least 1,644 lives while about 27,110 coronavirus patients have recovered so far. Punjab reported 1,610 more Covid-19 cases and 43 more deaths, according to the provincial.....

### Coronavirus outbreak; Hafeez praises China for support
**Source:** APP, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh Tuesday thanked Chinese government for supporting Pakistan in its fight against coronavirus pandemic by providing medical equipment and helping in treatment of Covid-19 patients. The advisor was talking to Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Yao Jing, according to press statement issued by the Finance Ministry here. During the meeting issues of mutual interes.....

### Confirmed cases of coronavirus surge to 80,463
**Source:** Web Desk, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03

Pakistan confirmed 67 more deaths from novel coronavirus in one day as the nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 1,688 and positive cases surged to 80,463. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 4,131 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Till now 31,086 coronavirus cases have been confirmed in Sindh, 29,489 in Punjab, 10,897 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 4,740 in Balochist.....

### Pakistan’s daily virus cases exceeds 4,000
**Source:** Anadolu Agency, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03

Pakistan's daily coronavirus cases topped 4,000 on Wednesday, the highest single-day rise ever, the Health Ministry said. A total of 4,131 new cases were reported in the past 24 hours, raising the tally to 80,463. Another 67 patients lost their lives due to coronavirus across the country, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 1,688. Some 28,923 patients have recovered. According to the official statistics, authorities have so f.....
Govt sets up coronavirus testing laboratories to meet 30,000 tests per day: Asad Share:
Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar says the government has set up more coronavirus testing laboratories in the country to meet 30,000 tests per day. Talking to a private news channel, he said federal government has significantly increased its testing capacity, allowing health experts to identify cases of COVID-19 and support efforts to stop the spread of coronavirus. He said that the coronavirus testing ca......[view more]

Single-day spike with 3,938 new infections
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
ISLAMABAD - The country reported at least 3,938 new infections over the last twenty-four hours on Tuesday as nationwide tally of coronavirus soared to 76,398. At least 27,850 cases have so far been detected in Punjab, 29,647 in Sindh, 10,485 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 4,514 in Balochistan, 2,893 in Islamabad, 738 in Gilgit-Baltistan, and 271 in Azad Kashmir. Some 27,110 patients have so far recovered from the virus while the death toll stands a......[view more]

Virus kills two MPAs, infects over 4,770 in one day
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
ISLAMABAD: The novel coronavirus kept up its relentless surge on Wednesday, claiming the lives of one lawmaker each from the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assemblies and infecting a record 4,772 people in a single day. The total number of cases has now jumped to 83,247. In yet another worrisome development, 16 employees of the Ministry of National Food Security and Research Development tested positive for Covid-19, leading to the closure of its .....[view more]

FBR refunds Rs5bn to trader in one month instead of scheduled 10 years
Source: Malik Asad, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) refunded Rs5 billion to a trader in connection with export of food items, including nuts and sweets, during the last financial year. Mohammad Ibrahim Khan, a member of the Public Accounts Committee from the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI), raised the issue during a meeting of the PAC held in the Parliament House on Wednesday. Mr Khan said the FBR refunded the huge amount to Usman Trade Linker,.....[view more]

Private schools, parents may agree on 20pc fee reduction, SHC told
Source: Ishaq Tanoli, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: The provincial law officer as well as lawyers for private schools and parents of students on Wednesday informed the Sindh High Court that they would try their best to reach a consensus till June 10 about 20 per cent concession in school fees. A petition was moved by the parents of some students seeking implementation of the concession in tuition fees as provided in the Sindh Covid-19 Emergency Relief Ordinance, 2020. Another petition wa.....[view more]

Nine areas in capital sealed after Covid-19 outbreak
Source: Munawer Azeem | Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: The capital administration has sealed nine areas in the capital following massive outbreaks of Covid-19. In addition, 295 new cases of Covid-19 and four more deaths were reported on Wednesday. A notification issued from the office of the district magistrate said that Huawei Tech, Saudi Pak Tower in Blue Area,
the Pakistan Sports Board, Gulraigan in Chattha Bakhtawar, Street 13-C in the National Police Foundation in E-11/4, ..... view more

## Education ministry in Islamabad closed for three days after officers test positive
**Source:** Kashif Abbasi, [Dawn, Islamabad](https://www.dawn.com/), 2020-06-04

ISLAMABAD: After two officers tested positive for Covid-19, Ministry of Education and Professional Training has been closed for three days. Sources from the ministry said that two senior officers of the ministry tested positive, which resulted in closure of the ministry on Tuesday. The ministry also issued a circular, available with Dawn, that stated: “Consequently, upon the detection of corona infected cases in this ministry, it has been d..... view more

## People asked to adopt preventive measures
**Source:** Staff Report, [Dawn, Islamabad](https://www.dawn.com/), 2020-06-04

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) and Darul Afta Pakistan has appealed to the people to ensure preventive measures in wake of rising Covid-19 cases. In a joint statement, they said Covid-19 cases had alarmingly increased and hospitals have refused to take more patients. The leadership of Pakistan Ulema Council and Darul Afta Pakistan has appealed to people to ensure implementation of SOPs the government had issued for ensuring social dist..... view more

## ADP to focus on health, education: KP CM
**Source:** Bureau Report, [Dawn, Islamabad](https://www.dawn.com/), 2020-06-04

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Mahmood Khan has said that health and education would be the top priority sectors of the provincial government for the Annual Development Programme (ADP) 2020-21. He directed the quarters concerned to give timelines for completion of all processes starting from the preparation of PC-1s up to the ground breakings of the new developmental schemes. Chairing a meeting regarding formulation of ADP for the next financial year..... view more

## Govt mulls stern action against violators of SOPs
**Source:** Staff Report, [Daily Times](https://www.dailytimes.com.pk/), 2020-06-04

Minister for Planning Development Reforms and Special Initiatives Asad Umar Wednesday said no complacency will be permitted as administrative actions will be initiated across country against violators of standard operating procedures (SOPs) to contain the spread of Covid-19 in high-risk areas like markets, transport and industrial sectors across the country. Chairing a meeting of the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC), Asad Umar discuss..... view more

## President calls for stronger Pak-China ties in health sector
**Source:** News Desk, [Daily Times](https://www.dailytimes.com.pk/), 2020-06-04

President Dr Arif Alvi on Wednesday stressed the need for enhanced cooperation between Pakistan and China in the field of medicine, particularly relating to infectious diseases. The president expressed these views in a meeting with a 10-member delegation comprising medical experts of Chinese People’s Liberation Army led by Major General Dr Feihu Zhou, here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. President Alvi underlined the need for coordinated efforts, both a..... view more
Global coronavirus cases pass 6.5m
ISLAMABAD: According to international media reports, at least 6,522,142 people are known to have been infected from COVID-19, while at least 384,919 are confirmed to have died since the outbreak began. The figures are likely to significantly underestimate the scale of the pandemic due to differing testing and recording regimes, as well as suspected underreporting. The United Kingdom’s COVID-19 death toll surpassed 50,000 on Wednesday, .....

Pakistan leaves China behind in corona cases
ISLAMABAD/ LAHORE: Coronavirus is breaching mortality and conformity records on daily basis in Pakistan as on Wednesday more than 5,000 cases were reported. As many as 76 new death occurred due to the deadly virus. Pakistan left China behind in number of cases as the total number of cases made 83,292 mark against China’s 83,021 cases. So far, there are total 1,729 deaths in the country. In Punjab, PML-N MPA Shaukat Manzoor Cheema was amon......

Two more lawmakers die of COVID-19
ISLAMABAD: Two provincial assembly lawmakers succumbed to COVID-19 on Wednesday. PTI MPA Mian Jamsheduddin Kakakhel from Nowshera and PML-N MPA Shaukat Manzoor Cheema from Gujranwala both passed away after being on ventilator for a few days. Kakakhel's funeral prayers will be offered at 6pm in Nowshera. According to Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shahid Ali Khan, Kakakhel had tested positive for coronavirus 10 days ago. "Mian Jamsheduddin ....."

Polio helpline working to fight COVID-19
ISLAMABAD: Polio eradication call centre 1166 in Islamabad has been converted to fight COVID-19 and is supporting coronavirus response. “How can I help you? Have you travelled out of the country recently? Please stay on the line. I am connecting you to a doctor,” says a young woman reassuringly to someone at the other end of the line. The call operator works at the ‘Sehat Tahaffuz 1166’ COVID-19 Helpline Centre at t......

Ulema appeal to public to observe precaution against COVID-19
ISLAMABAD: The Ulema and Mashaikh of the Pakistan Ulema Council (PUC) and Darul Afta Pakistan have appealed to public to observe preventive measures against the coronavirus pandemic as the cases across Pakistan are rising alarmingly and hospitals have refused to admit more patients. In a joint statement, the leadership of PUC and Darul Afta Pakistan has appealed to people of Pakistan to ensure implementation on directives of the government again......

British envoy meets Dr. Zafar Mirza ahead of Global Vaccines Summit
Islamabad : British High Commissioner Christian Turner met with the PM’s Special Adviser to on Health Dr. Zafar Mirza Wednesday to exchange views on the eve of the virtual Global Vaccines Summit being hosted by the UK today
(June 4). The UK has pledged a record funding of £1.65 billion to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), which distributes vaccines in poorest countries. The UK aims to raise a further £7.....view more

President for enhanced cooperation in medicine and infectious diseases
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Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Pakistan rise to 85,264
The coronavirus cases in Pakistan on Thursday have passed China’s with a tally of 85,264 along with 82 fatalities in one day. The nationwide count of casualties has jumped to 1,770. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 4,688 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Till now 32,910 coronavirus cases have been confirmed in Sindh, 31,104 in Punjab, 11,373 in Khyber Pakhtu.....view more

University students protest against frail educational policies for online classes
Source: Muhammad Faisal Kaleem, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
The students belonging to different Universities on Wednesday staged a protest against non-uniformed policies of Higher Education Commission (HEC) regarding classes online as precautionary measures during Covid-19. A group of around 50 students gathered outside the HEC’s office H-9 Islamabad to press the authorities concerned in favour of their demands. The students said that either the online classes should be held all universities across th.....view more

Pakistan tops list of new coronavirus cases in the world
Pakistan has topped the list of new coronavirus cases in the world, according to data compiled by the reference website Worldometer. According to the latest chart posted by the Worldometer, Pakistan is placed on the top of the chart of new cases reported across the world during the past 24 hours. As per details, Pakistan has reported the highest COVID-19 cases in a single day. More than 4,800 cases of coronavirus were reported in the last 24 hours.....view more

LIVE: Pakistan tops China in coronavirus cases as nationwide tally surpasses 87,000
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
ISLAMABAD / KARACHI / PESHAWAR / LAHORE / QUETTA / MUZAFFARABAD: The novel coronavirus emerged in the central China city of Wuhan towards the end of last year and proliferated to almost the whole world within a couple of months. It’s not the virulence or fatality, but the infectivity of the new virus – also known as SARS-CoV-2 – that has set off a global frenzy. The Covid-19 respiratory illness caused by this mysterious co.....view more
**Highest number of Covid-19 tests in single day**
Source: Ikram Junaidi, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: With the coronavirus situation worsening day by day, Pakistan conducted the highest number of 20,167 Covid-19 tests in a day as the authorities launched an operation against violators of SOPs (standard operating procedures) in various parts of the country on Thursday. According to the data released by the National Command and Control Centre (NCOC) on Thursday, Pakistan conducted 20,167 coronavirus tests on June 3, the highest-ever num.... *view more*

**Murad blames Centre for rapid virus spread**
Source: Syed Irfan Raza, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday blamed the federal government for rapid spread of Covid-19 across the country. He was talking to the media after appearing before a combined investigation team (CIT) of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in connection with the Rs4.8 billion Sindh Roshan solar lights case, which was clubbed with the fake bank accounts case involving the top leadership of the Pakistan Peoples Pa..... *view more*

**PM asks ministry to ensure revival of lockdown-hit industries**
Source: Staff Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Thursday directed the finance ministry to ensure revival of lockdown-affected industries, effective utilisation of subsidies and minimising the burden of government expenditures on the common man in the forthcoming budget. Presiding over a meeting on the budget for 2020-21, the prime minister said that boosting of the industrial sector and provision of maximum relief to traders' community was the top..... *view more*

**LIVE: WHO donates PPEs, medical equipment to Pakistan as nationwide tally reaches 89,249**
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
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**Cabinet panel opens debate on outsourcing of major airports**
Source: Mubarak Zeb Khan, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: The cabinet committee on outsourcing of major airports of the country on Thursday held its first meeting and directed stakeholders to come up with viable options in a week. The committee, headed by its chairman Razak Dawood, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Commerce and Investment, asked the members to finalise proposals to be presented before the cabinet. On the outsourcing of the airports, the government has constituted the cabinet..... *view more*

**Senate panel wants Saarc to formulate joint anti-virus strategy**
Source: Iftkhar A. Khan, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: A Senate panel on Thursday asked the government to convene a Saarc conference to formulate a joint strategy to effectively combat coronavirus. The Senate Standing Committee on Interior unanimously passed a resolution urging the government to call a Saarc meeting to evolve a joint anti-coronavirus strategy for a unified
The Senate panel expressed deep concern over the rapidly growing number of corona cases... view more

**Corona claims lives of doctors, policemen, 85 others**

**Source:** Our Correspondent, The News, International, 2020-06-05

**ISLAMABAD:** Several markets and shops were sealed off in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other parts of the country after 85 people, including six police personnel of Karachi police, died from the coronavirus on Thursday. The number of confirmed cases and death toll countrywide rose to 89,874 and 1,835. Of the total confirmed cases of 89,874, Sindh reported 34,577 cases, Punjab 33,144, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 11,890, Balochistan 5,582, Islamabad Capita... view more

**Two commercial centres, 22 industrial units and over 100 shops sealed in twin cities**

**Source:** Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05

**ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI:** The capital administration sealed two commercial centres, 22 industrial units and more than 100 stores for violating standard operating procedures (SOP) introduced to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Administration officials were sent out to monitor SOP implementation after a sharp increase in Covid-19 cases reported in the city. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Hamza Shafqaat, assistant commissioners and magistrates went... view more

**Yet another record increase in Covid-19 cases in Islamabad**

**Source:** Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05

**ISLAMABAD:** There was another record increase in Covid-19 cases reported on Thursday after 355 people tested positive for the disease. Threemore patients have also died. Capital administration officials said two Covid-19 patients died at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences and one died at a private hospital. They said 41 residents of the capital have died since the coronavirus outbreak began in the city. Another 73 patients who were from... view more

**Exports fall again in May, but recover from April low**

**Source:** Mubarak Zeb Khan, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan’s exports tumbled for the third consecutive month in May falling 33.6 per cent year-on-year to $1.39 billion compared to $2.09bn in the corresponding month last year, data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics showed on Thursday. Compared to 54pc decline in April, when exports fell to $957 million, month-on-month proceeds in May fared better owing to gradual recovery in the textile and clothing shipments to inte... view more

**Govt launches crackdown against violators of SOPs**

**Source:** Staff Report, Daily Times, 2020-06-05

The National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) on Thursday focused on compliance of standard operating procedures (SOPs), strict administrative actions and enforcement of track, trace and quarantine (TTQ) strategy. Minister for Planning Development Reforms and Special Initiatives Asad Umar chaired the NCOC meeting here. The provincial chief secretaries including that of Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) informed the NCOC that st... view more
Pakistan surpasses China in Covid-19 cases; nationwide tally crosses 87,000
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
Pakistan has surpassed China in coronavirus cases as the nationwide tally of patients jumped to 87,462 on Thursday, with 31,104 cases reported in Punjab, 34,577 in Sindh, 11,890 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 5,224 in Balochistan, 824 in Gilgit Baltistan, 3,544 in Islamabad and 299 in Azad Jammu and Kashmir. The virus has claimed at least 1,791 lives while about 30,128 coronavirus patients have recovered so far. China has reported 82,933 cases and 4,638 d....

‘Mixed messages’, not public, to blame for violation of COVID-19 SOPs: CM Murad
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
Taking an indirect shot at the federal government, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah blamed 'mixed messages' from the Centre and not the public, for the violation of COVID-19 SOPs across the country. Speaking to media outside the National Accountability Bureau’s (NAB) Rawalpindi office on Thursday, CM Murad said that mixed signals had been sent regarding the coronavirus which had claimed more than a thousand lives across P.....

Corona claims doctors, cops, 85 others
ISLAMABAD: Several markets and shops were sealed off in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and other parts of the country after 85 people, including six police personnel of Karachi police, died from the coronavirus on Thursday. The number of confirmed cases and death toll countrywide rose to 87,476 and 1,790. Of the total confirmed cases of 87,476, Sindh reported 34,577 cases, Punjab 31,104, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 11,890, Balochistan 5,224, Islamabad Capit.....

Senate body asks govt to call Saarc moot to discuss COVID-19
ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Interior in its meeting on Thursday advised the government to call and host the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) moot to discuss the coronavirus outbreak and formulate a common counter coronavirus strategy. In this regard, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior Senator Abdul Rehman Malik moved the resolution which was adopted by the committee unanimously. He read the res.....

PML-N MPA, MQM-P’s Faisal Sabzwari tested positive
ISLAMABAD: PML-N MPA from Pakpattan Mian Naveed Ali and MQM Pakistan leader Faisal Sabzwari have been tested positive for coronavirus. During a telephonic conversation, Naveed told Geo News that his condition had deteriorated over the past few days after he experienced virus symptoms including fever, following which he got himself tested. After the test result came back positive, the PML-N lawmaker said he had isolated himself at home and his c.....

Unemployment rate to surge to 9.56pc in 2020-21
ISLAMABAD: The government on Thursday admitted that the projected unemployment rate surged from 5.79 percent in 2017-18 to 9.56 percent for next fiscal year 2020-21 keeping in view low GDP growth rate and negative effects of
COVID-19 pandemic. The projected data shared by the Planning Commission high-ups before the Annual Plan Coordination Committee (APCC) held under with Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Jehanzeb Khan in the chair on Thur..... view more

Programme on best higher education practices during COVID-19 launched
Islamabad : The first-ever Pakistani consortium of higher education institutes the Inter-University Consortium for the Promotion of Social Sciences (IUPCSS) is embarking on a programme entitled ‘Knowledge sharing best educational practices during/post-COVID-19 Era’. This will involve interactive sessions by academic leaders across the world towards identifying and implementing novel ways of training and motivating youth to accept new..... view more

Millions of Pakistanis to get unemployed due to COVID-19, warns finance ministry
Source: Ali Ahmed, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2020-06-05
An estimated three million persons could be rendered jobless amid the economic uncertainty created due to the coronavirus pandemic, informed the Ministry of Finance on Friday. The ministry in its written reply to the Senate today, said that the poverty level in the country could rise to 33.5 percent, from the current 24.3pc. The ministry said that the service sector would lose over two million jobs, whereas the manufacturing sector is likely to ..... view more

Pakistan’s Covid-19 tally overtakes China’s
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: At least 4,668 new coronavirus cases were recorded in last 24 hours across the country including 20 officials of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and MQM leader Faisal Sabzwari and his family. 82 coronavirus-related deaths were also reported in the last 24 hours taking the nationwide tally to 1,770. The federal government has announced that a NCOC team comprising specialists/management experts will visit various areas of t..... view more

Impact of Covid-19 on economy June 05; 2020 Businessmen promised a level playing field
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh has assured the business community of improving the business environment in the country by providing ease of doing business and facilitating businesses by providing them with a level-playing field. He said that that the government was aiming to improve the business environment in the country by providing ease of doing business and facilitating businesses by providing ..... view more

COVID-19 cases rise to 89,249 in Pakistan
Pakistan confirmed 68 more deaths on Friday from novel coronavirus as the nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 1,838 and positive cases surged to 89,249. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 4,896 persons have been tested positive for COVID-19 in 24 hours. Till now 33,536 coronavirus cases have been confirmed in Sindh, 33,144 in Punjab, 11,890 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 5,582 in Balochista..... view more
Championing women in sport in a post-COVID-19 world
Source: Humaira Saeed and Zushan Hashmi, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
COVID-19 has rocked the sports industry in unprecedented ways. Then again, these are unprecedented times, where sports clubs, associations, teams and organisations have had to announce wage/pay cuts and even offer their staff redundancies. Meanwhile, sports are losing out on millions from TV broadcasting, ticketing and merchandising revenue, alongside various other economic aspects of the industry. Pakistan, like almost every other part of t..... view more

Fawad Ch to not attend parliament session due to coronavirus
Federal Minister for Science and Technology on Friday has decided to not attend the parliament session in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The federal minister said in his statement that a virtual session of the National Assembly should have been summoned due to the epidemic as results of ‘direct session’ have started coming. Fawad Chaudhry said, “Many parliamentarians have been tested positive for COVID-19 in one wee..... view more

TTQ strategy helps achieve 30,000 testing capacity
Source: Our Staff Reporter /APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD - The test, trace and quarantine (TTQ) strategy developed by the government helped to achieve the coronavirus testing capacity of 30,000 cases per day in the country. The data provided by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) revealed that the core objective of the TTQ strategy was to identify coronavirus spreading hotspots and cluster areas, imposing smart lockdown in the affected places, quarantining of positive and su..... view more

NDMA despatches 126 vents to country hospitals
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD - National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Thursday despatched 126 ventilators and 60 X Ray machines to the federating units to help accommodate Covid-19 patients in their respective jurisdictions. NDMA spokesman said the items including 63 ICU and same number of Bi-PAP ventilators had been transported to the federating units. Of which 10 each ICU and Bi-PAP ventilators to Lahore, Rawalpindi and six each ICU and Bi-PAP ventila..... view more

LIVE: Pakistan can’t afford another lockdown, says PM as Covid-19 tally jumps to 89,249
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD / KARACHI / PESHAWAR / LAHORE / QUETTA / MUZAFFARABAD: The novel coronavirus emerged in the central China city of Wuhan towards the end of last year and proliferated to almost the whole world within a couple of months. It’s not the virulence or fatality, but the infectivity of the new virus – also known as SARS-CoV-2 – that has set off a global frenzy. The Covid-19 respiratory illness caused by this mysterious co..... view more

After Pakistan’s lockdown gamble, Covid-19 cases surge
Source: Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD/ISTANBUL: Four weeks ago, with its most important festival coming up and millions of people facing starvation as economic activity dwindled, Pakistan lifted a two-month-long coronavirus lockdown. Prime Minister Imran Khan has said despite rising infections and deaths, the country would need to learn to “live with” the virus to avert pushing tens of millions living on daily wages into destitution. Now, aReutersreview o..... view more
American embassy staffer tests Covid-19 positive
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
ISLAMABAD: A senior diplomat of the American embassy has been identified to be infected with the novel coronavirus, which soared past over 85,000 across the country on Thursday. According to sources, the Covid-19 case surfaced on Tuesday. The American chargé d’affaires has informed the staff of the development via an email. In a statement, the embassy’s spokesman said that while maintaining the privacy, the name of micro..... view more

Lab at Ayub Teaching Hospital stops testing COVID-19
Source: Abdul Khaliq Qureshi, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Due to shortage and non-provision of consumables used for PCR machine, the newly established laboratory at Ayub Teaching Hospital (ATH) has stopped testing COVID-19 patients from last one week, causing pendency of large number of tests. Source while requesting anonymity told that pendency of COVID-19 tests have been increasing day by day in ATH where PDMA has provided PCR machine after Director General Health services Khyber Pakhtunkhwa notificati.....view more

Covid-19 testing facility stops working over kits shortage in Abbotabad
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
ABBOTTABAD: Due to shortage of consumables used in PCR machine for last five days, the newly-established laboratory at Ayub Teaching Hospital has stopped Covid-19 tests, causing pendency of cases. Source on condition of anonymity told Dawn that pendency of Covid-19 tests had been increasing. They said PDMA had provided the machine, but it had not made any agreement with any contractor for repair or maintenance of the machine. The limited consuma.....view more

University students threaten protest against online classes
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
PESHAWAR: Student groups of different universities on Monday rejected online classes over a lack of access to Internet in parts of the province and warned that they would stage street protests if the Higher Education Commission didn’t withdraw the online education decision. They also demanded an immediate end to the lockdown and reopening of universities. Accompanied by Mansoor Zeb of the Agriculture University, Khurshid Khan of Islamia C.....view more

10 more including doctor die of coronavirus
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
PESHAWAR: The death toll due to coronavirus reached 482 as 10 more persons including a doctor passed away in the province on Monday. According to health department report, 458 new Covid-19 cases were detected during the last 24 hours, raising the province-wide tally of confirmed patients to 10,485. The deputy director of coordination at Directorate General Health Services, Dr Babar Shaukat, is also among the newly-diagnosed people for the Covid.....view more
Drug showing good results in treating Covid-19
Source: Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
PESHAWAR: An anti-inflammatory drug “Actemra” pioneered by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for treatment of Covid-19 patients two months ago is showing better results but is not recommended for all those infected with the virus, according to physicians. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government purchased the drugs for free medication of Covid-19 patients but physicians said it was not for all patients and should be given only to selected ones with strict.....
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MMA lawmaker Munir Orakzai passes away
Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA) legislator Munir Orakzai, who had successfully battled COVID-19 in April and tested negative but had fallen ill during a session of the lower house last month, passed away on Tuesday, confirmed the MNA’s nephew Irfanullah. According to the family member, the family got to know that the MMA lawmaker had passed away after he did not wake up for the Fajr prayers and was pronounced dead by doctors after being taken.....
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Hindu doctor from Swabi who served with devotion dies of Covid-19
WABI: A Hindu doctor, Phag Chand, who served the patients with devotion, died due to Covid-19 on Monday. The deceased was a medical specialist who had served the people of Swabi and Buner districts with dedication and earned their respect. Phag Chand did his MBBS from Khyber Medical College, Peshawar in 1980. He was a gold medalist. He later got a job at the Civil Hospital in Totali in Buner. Upon his subsequent transfer to the District Headquart.....
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Coronavirus pandemic: ANP leader asks govt to bring back stranded Pakistanis
PESHAWAR: The Awami National Party (ANP) senior leader and former minister, Syed Aqil Shah, has expressed concern over the hardships being faced by Pakistani expatriates, especially in Gulf States. In a statement, the Awami National Party leader said hundreds of thousands of Pakistanis had been stranded in other countries in the wake of coronavirus pandemic, but the “inefficient” government has shut eyes to the miseries they have bee.....
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KP govt flayed for coronavirus handling
PESHAWAR: The Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) PML-N leader Arbab Khizer Hayat has said that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government is playing with the lives of people, especially the doctors and other health workers. “Many precious lives were lost due to the negligence of the provincial government when dengue had hit various areas during the past. Now the government has is failing again to control coronavirus”, he felt. In a statement A.....
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Adviser insists KP govt providing credible figures about Covid-19 cases
PESHAWAR: Adviser to Chief Minister on Information and Public Relations Ajmal Khan Wazir said on Monday that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government was sharing complete figures with the public about the coronavirus cases. “Cases of coronavirus in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are being reported, whether these are deaths or positive cases as per
the guidelines of the World Health Organization. Complete statistics are being shared with the public,” he... view more

**Second Pakistani prisoner dies of Covid-19 at Bagram jail**
PESHAWAR: The second Pakistani prisoner in Afghanistan has died due to Covid-19 in the Bagram prison while others are in a bad shape after contracting the disease. Some of the Pakistani inmates at the Bagram prison located north of Kabul contacted The News to convey the news that a young prisoner, 16-year old Waseem Khan, son of Naseem Khan, belonging to the Mullagori area close to Warsak Road, Peshawar had passed away two days ago after sufferi...... view more

**KP increases corona testing capacity to 2300 per day: Ajmal Wazir**
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
PESHAWAR: Advisor to KP CM on Information, Ajmal Khan Wazir has said that corona testing capacity that was merely 20 has now been increased to around 2200 to 2300 a day, adding that the number will be further enhanced soon. Briefing media at the Media Cell of the Information Department here Monday, he said that corona cases in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are being reported as per guidelines of the World Health Organisation (WHO). He said that...... view more

**PTI lawmaker Mian Jamshed Uddin Kakakhel succumbs to coronavirus**
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
PESHAWAR: Member of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Assembly Mian Jamshed Uddin Kakakhel passed away on Wednesday after contracting the novel coronavirus. He was 65. Kakakhel was earlier shifted to a hospital in Islamabad after his test for the pathogen came positive. The MPA was elected from the constituency of PK-63 Nowshera on a Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) ticket in the 2018 general elections. So far, eight members ..... view more

**Covid-19 emergency extended till Aug 10**
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has extended the state of emergency in the province until Aug 10 under a recently promulgated ordinance in light of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. A notification issued by the health secretary with the chief minister's approval on Monday night under Section 3 of the KP Epidemic Control and Emergency Ordinance, 2020, said the emergency was imposed due to the transmission of Covid-19 pandemic..... view more

**Govt guidelines awaited to promote students without exams**
Source: Mohammad Ashfaq, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government hasn't issued guidelines for the promotion of students without matriculation and intermediate examinations as decided by the federal government more than a fortnight ago in light of coronavirus pandemic. The federal government had decided on May 14 that the matriculation and intermediate exams won't be held and students would be promoted to the next grade without exams. However, the provin..... view more
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<td>Amjad Ali Shah, Business Recorder, Islamabad</td>
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<td>PESHAWAR: Businessmen in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Tuesday opposed the federal government decision to allow businesses to open for five days a week only and demanded of the government to completely end the lockdown. Addressing a joint press conference here at the chamber, traders and industrialists asked the government to pay tax refunds without any discrimination as per announcement of Prime Minister Imran Khan. They also demanded of the govern..... view more</td>
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<td>Hazara people might not die from COVID-19 but from hunger</td>
<td>Abdul Khaliq Qureshi, Daily Times</td>
<td>2020-06-03</td>
<td>The coronavirus pandemic has 'polluted' the whole world. Likewise, its intensity is increasing throughout the Hazara division, but due to the lockdown losses of lives are under control to some extent. However, a majority of the people belonging to the lower class is facing extreme poverty; hence, most of the paupers are knocking the doors located in populated areas for money to feed their innocent children. If the situation continues,...... view more</td>
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<td>KP tobacco growers demand tax relief from government</td>
<td>Staff Report, Daily Times</td>
<td>2020-06-03</td>
<td>The leadership of tobacco growers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and officer-bearers of different organizations of KP Agricultural and Rural Development have demanded of the PTI government to provide relief to tobacco growers of the province in the wake of coronavirus pandemic and fix advanced tax on cigarettes products instead of imposing tax on growers.Addressing a press conference at National Press Club Islamabad on Tuesday, leaders of different organi..... view more</td>
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<td>48 health staffers get infected with Covid-19 at Abbottabad hospital</td>
<td>Syed Kosar Naqvi, The News, International</td>
<td>2020-06-03</td>
<td>ABBOTTABAD: As many as 48 healthcare professionals, including 29 doctors and 19 nurses, have been infected with Covid-19 in Ayub Teaching Hospital (ATH) out of whom 12 doctors and six nurses have been recovered so far. Briefing the media through a video message, Dr Ahsin, Medical Director of Ayub Teaching Hospital Abbottabad, said that hospital employees, including doctors and nurses were exposed to Covid-19. He added that patients 70 percent wa..... view more</td>
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<td>Schools, mosques solarisation to start soon</td>
<td>Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
<td>2020-06-04</td>
<td>PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government will soon initiate work on solarisation of 8,000 schools, 4,000 mosques and 187 basic health units under the access to clean energy programme. A signing ceremony regarding award of projects to contractors was attended by secretary power Zubair Khan and chief executive officer,</td>
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Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organisation, Eng Naeem Khan here on Wednesday. Project director solarisation of 8,000 schools a.....

Parties threaten protest over stranded expatriates
Source: Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-04
TIMERGARA: The local chapters of all opposition parties in Lower Dir on Wednesday announced to march on Islamabad if government failed to bring the expatriate Pakistanis back to their homes. The announcement was made during a multiparty conference organised by Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl at a local seminary in Mian Banda. The conference was attended by local leaders and activists of all major political parties including JI, PPP, ANP and PML-N beside.....

Mega projects for Karak facing delay due to pandemic
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-04
KARAK: Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf MNA Shahid Khan Khattak inaugurated a cricket academy in Banda Daud Shah tehsil here on Wednesday. Addressing an Eid Milan party at Teri Chowk here, he claimed that several mega projects were in the pipeline for the oil- and gas-producing tehsil, but the work was being delayed due to spread of Covid-19 pandemic. The lawmaker said that funds would soon be released for Banda-Karak road project. He said that work on B.....

Shopping centres sealed in Peshawar for SOP violation
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-04
PESHAWAR: Several shopping centres were sealed in Peshawar on Wednesday for violating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) devised for checking the spread of coronavirus. In Upper Dir and Shangla, the administration sealed the general bus stands for not following SOPs set by the government. In Peshawar, Gul Haji Plaza, Shinwari Restaurant, R-Sheen, Sapphire and many other shops were sealed. According to a spokesman for Peshawar district admin.....

Role of health workers in fight against Covid-19 hailed
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-04
SHANGLA: Medical technicians and lady health workers (LHWs) are playing key role in the fight against coronavirus and so far two such health workers have been infected with Covid-19 in the district. Malakand division is the second region in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after Peshawar where the highest number of coronavirus cases emerged. According to Shangla health department, 327 LHWs have been visiting door to door for recording details of symptomatic p.....

KP loses 3 cops to Covid-19 , 51 test positive
PESHAWAR: At least three policemen have died of Covid-19 in Khyber Pàkhtunkhwa while 51 others tested positive while performing duty at quarantine centres and ensuring lockdown. The situation is worsening with each passing day as more policemen are being tested positive daily. The number might be higher if more tests are conducted, a source added. ......
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<td>Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
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<td>PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has made wearing face mask mandatory for entry to offices as the province recorded 21 deaths due to coronavirus and 517 new cases of the infectious disease on Thursday. The provincial tally of fatalities due to the pandemic reached 521 while number of cases stood at 11,890, a report by health department said. As cases and deaths due to the virus kept increasing for the past few days, the government ma.....</td>
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<td>Traders among hundreds held over SOP violation in Peshawar</td>
<td>Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
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<td>PESHAWAR: The district administration of Peshawar on Thursday arrested 385 people, mostly traders, and sealed several pharmacies and superstores for not following the standard operating procedures enforced to prevent the spread of Covid-19 pandemic. According to a statement issued here, Umer Pharmacy, Naik Store and Esa Electronics on University Road, Chen-One and Macro Mart on Ring Road, Madina Express, Bilal Daewoo and Faisal Movers on GT Road.....</td>
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<td>Kohat hospital admin flayed for ignoring virus guidelines</td>
<td>Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
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<td>KOHAT: The civil society here has criticised the administration of the women and children hospital where at least three doctors and a dispenser have tested positive for Covid-19 due to alleged negligence. Patients come to the hospital from all areas of Kohat division, including Hangu, Orakzai and Kurram districts and Darra Adamkhel. Following the death of a nurse, Mussarat, who had died of the virus, Dr Waleedur Rehman, Dr Fauzia Gul, Dr Nigar .....</td>
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<td>LRH extends state-of-the-art facilities to COVID-19 patients</td>
<td>APP, The News, International</td>
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<td>PESHAWAR: Since the start of Covid-19 pandemic in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in February this year, the Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) of colonial era in provincial capital of KP has been entertaining the influx of coronavirus patients from mountainous Chitral district to DI Khan in South. The hospital was named after wife of British Viceroy Lord Reading in 1927. It is pertinent to mention that Lady Reading, the wife of Viceroy Reading was very fond of Pes.....</td>
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Punjab ignores dire warning over asymptomatic patients
Source: Asif Chaudhry, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE: The Punjab government has yet to follow the recommendations of the health authorities to apply a 30-day complete lockdown two weeks after being presented with a disturbing picture of Lahore resulting from local transmission of coronavirus. A sample survey was carried out in most of the localities, and based on the percentage of people who tested positive, it was estimated that around 670,000 people in Lahore may have contracted the virus..... view more

22 more fall prey to Covid in Punjab
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE: The Covid-19 claimed the lives of 22 more patients across the province during the last 24 hours, taking the death toll to 497 in Punjab so far. Of them 11 died in Lahore, the worst-hit city where the total number of deaths due to the virus reached 199. Meanwhile, 1,184 more patients tested positive for the virus during the last 24 hours across the province, including 727 in Lahore. A deputy inspector general of police (DIG) and 15 othe..... view more

Air quality drops as lockdown eases
Source: Xari Jalil, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE: Citizens of Lahore – and other cities – can wave goodbye to the blue skies in the coming future, as bad air quality is slowly but surely rising. This has especially been the case since lockdown was eased after it was announced on May 7. But even a few days before that, air quality levels had begun to fall as more and more people had been leaving their homes and using their cars. When lockdown was imposed in mid-March and fact..... view more

Owners to move court if schools not opened
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE: The All Pakistan Private Schools Federation (APPSF) on Monday rejected the government’s decision to keep schools closed till August, and vowed to approach the court against the order. The federation appealed to the prime minister, chief ministers, chief justice and the army chief to open the schools on the condition of following standard operating procedures (SOPs) being implemented internationally. APPSF President Kashif Mirza, i..... view more

Civil society for workers’ social security
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE: The Joint Action Committee of civil society organisations on Monday discussed the response of the government towards workers’ issues and noted that workers are in need of protection regarding their basic constitutional and labour rights of job protection and social security. Basic rights, including job security, minimum wages, social security and old age benefits, occupational health and safety, freedom of association and collectiv..... view more

Qadri for a ‘curfew-like’ lockdown
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE: PAT chief Dr Tahirul Qadri has urged the government to impose a curfew-like lockdown in the country in order to save thousands of lives that may be lost to novel coronavirus that was spreading fast. Regretting that the
authorities ignored the doctors’ advice at the start of March to impose a complete lockdown in the country, Dr Qadri called upon the government not to delay the step any further. He demanded the government to impose......

Medics use drip set for oxygen supply to Covid-19 patient
Source: Saleem Mubarak, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-02
FAISALABAD: A drip set has been used to provide oxygen supply to a critical Covid-19 patient at the Allied Hospital ward as the doctors are grappling with shortage of equipment. A patient needs 10 to 15 litre oxygen in a minute and one can imagine what will be the amount of the oxygen a patient will get through a drip set needle, a doctor says adding this practice means “we want to kill rather save the patients”. A negligible amount......

13 doctors, nurse test positive for virus in Sialkot
Source: Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-02
SIALKOT: In the biggest single-day jump, 13 doctors and one nurse of the Allama Iqbal Memorial Teaching Hospital tested positive for coronavirus on Monday in Sialkot. Moreover, a man and his son died from virus complications in Sheikhupura. Additional Medical Superintendent Dr Zahid Kaleem told reporters that eight female doctors, of these fresh 13 coronavirus cases, were doing duty at gynaec ward of the hospital. This increases the likelihood of......

Bank branch closed after four staffers test positive
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-02
TAXILA: A National Bank branch in Aslam Market was sealed on Monday after four members of staff tested positive for Covid-19. Health authorities said an assistant vice president, grade one officer, cash sorter and teller were diagnosed with the disease, following which authorities sealed the branch and collected test samples from other employees that were sent to the National Institute of Health in Islamabad. Bank sources said the branch has bee.....

Murree’s tourism business sector demands lockdown be lifted
Source: Abid Fazil Abbasi, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-02
MURREE: The Hotels Association, Anjuman Tajran Murree, workers and guides association have demanded that the lockdown enforced to prevent the spread of the coronavirus by lifted in the city. They said that workers, traders and hoteliers are in the midst of a financial crisis and said that standard operating procedures (SOP) should be adopted which will be implemented for them to conduct business amid the coronavirus outbreak. A lockdown was imp.....

Eateries sealed for violating SOPs
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-06-02
TAXILA: The district administration sealed four eateries in various parts of the city for violating Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs). Assistant Commissioner Mian Mohammad Faheem along with officials of the municipal committee visited hotels, restaurants and food points located on GT Road in Taxila, Wah and sealed four eateries for violating government instructions. Talking to press, Mr Faheem said that there were severe violations ......
Covid-19 pandemic: UHS directed to postpone MBBS/BDS exams
LAHORE: The Punjab government has directed the University of Health Sciences (UHS) to immediately stop holding of all supplementary examinations of MBBS/BDS students of public and private medical/dental colleges in the province, in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. The Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Department (SH&MED) said in a notification on Monday that the issue private medical/dental colleges’ students additional annual..... view more

670,800 feared infected, no Lahore locality virus-free
LAHORE: The findings of Punjab government’s smart sampling data analysis of Covid-19 prevalence in Lahore revealed estimated 670,800 actual cases, which is six per cent of the city's population of 11.18 million. The study reveals that the results of the tests from Lahore show six per cent of all tested were positive with few towns showing positivity as high as 14.7 per cent. “These cases, being asymptomatic, could not be rep..... view more

Markets attracting huge crowds, SOPs ignored badly
Rawalpindi: The number of patients being tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 and deaths caused by the disease is on a continuous rise in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi but still a significant proportion of population here seems unwilling to follow any precautionary measures, standard operating procedures (SOPs) or lockdown. Easing lockdown again and again has given rise to misperceptions among general public and one can..... view more

Report estimates 670,800 Covid-19 cases in Lahore
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
The Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department has sent a summary to Chief Minister Usman Buzdar, revealing that there were an estimated 670,800 coronavirus cases in Lahore and that no residential area or workplace was ‘disease-free’ in the provincial capital. In the summary sent almost two weeks back, the health department stated that asymptomatic cases have become the ‘main source’ of infection and local transmiss..... view more

LDA one-window cell visitors flout Covid-19 SOPs
LAHORE: One-window Cell of Lahore Development Authority (LDA) may become a Corona hotspot in the provincial metropolis because the visitors there are seen violating SOPs. It was witnessed on Monday that despite directives of taking advance appointments, a large number of citizens reached the centre for various works without appointments and gathered outside the centre where no SOP of social distancing was followed. Rush of people outside the cel..... view more

COVID-19 SOPs: Usman Buzdar orders strict compliance at markets, commercial areas
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has directed strict compliance of SOPs in markets and other commercial areas along-with effective monitoring to ensure SOPs’ implementation for curtailing the spread of coronavirus. In a statement, the CM appealed to the people to follow governmental instructions as an observance of SOPs is in their interest. Continuation of employment opportunities is essential along with observance of SOPs and ever..... view more
### MBBS, BDS exams start under SOPs

Lahore: The University of Health Sciences (UHS), on Monday, started conducting the professional medical examinations amid strict standard operating procedures (SOPs) set for prevention of corona infection. These examinations were postponed in March this year after the closure of educational institutions by the government because of Covid-19. A total of 275 candidates out of 297 enrolled students appeared in the first paper of medicine of final pr. **view more**

### Two BVH doctors among 4 test corona positive

Bahawalpur: Four people, including two doctors of the Bahawal Victoria Hospital, tested corona positive here on Monday. According to Dr Muhammad Zakir, focal person of District Health Department, said that 222 persons had been declared corona positive patients so far in Bahawalpur district while 124 had been recovered and 62 were at the Civil Hospital’s Isolation Ward. He told this during a meeting held in the chair of DC Shoaib Khan to r. **view more**

### Two corona suspects die at Toba DHQ Hospital

Toba Tek Singh: Two coronavirus suspected patients died at the DHQ Hospital here on Monday. Doctors told that Ghulam Yasin of Islampur locality of Toba Tek Singh and Abdul Hafeez of Rajana village Lahorianwala were admitted to the DHQ Hospital a day ago as they were suffering from coronavirus symptoms. The doctors told that their nasal and throat swabs were sent to the Punjab Public Health Referral Laboratory for test but their reports were so **view more**

### Corona patient among three die in Nishtar Hospital

Multan: A corona patients and two others died at the Nishtar Hospital’s isolation ward on Monday, the health officials said. Abdur Rashid 90, a resident of Multan, tested positive at the hospital while two corona negative also died at the hospital indentified as Kaneez Mai, 80, of Taunsar Sharif, and Iftikhar Ahmed, 60, of Multan, tested negative but died at the Corona Isolation Ward. The administration of Nishtar Hospital handed over the **view more**

### Two corona patients, six suspects die in Faisalabad

Faisalabad: Two more corona patients and six suspects died in a government hospital here on Monday. The coronavirus patients who lost their lives were Syeda Khatoon of Satellite Town and Muhammad Nawaz of Mohallah Haider, Kamoki. The corona suspects who died were Azeem of Mohallah Punj Pir, Muhammad Iqbal of Ghulam Muhammadabad, Ashgar Ali of Samundri, Mussarat Bibi of Millat Chowk, Shahnaz Begum of Samundri and Azra Begum of Naimatabad. DC ask. **view more**
36 more die of coronavirus in Punjab
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE: With 36 more deaths reported in the last 24 hours across Punjab, the death toll due to Covid-19 in the province has risen to 475, raising concerns among health professionals and people. As many as 952 new cases of the novel coronavirus were reported, taking the provincial tally to 25,056, says a spokesman for the provincial primary and secondary healthcare department. Sources claimed that the Punjab government has so far disbu.....view more

Doctors say pandemic exposed country’s fragile health system
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE - The medical associations have observed that the pandemic has badly exposed the country’s fragile healthcare system. While addressing a press conference at Lahore Press Club on Monday, Professor Muhammad Afzal Mian, President Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA), Dr Ashraf Nizami, President (PMA) Lahore, Dr Tariq Mian, President Pakistan Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) and Dr Shoaib Khan Niazi, Senior Vice President.....view more

5 persons die of coronavirus
Source: Israr Ahmad, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
Rawalpindi - As many as five persons including a child died of COVID-19 in Rawalpindi Institute of Urology (RIU) and Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH). Some 36 patients tested positive for novel coronavirus while 823 suspected patients are awaiting their results. According to details, Farhan was brought to Benazir Bhutto Hospital and he died early morning. They said four other patients also died in the RIU because of coronavirus. On the other .....view more

670,800 Lahorites, out of 11.18m, Covid-19 positive, estimates health dept
Source: Iqtidar Gilani, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LAHORE - The smart sampling conducted by Primary and Secondary Health Department (P&SHD) has estimated that there are approximately 670,800 new coronavirus cases in Lahore, out of city’s population of 11.18 million. P&SHD Secretary Captain Muhammad Usman, in a summary to the Punjab chief minister, has disclosed that the results have shown that six percent of all those who had been tested in Lahore were positive, with few towns .....view more

Heirs of COVID-19 suspect thrash nurses at BBH
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
Rawalpindi - Police booked as many as nine heirs including four women of a suspected coronavirus patient on charges of assaulting paramedics physically and ransacking the ward over refusal of handing over the dead body by the management at Benazir Bhutto Hospital. However, no arrest was made so far creating unrest among the nurses and other staffers of BBH. The incident took place within limits of Police Station (PS) Waris Khan. According to.....view more

Punjab lets businesses open till 7pm as coronavirus lockdown eased
LAHORE: The Punjab government on Tuesday further eased the coronavirus lockdown, allowing businesses and shopping malls — except those in the ‘negative list’ — to open all days 9am-7pm barred Saturdays and Sundays, according to a notification from the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department. The order from the Punjab...
government's primary and secondary healthcare department secretary, Capt (r) Muhammad Usman, was to &q.....view more

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LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid said here on Tuesday that the number of confirmed corona patients in Punjab is 27,850 and in the last 24 hours, 1610 people tested Covid-19 positive. A total of 7,116 people have recovered, 540 people have lost their lives which include 43 deaths in the last 24 hours. The minister was addressing a press conference at the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department along with P&SHD Special Secre.....view more

Rawalpindi: The coronavirus illness, COVID-19 outbreak that is hitting population hard in this region of the country claimed another five lives here in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in the last 24 hours while another 353 patients have been tested positive from the region that is a new record for the highest number of cases in a day. The outbreak is getting more and more intense with every passing day and its severity can be gauged.....view more

LAHORE: Leader of the Opposition in National Assembly Shahbaz Sharif in a letter written to NA Speaker Asad Qaiser has requested him to use days before assembly session to take up issues of national importance including escalating Covid-19 situation in the country. The PML-N leader said the National Assembly session was summoned on June 5 requesting the Speaker to allocate days before the session to urgent issues of national importance including .....view more

LAHORE: National energy demand is not being assessed and met in the run up to unlocking of businesses, creating hindrances in their smooth running. Ministry of energy has not come up with a summer outlook plan, elaborating demand and supply of electricity while consumers are subject to outages spanning several hours daily by distribution companies. As businesses are gradually opening from month of June, most of owners of varied commercial activi.....view more
LAHORE: Punjab Minister for School Education Murad Raas has clearly announced that the government will not allow private schools to open until the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. Addressing a press conference at the Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board (PCTB) office here on Tuesday, the minister termed it the priority of the government to save lives of students and teachers rather than opening schools. He also issued a warning of strict action on.....

LAHORE: Punjab reported record 43 deaths of Covid patients in a single day besides 1,610 people tested positive for the virus the same day which was another record number of confirmed cases. According to the official figures released late on Tuesday night, 15 patients died in Rawalpindi, seven in Multan and six in Lahore. The total number of deaths in Punjab has reached to 540, including 205 in Lahore, 115 in Rawalpindi and 69 in Multan.

LAHORE: Amid reports of a rapidly rising trend of Covid-19 deaths in Punjab, the latest official figures show that 101 out of the total 123 tehsil headquarters (THQ) hospitals across the province are functioning without ventilators – the equipment that can save lives of critical patients. The data shows that only 47 ventilators are available in the rest of 22 THQ hospitals of Punjab. Similarly, the situation is also not so enviable in th.....

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid told reporters on Tuesday that the implementation on the recommendations of the Technical Working Group (TWG) for a 30-day lockdown was not possible because the Supreme Court had directed to relax it. She said the TWG estimated the presence of 670,000 asymptomatic patients of Covid-19 in Lahore after a smart sampling project approved by the cabinet committee. She said the number of confirmed patie.....

FAISALABAD: The scourge of Covid-19 is affecting the doctors and more than 100 of them in three government hospitals – Allied, DHQ and General Hospital Ghulam Muhammadabad – are suffering from the disease. Doctors alleged the district administration was responsible for such a state of affairs. Corroborating their claim, they said new wards had been set up at the Allied and DHQ hospitals without precautionary measures although suffici.....

LAHORE: Punjab Assembly Speaker Pervaiz Elahi has criticised those questioning holding of the assembly session at a hotel costing a hefty amount to the provincial kitty, saying those spreading “false expense estimates” should lock down the elected houses. The owner of Faletti’s, located at the back of the assembly building, is related to the Sharifs, while he also has business ties with the family of the speaker. “Those .....
### More doctors test positive for Covid-19
Source: Staff Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03
SIALKOT: More and more doctors and paramedics are testing positive for coronavirus. Such cases have been reported in Sialkot, Mianwali and Toba Tek Singh. In Sialkot, two senior doctors and an X-ray technician of the Daska Civil Hospital have joined the growing list of coronavirus positives. Daska health department officials said the fresh cases have been quarantined in their houses under the supervision of the Sialkot health department. Early.....[view more](#)

### Govt SOPs not being observed in malls, markets
Source: Staff Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03
RAWALPINDI: All markets and shopping malls are open in the garrison city but implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the government is not being observed, due to the indifferent attitude of the district administration and traders associations. Punjab government had asked traders to not let too many people gather in their shops, maintain physical distance among customers and disinfect shops on a daily basis. Shopkeepers.....[view more](#)

### 33 policemen found infected
Source: Staff Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03
RAWALPINDI: The number of coronavirus cases in the Rawalpindi division police has reached 33. Of these police officials, 22 belong to the Rawalpindi district, four to Attock, six to Jhelum and one to Chakwal. According to police sources, among the 22 police officials tested positive for coronavirus in the Rawalpindi district were the station house officers of Ratta Amral, Civil Lines, Taxila, Naseerabad and Saddar Brooni. .....[view more](#)

### Lahore epicentre of virus outbreak
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03
LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid has warned that Lahore and Rawalpindi are the two most coronavirus-hit cities in the province. Addressing a news conference on Tuesday, she highlighted that over 12,000 confirmed coronavirus patients were present in Lahore. “As of now, the provincial capital is the epicentre of infection, followed by Rawalpindi, in the province. Currently, there are 119 critical patients in Lahore, .....[view more](#)

### 300 expats shifted to quarantine centres
Source: APP, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2020-06-03
MULTAN: Around 300 more passengers who arrived at Multan International Airport by two flights from Dubai and Abu Dhabi on Tuesday, were shifted to quarantine centres and hotels. As many as 215 passengers were shifted to the Labour Complex quarantine centre in Multan and remaining 85 were shifted to hotels. The federal government had announced to bring 12,000 Pakistanis back to the country this week and according to a flight schedule shared.....[view more](#)
Tip of the iceberg: Covid-19 numbers may be 20 times worse
Source: Khalid Qayyum, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
LAHORE: As reports that suggest Punjab’s novel coronavirus situation may be over 20 times worse than official figures, a meeting of province’s cabinet panel tackling the issue ended in an argument between its members. A cluster testing exercise in Lahore has suggested the number of people infected with Covid-19 in the city may be as high as 670,000 or almost seven per cent of its entire population. But when the province’..... view more

Police officer dies of Covid-19
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
LAHORE: Lahore Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Zulfiqar Hameed said on Tuesday that another policeman in the city was martyred due to coronavirus. Acting DSP CIA Civil Lines Amir Dogar died of the virus. He was undergoing treatment at a private hospital for the last few days. The CCPO added that so far 114 policemen of Lahore police had been quarantined after being infected with Covid-19, while 74 had recovered after defeating the virus..... view more

Drop in POL prices: CM Buzdar for passing on benefits to common man
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has directed that benefits of the recent decrease in the prices of petroleum products should be transferred to the common man. In a statement, he directed the administration that benefits of reduction in petroleum products must reach to the people and added that immediate steps being taken in this regard. The line departments should ensure adoption of relief-related activities through organized planning,..... view more

Punjab govt girds for SOPs enforcement after spike in infections
Source: Mansoor Malik, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
LAHORE: Alarmed at the exponential increase in the coronavirus-positive cases and deaths, the Punjab government has decided to come out of its awareness-creating mode and put its foot down to ensure implementation of SOPs in Lahore – to begin with. The Punjab government had recorded 43 Covid-19-related deaths and [record] number of 1,610 citizens tested positive on Tuesday, while 30 deaths and another high number of 1,639 people contracted..... view more

SI among 30 new Covid victims
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
LAHORE: Thirty (30) more patients, including an MPA and a police official, died of coronavirus during the last 24 hours across the province, taking the death toll in Punjab to 570. A spokesperson for the Capital City Police Officer said the Nawankot SI Khalid Hussain tested positive two days back. The SI quarantined himself at his home and died of serious respiratory complications there. A resident of Green Town, the police official had three w..... view more

Poultry body rejects ‘propaganda’ of coronavirus in chicken
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
LAHORE: The Pakistan Poultry Association has expressed concerns over the rumours of chicken carrying coronavirus, and termed them false and baseless. It condemned the “baseless propaganda”, stating that people should continue consuming chicken and other poultry products without any fear. “Coronavirus has not been reported in any chicken product in any part of the country. Besides, poultry has not been reported to be linked with t..... view more
10 doctors, MNA test positive for Covid-19
Source: dawn report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
TOBA TEK SINGH: Five more doctors of public hospitals in the district were detected as Covid-19 positive on Wednesday, of them two are women doctors. Deputy District Officer Health Dr Kashif Bajwa told reporters that swabs of three doctors of Gojra THQ were sent to the public health laboratory which tested positive. They have been quarantined in their homes in Gojra. He added that DHQ hospital’s gynae ward’s two female medical offic....view more

More health workers found infected in Taxila
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
TAXILA: As many as 10 doctors and dozens of other frontline health workers have so far tested positive for coronavirus in Taxila teshil. Health authorities confirmed that 10 doctors have tested positive in Taxila and Wah. Sources said the first frontline health worker found infected on April 15 was an assistant professor of a medical college while the latest case was of a female doctor who tested positive on June 1. A number of female nurses, .....view more

Two more lawmakers succumb to Covid-19
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
Two members of the provincial assembly (MPAs), one from Punjab and the other from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, passed away from Covid-19 on Wednesday, a day after Sindh minister Ghulam Murtaza Baloch died from the disease.In KP, ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf’s Mian Jamshedud Din Kakakhel died in the morning at Islamabad’s Kalsoom Hospital. He was on a ventilator after having tested positive for the novel coronavirus last week, according to R.....view more

Govt urged to regulate test fee at private setups
Rawalpindi: In the middle of coronavirus illness outbreak that is adding miseries to the lives of thousands of people leaving a huge proportion of population unable to earn their bread and butter properly, the private diagnostic laboratories have been earning huge profits by conducting COVID-19 tests and according to many senior health experts, the concerned government authorities should take up the issue seriously in the best interest of public.....view more

BBH to exclusively manage COVID-19 patients
Rawalpindi: Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH) that had been designated as the specialized healthcare facility by the Punjab government to deal with COVID-19 cases in northern part of the country in the beginning of February is being converted into COVID-19 Management Hospital and the hospital administration is planning to exclusively manage COVID-19 patients. The BBH administration has also planned to suspend its routine outpatient department servi.....view more
189% increase reported during pandemic lockdown
Islamabad: The Cyber Harassment Helpline of Digital Rights Foundation (DRF) has reported an increase of 189 per cent in complaints during the lockdown enforced in response to COVID-19 outbreak. A policy brief titled ‘COVID-19 and Cyber Harassment’ issued by DRF shows that as compared to January and February, March and April saw an increase of 189 per cent in complaints registered with the Cyber Harassment Helpline. Around 74 per cen.....

Sartaj says Covid-19 renders 20m jobless
Source: Hassan Abbas, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
LAHORE: “Even before the pandemic, Pakistan had 60 million unemployed. Covid-19 has added an estimated 20 million more,” said former Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz in his comments at an online conference held Wednesday under the aegis of Institute for Policy Reforms. Aziz said that there should be a comprehensive Corona Revival Plan. He said agriculture needed special attention because it is the economy’s backbone. He highlight.....

PA budget session likely to be marred by low attendance due to COVID-19 surge
Source: Hassaan Ahmed, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
The budget session of Punjab Assembly is highly likely to be marred by low attendance of MPAs as most of the members are reluctant to attend the proceedings due to the looming threat of COVID-19, it has been learnt. Most of the MPAs hailing from other districts are not willing to come to Lahore after a surge in COVID-19 cases was witnessed in the metropolitan. The leaked report of the health department in which it was claimed that there are about ..... 

Panicked family abandons Covid-19 victim’s body
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
LAHORE: Police arranged the burial of a Covid-19 victim in Ferozwala after his family left his body unattended at their home, demonstrating how the precautionary measure of maintaining a safe distance is manifesting itself into a discriminatory attitude towards the patients. The deceased was a resident of Sabir Town, Wandala Diyal Shah. SHO Amir Mehboob said the police were informed that a man had died in the locality and the family member.....

More than 100 shops sealed in Punjab amid violation of SOPs
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
LAHORE: The city administration on Thursday sealed over 100 shops for violating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the Punjab government on Wednesday and warned to get tougher by the day if shopkeepers and people do not behave. Explaining the activity, an official of the district administration explained: “Thursday was more of a warning shot. It was day first of implementation of the SOPs and the administration just wanted ..... 

37 more die of Covid-19 in Punjab
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
LAHORE: Death toll of Covid-19 patients in Punjab reached 607 on Thursday after 37 more people died of the virus during the last 24 hours. Of them 14 died in Lahore, 10 in Sialkot, nine in Rawalpindi and four in Faisalabad. The death toll in Lahore reached 226, Sialkot 16, Rawalpindi 129 and Faisalabad 51. According to the official figures released on Thursday, 1,615 more people tested positive for the virus during the last 24 hours in Punjab,.....
Another patient dies ‘for want of ventilator’
Source: Saleem Mubarak, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
FAISALABAD: A man died of coronavirus allegedly after he was denied ventilator at the Allied Hospital. Hammad Ahmed claimed that his relative being treated at the Allied Hospital died as no ventilator was available for treatment despite his deteriorating condition. Earlier, a doctor of a state-run hospital had been shifted from the hospital due to shortage of the ventilators. However, the district and hospital administrations said ample ventila.... view more

CM orders swift anti-locust operation, anti-virus measures
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
DERA GHAZI KHAN: In a whirlwind tour, Chief Minister Usman Buzdar visited Rahim Yar Khan, Rojhan and Mirpur Mathelo in Sindh on Thursday. The chief minister presided over a meeting at Rahim Yar Khan airport where the Bahawalpur commissioner briefed him about the ongoing anti-locust drive and the coronavirus situation. Mr Buzdar ordered a swift action to save crops from locust attack and strict compliance of anti-coronavirus SOPs. Markets and co..... view more

DPO, DHO, judge test positive
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
DERA GHAZI KHAN: Among the 46 fresh coronavirus cases in the district on Thursday include the district health officer (DHO), the district police officer (DPO) and the additional district and sessions judge (ADSJ). Local health authorities called the rise in Covid19 cases an alarming situation and suggested strict enforcement of social distancing. Health Chief Executive Officer Dr Khalil Sikhani maintained that total coronavirus positive cases w..... view more

GCU holds 411 online lectures
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
The Government College University Lahore on Wednesday (June 3, 2020) held as many as 411 online lectures attended by around 7,100 students from the University’s 23 different departments. According to the department wise statistics compiled by the GCU’s Controller of Examinations Mr. Muhammad Shahzad, the faculty of Psychology Department delivered 33, Political Science 35, Economics 21, History 8, Philosophy 13, Persian ..... view more

COVID-19 lockdown: unpaid teachers look for alternative sources of income
Source: Muzammil Ferozi, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
The coronavirus has affected everyone’s life, since outbreak of COVID-19, schools and educational institutions have been closed across the country as a precautionary measure against the novel coronavirus. It is not just students who have been affected by the closure of schools, but teaching and non-teaching staff, too, because they have been deprived of their incomes, Daily Times learn According to survey teachers in private schools are not b..... view more

Engro gives Rs 40m to SKMCH&RC for COVID-19 tests in southern Punjab
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
As part of the Rs 1 billion Hussain Dawood Pledge, Engro Foundation – the social investment arm of Engro Corporation- has provided an additional Rs 40 million to extend its partnership with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer
Hospital and Research Centre for expansion of COVID-19 testing capacity in southern Punjab. In the first phase of the "Southern Punjab Screening Program- Free of Cost" campaign, Engro had provided PKR 20 million in order to procure testing kits and reagents.

**TTQ strategy implementation helps achieve 30k testing capacity per day**

Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-05

The test, trace and quarantine (TTQ) strategy developed by the government helped to achieve the coronavirus testing capacity of 30,000 cases per day in the country. The data provided by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) revealed that the core objective of the TTQ strategy was to identify coronavirus spreading hotspots and cluster areas, imposing smart lockdown in the affected places, quarantining of positive and suspected patients.

**Another 9 die of COVID-19 in twin cities**


Rawalpindi: The coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed another nine lives in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in the last 24 hours while as many as 382 new patients have been confirmed positive for the disease from the region that is another record for the highest number of deaths and patients reported in a day. The virus has claimed a total of 142 lives in the twin cities so far including 104 deaths from Rawalpindi district and 38 from Islamabad.

**Health authority warns against needless tests**

Source: Adnan Lodhi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-05

LAHORE: At a time when the Covid-19 pandemic is at its peak in Punjab, dozens of diagnostic laboratories across the province are exploiting patients by carrying out their expensive serological tests that are unnecessary, The Express Tribune learnt on Thursday. Medical experts have declared that only polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are valid for diagnosis of Covid-19 but the labs are conducting serological tests of the citizens.

**Sindh**

**PTI demands centre take over administration in Sindh**

Source: Imran Ayub, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02

KARACHI: The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf on Monday announced that it would not “allow” a complete lockdown in Sindh and demanded that the federal government take over the administration of the PPP-governed province since it failed in all areas of management, which was causing the fast spread of coronavirus. Leaders of the key opposition party in the province vowed to resist any move from the provincial government against the people of Sindh.

**SOPs ready for resumption of intercity transport, SHC told**

Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02

KARACHI: Provincial authorities on Monday informed the Sindh High Court that the standard operating procedures (SOPs) had been developed for resumption of intercity transport. The Sindh transport and mass transit secretary filed comments before a two-judge bench headed by Justice Omar Sial in a petition filed by the supreme council of all Pakistan transporters and others seeking restoration of intercity public transport. The secretary in his comments informed the court that the government had prepared guidelines for resumption of intercity transport.
‘Ignore propaganda linked to Covid-19’
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
KARACHI: Mayor Wasim Akhtar on Monday asked citizens to approach doctors if they had any symptom of the novel coronavirus and ignore fake propaganda being done on the Covid-19 issue. In a statement issued here, he expressed grave concern over surge in number of coronavirus cases after Ramazan and Eidul Fitr and asked the citizens to approach doctors if they found any of the symptoms so that the virus could be controlled at initial stage. &ldquo;....

Larkana administration officer tests positive for coronavirus
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LARKANA: Coronavirus contagion continued to spread in Larkana with additional deputy commissioner-II becoming its latest victim, said health officials on Monday. The officer isolated himself after he tested positive for Covid-19 while health teams collected 22 samples of staff at the DC office for further tests. The officials said that all the samples had been sent to the Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro. The state-o.....

Facing covid-19 and violence simultaneously, healthcare community in Pakistan has lost 24 colleagues so far
Fighting violence against them and the lethal coronavirus simultaneously at hospitals without having personal protective equipment and security at their workplace, Pakistan’s healthcare providers’ community has so far lost 24 of their colleagues, including 15 doctors and a medical student, two nurses and six paramedics, officials told The News on Monday. As many as 2,201 healthcare workers -- 1,240 doctors, 333 nurses and 628 paramed.....

June kicks off with 22 COVID-19 deaths, 1,402 fresh cases in Sindh
June has begun with 22 more deaths due to COVID-19 and another 1,402 cases during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral disease in the province crossing the 500 mark. “This is an alarming situation and a sad start to a new month,” Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Monday. The chief executive said that with 22 more patients losing their liv.....

‘Poor socio-economic conditions due to COVID-19 pandemic resulting in mental, physical ailments’
As many as 75 per cent of the patients with digestive or stomach disorders suffer from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), a non-fatal but chronic ailment, which is very hard to diagnose and treat and is mostly triggered by stress and anxiety, health experts said. They urged the people to improve their lifestyle, consume a balanced and healthy diet and exercise daily to remain mentally and physically fit and healthy. Prevailing poor socio-economic .....

22 employees at Naundero House test positive for COVID-19
Source: Jamal Dawoodpoto, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
As many as 22 employees of Naundero House have tested positive for coronavirus out of 137 samples collected a few days ago by a team of doctors. It was reliably learnt here on Monday and a list of 20 persons was also viral on the social media. As per the list, four of them are police constables who are performing security duty at the house and others include driver of the estate manager, survey team members, electricians, Malhis, kitchen staff, te.....
New crisis, old ‘development’
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
Amidst the coronavirus, the future of “development” – a reference to the brick-and-mortar spending that had been undertaken in pre-corona days – looks uncertain. With declining taxes, development spending is bound to take a hit in the next fiscal and beyond. Already, the federal development spending had been significantly peeled off compared to the peak funding achieved under the previous government. It doesn’t.....view more

Mayor advises people to approach doctors at any symptom of Covid-19
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
KARACHI: Mayor Karachi Wasim Akhtar Monday asked citizens to approach doctors if they have any symptom of the novel coronavirus and ignore fake propaganda being done on the Covid-19 issue. Akhtar expressed severe concern over surge in number of coronavirus affected people after Ramazan and Eidul Fitr and asked the citizens to approach doctors if found any of the symptoms so that the virus could be controlled at initial stage. “The pe.....view more

Pakistan’s mango exports ‘hugely’ hit by coronavirus restrictions
Source: Anadolu, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
Pakistan’s traditional mango exports take a hit from the economic havoc wreaked by the coronavirus pandemic, as exporters fear a huge decline in export of the fruit this year. Suspension of international flights, closure of borders, rising freight fares, and on top of all, contracting demands altogether are likely to decline the country’s mango exports by 35% to 40% this year. Last year, Pakistan exported 130,000 metric tons of mang.....view more

23 more fall prey to COVID-19 as another 1,439 test positive in Sindh
Twenty-three more deaths due to COVID-19 and another 1,439 cases have been reported during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral disease in the province reaching 526. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Tuesday that 5,454 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 1,439 people being diagnosed with COVID-19, which meant that 26.4 per c.....view more

Minister Ghulam Murtaza Baloch dies of COVID-19
Sindh Minister for Human Settlement Ghulam Murtaza Baloch died of coronavirus on Tuesday. He was 56 years-old. He had been under treatment at a private hospital of Karachi since last month after contracting the coronavirus. He was put on ventilator for some days but later his health condition improved. Baloch had reportedly caught the deadly viral disease while carrying out relief activities in District Malir and Gadap areas of the city du.....view more

Health professionals involved in COVID-19 management to get risk allowance
The Sindh government on Tuesday announced it would pay one basic salary as ‘health risk allowance’ to physicians treating COVID-19 patients as well as those working at labs and isolation centres, saying the postgraduate students (PGs) and house officers (HOs) would be paid salaries of 17 and 18 grades respectively from March 2020. “The health risk allowance equal to one basic salary would be paid to all those health profess.....view more
HCQ tablets proving effective in treatment of COVID-19 patients, claims top medicine expert
Despite the suspension of hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) trials for the treatment of COVID-19 patients by the World Health Organisation (WHO) over safety concerns, Pakistani health experts said Tuesday that when given in combination with an antiviral drug, HCQ was not only proving effective in treatment of COVID-19 but was also safe for patients with underlying health conditions. "We are continuously prescribing HCQ tablets for the treatment of COVID-19 patients," Dr. M Waqar Bhatti, a leading medicine expert, told Dawn News.

Engro Foundation to donate 459,000 PPE units for medical practitioners
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
KARACHI: As part of a Rs1 billion pledge by Hussain Dawood, Engro Foundation — the social investment arm of Engro Corporation — has launched an initiative to donate 459,000 units of personal protective equipment (PPE) worth Rs100 million for front-line healthcare practitioners treating Covid-19 patients. According to a press release, in the first phase, 104,000 units of protective gear worth Rs20m have already been delivered to 12 hospitals including the National Institute of Child Health.

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45 arrested for holding unlawful assembly outside Sindh Secretariat
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
KARACHI: Arambagh police on Tuesday arrested 45 people taking part in a protest demonstration outside Sindh Secretariat against issuance of fake domiciles to non-residents of Sindh. A case was registered against them for violating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) prescribed by government to control further spread of coronavirus, according to the police. DIG South Sharjeel Kharal said that police could not allow people to assemble anywhere.

PPP leader Chandio, wife and son test positive for Covid-19
Source: News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
HYDERABAD: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) information secretary Moula Bux Chandio, his wife and son were tested positive for novel coronavirus on Tuesday. All three isolated themselves within their house. The tests were conducted and the report was prepared by the Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences (LUMHS) diagnostic and research laboratory. PPP Hyderabad district information secretary Ahsan Abro said he had spoken to 67-year-old Chandio.

Covid-19 ICU at Chandka hospital lacks essential facilities, machines
Source: M.B. Kalhoro, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
LARKANA: The intensive care unit for serious Covid-19 patients at the Chandka Medical College Hospital (CMCH) lacks necessary machines, laboratory, drugs and other paraphernalia, which add to suffering of critical patients.
according to chairman of Covid-19 treatment committee Prof Dr Hakim Ali Abro. Dr Abro told Dawn on Tuesday that he had written five letters to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU) registrar, the latest......view more

Sindh govt announces resumption of intercity transport from today
Source: Imran Ayub, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
KARACHI: The Sindh government announced on Tuesday that the intercity transport services would resume from Wednesday (today) in all parts of the province. In addition to allowing resumption of intercity transport, the government was also restoring “online transport services”. These announcements were made by Sindh Transport Minister Awais Qadir Shah at a press conference. Information Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah and Chief Minist.....view more

Copy of SC order in corona case sought by Sindh High Court
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
KARACHI: The Sindh High Court on Tuesday sought a copy of a judgement of the apex court in a Covid-19 case during the hearing of a petition filed over non-provision of treatment to general patients at government and private healthcare facilities of the provincial metropolis. When the matter came up for hearing before the two-judge bench headed by Justice Omar Sial, the bench observed that the Supreme Court had already been hearing the matter rel.....view more

Karachi’s face mask conundrum
Source: Sitara Arshad, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
KARACHI: It is not uncommon to see the unpleasant sight of discarded plastic bags littering almost every nook and corner of Karachi. Whether they are seen stuck on trees, choking the drains, or lying in heaps at various dumpsites, plastic bags are surely a nuisance. And while environmental experts had already been struggling to come up with solutions to tackle the issue, the Covid-19 pandemic has aggravated the problem of plastic pollution .....view more

Call to increase Covid-19 testing capacity
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
KARACHI: Financial & Economic Analyst, Ateeq Ur Rehman has urged government, corporate, financial institutions to come forward to boost Covid-19 testing capacity in the country. Boosting Covid-19 testing capacity and improving its capabilities is the need of the hour as we are still working on extremely limited testing abilities. People are upset with rising amount of frustration as they really don't know where to go and how to .....view more

Sindh minister succumbs to coronavirus
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
SindhMinisterfor Human Settlement Haji Ghulam Murtaza Baloch passed away on Tuesday after battling coronavirus, provincial government spokesman Murtaza Wahab said.Baloch was elected to the Sindh Assembly from PS-88 Malir-II in July 2018 elections.”Haji Ghulam Murtaza Baloch, our colleague in #Sindh Cabinet has passed away today. He was suffering from #COVID19. He was a genuine political worker & a very polite and humble human being. Ma......view more
Situation alarming in Sindh as 25% COVID-19 tests come back positive: information minister
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
Sindh Minister for Information, Local Government, Housing & Town Planning, Religious Affairs, Forest and Wildlife Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that 25 percent of the total coronavirus tests being conducted in Sindh at present came back positive, which was extremely alarming. The provincial information minister said that this was the reason why the Sindh government was repeatedly saying that if the guidelines issued on health were not follo.....view more

Sindh Assembly remembers late minister Murtaza Baloch
Source: Tahir Siddiqui, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: The Sindh Assembly on Wednesday echoed with lawmakers’ concern over the coronavirus pandemic when the house paid rich tributes to late MPA and minister Ghulam Murtaza Baloch who died of Covid-19. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah moved a resolution in the house that was also approved by the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan, Grand Democratic Alliance and Muttahida Majlis-i-Amal. Paying rich tributes to .....view more

Pvt schools reject Sindh govt closure decision
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: The Private Schools Action Committee has rejected the decision of the Sindh government to keep all educational institutions closed until August 31 due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. At a press conference held at the Karachi Press Club here on Wednesday, they appealed to the prime minister, the chief justice of Pakistan, the army chief, the chief minister of Sindh and the governor of Sindh to rethink the decision and reopen all edu.....view more

KU to decide future mode of education tomorrow in first-ever online meeting
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: For the first time in 69 years’ history of the University of Karachi, its Academic Council is going to meet on Friday through “virtual means of communication” to decide the future line of action to conduct academic activities against the backdrop of the lockdown. The Academic Council has to decide the best mode of teaching when regular classroom-based studies cannot be held by the university. One of the preferred choi.....view more

1,824 Covid-19 cases emerge in 24 hours in Sindh
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Wednesday that the highest number — 7,547 — of samples were tested during the past 24 hours, which produced the highest number — 1,824 — of new cases. “Whenever we have conducted more tests, we have detected more cases. It means local transmission has spread throughout the province,” he said. In a statement issued here, the chief minister said that 7,547 tes.....view more

Three patients die in Hyderabad, one in Shikarpur
Source: Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
HYDERABAD: Three Covid-19 patients, among them a Karachi resident and an octogenarian with multiple health issues, died here on Wednesday. Covid-19 focal person district health officer Dr Imdad Channa said that a 45-year-old man who had come from Malir, Karachi, to visit his in-laws was shifted to LUH with coronavirus infection on May 31 where he died on Wednesday, while a resident of Hirabad died at a private hospital in Karachi on Tuesday. An.....view more

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PSP berates Hesco over outages, inflated bills
Source: Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
HYDERABAD: A Sindh council member of the Pak Sarzameen Party (PSP) has demanded action against Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (Hesco) officers for resorting to unannounced and prolonged loadshedding in Hyderabad in the sweltering heat. Addressing a press conference in the party office here on Wednesday, Shabbir Ahmed Qaimkhani demanded that people should be provided relief by ridding them of bogus bills and loadshedding. He said PSP would ho.... view more

Mango festival put off over coronavirus fears
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
MIRPURKHAS: Mirpurkhas district administration on Wednesday postponed the 55th mango and summer fruits festival 2020 over coronavirus fears. Deputy Commissioner Zahid Hussain Memon who chaired a meeting of the festival management committee said that the festival would now be held later. The meeting took the decision after taking into account the fact that farmers could not travel from within the province and other provinces to the venue and the..... view more

Sindh sees 1,667 new virus cases
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: Sindh saw as many as 1,667 new coronavirus cases overnight, while 20 more people died of the contagious disease, taking the provincial death toll to 575. In a statement issued on Thursday, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah shared that the province had conducted its highest number of tests in a day so far – a total of 8,390 – of which nearly 20 per cent turned out to be positive. This brought the total number of c..... view more

Economy showing signs of recovery
Source: Salman Siddiqui, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: Pakistan's economy is showing early signs of slow recovery from the negative impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The economic reforms initiated in June 2019 enabled the country to firmly fight against Covid-19 crisis otherwise the situation would have been worse. The country still has the economic depth to continue to support people, businesses and economic activities which got impacted in response to the lockdown imposed to ..... view more

Pandemic completes 100 days in Pakistan
Source: Tufail Ahmed, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
KARACHI: Thursday saw the completion of 100 days of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in Pakistan as another 82 people lost their lives to the deadly contagion in the past 24 hours. The coronavirus – also known as Covid-19 – affected 85,264 people in the country, claimed 1,770 lives, while 30,128 individuals recovered from the respiratory illness. A total of 615,511 tests had been conducted in these 100 days across the coun..... view more
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<td>KARACHI: Senior Mutthahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) leader and former provincial minister Faisal Subzwari and his immediate family members have tested positive for coronavirus. In a tweet, Mr Subzwari confirmed that in the last few days his parents, wife and two daughters tested positive for Covid-19 and on Thursday he was also found suffering from the contagion. He requested all his friends to pray for them and appealed to people to stay.....</td>
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<td>KARACHI: Sindh Health Minister Dr Azra Pechuho informed the Sindh Assembly on Thursday that the coronavirus situation in the province was getting worse to the extent that now, Covid-19 cases would pop up from every household. “This happened only due to one person who had declared that'corona se darna nahi larna hai'(Don’t be afraid of the coronavirus, fight it),” she said in a reference to Prime Minister Imran Khan&amp;.....</td>
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<td>KARACHI: Air quality and noise levels of Karachi improved significantly during the lockdown, a comparative analysis of the data shared at a programme held on Thursday at the EPA complex showed. The event, organised by Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (Sepa), was held to mark the World Environment Day. According to the data collected by seven Sepa-certified labs in April 2020 during the lockdown from different locations of the city’s .....</td>
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<td>The Sindh government has decided to test all overseas passengers landing at the Jinnah Terminal Karachi and keep them in quarantine in accordance with the standard operating procedures. In this connection, provincial government spokesman Barrister Murtaza Wahab posted on Twitter that 246 passengers had landed at the Karachi airport from</td>
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Saudi Arabia, and 123 of them had been diagnosed with COVID-19 after screening them. All these tests were done.

**Pakistan to be part of global antiviral research initiative**
Source: Faiza Ilyas, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
KARACHI: Institutions in the US, Brazil, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa and Taiwan will collaborate under a grant that seeks to develop the United World for Antiviral Research Network (UWARN) — a vital global research initiative into infectious diseases and pandemics. The $8.75 million grant spread over five years has been awarded to the University of Washington (UW) and its partners, including the Aga Khan University (AKU), by the US Nat.....[view more](#)  

**Medical students missing out on learning clinical skills, webinar told**
Source: Staff Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
KARACHI: Training and examination of clinical skills is emerging as a major challenge for medical universities as teaching has shifted online while many students in nursing and allied health sciences do not have access to or are not proficient enough in the use of computers to benefit completely from this form of education. These concerns were shared in a webinar titled ‘Public universities’ response to the pandemic’ organised .....[view more](#)  

**Sindh records 1,667 new COVID-19 cases, 20 deaths**
As total of 20 more patients lost their lives due to COVID-19 in Sindh during last 24 hours, while the condition of 366 more patients was critical with 66 of them on life support at various health facilities, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said on Thursday in his daily statement about the pandemic situation in the province. “We have lost 20 more people due to COVID-19 in the province, of whom a majority died at various health fac.....[view more](#)  

**NBP Naudero branch closed after staffer dies of virus**
Source: Correspondent, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-05
LARKANA: Naudero branch of the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) was closed on Wednesday after a bank officer died of the coronavirus infection and the bank manager also tested positive. According to a notice affixed on the branch’s main gate by the operation manager, the branch is temporarily closed due to a Covid-19 positive case; the clients are advised to approach the bank’s nearest branch in Ratodero or any other one. Confirming .....[view more](#)  

**Late announcement of SOPs for bodies’ handover deprives Polani family of burial of loved one**
Mismanagement and nonchalant attitude on the part of the Sindh government and the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has deprived the Polanis of the burial of the eldest son of the family that perished in the PIA flight PK-8304 crash on May 22. The heart-breaking story started when Zain Polani flew to Lahore to bring his wife Sarah Polani and their three children back to Karachi. On Friday, May 22, the family boarded the ill-fated PIA flight w.....[view more](#)
JI demands imposition of health emergency in Sindh
Source: Staff Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
KARACHI: The Karachi chapter of Jamaat-i-Islami demanded on Thursday imposition of health emergency in Sindh to fight burgeoning challenge of coronavirus and lambasted the provincial government for merely doing "lip service" about its performance and doing hardly anything on the ground to improve its healthcare system and hospitals. JI Karachi emir Hafiz Naemur Rahman, flanked by senior doctors and health professionals, said at a pr.... view more

PTI leader blames PPP govt for spread of COVID-19 in Sindh
On the completion of 100 days after the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in Pakistan, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Karachi president Khurram said on Thursday that because of the "incompetence" of the Sindh government, the coronavirus infection and death rate has increased in the province. Sherzaman, an MPA, said that the first corona case in the country was reported in Karachi on February 26, and since then, 32,910 people had been infec.... view more

Trade deficit narrows 35pc in May on resurging exports
KARACHI: Trade deficit narrowed 35 percent month-on-month in May as exports rebounded 45.4 percent after gradual ease in lockdown and imports fell 11 percent, official data showed on Thursday. Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) data showed trade deficit contracted to $1.5 billion in May from $2.2 billion in April. Exports amounted to $1.4 billion, compared to $957 million, while imports declined to $2.9 billion from $3.2 billion. Analysts see ..... view more

Poultry prices: lockdown confusion
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
In the eight weeks since price of broiler chicken hit rock bottom, it has touched a fresh high, with no end in sight to the ascent. While the 70 percent rise in average retail price during the intervening period has been written off by some commentators as outcome of 'lockdown confusion', the explanation is misleading. Between 2016-19, seasonal price between March and May end (eight-week period) recorded relative stability, oscil..... view more

Covid-19 spreading fast, Sindh PA told
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
KARACHI: Sindhi Health Minister Dr Azra Fazal on Thursday told the Sindh Assembly that Covid-19 is threatening the human life, fearing the pandemic is fast spreading across the country. Showing concerns, the minister said patients are feared to throng to the hospitals for treatment but may not find the beds for getting admitt.... view more

20 more die of Covid-19 in Sindh: Murad
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
KARACHI: As many as 1667 new cases of coronavirus have emerged and 20 more patients succumb to the virus during the last 24 hours. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a press statement issued from the CM House on Thursday. He said that the highest number of 8390 samples were ducted against which 1667 new cases emerged that constituted 20 percent of the tests. As far as, 208843 samples have been tested which pr..... view more
MQM's Faisal Subzwari among 1,667 new cases in Sindh: Murad
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
KARACHI - Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan lawmaker Faisal Subzwari was among the 1667 others in the province who tested positive for Covid-19. MQM-P Coordination Committee member announced on his Twitter account that he had tested positive for the virus. He said that his parents, wife and two daughters have tested positive for the virus previously. "Now, I have also tested positive for Covid-19," said Faisal Subzwari while di..... view more

Seven global research institutes to collaborate on new pandemic study
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
KARACHI - A new grant that seeks to spur vital global research on infectious diseases and pandemics has been awarded to the University of Washington (UW) and its partners, including the Aga Khan University, by the U.S. National Institutes of Health’s Centers for Research in Emerging Infectious Diseases, CREID. The US $8.75 million grant spread over five years will help support UW and collaborators at Rockefeller University in New York ..... view more

Back in the fight: Using Facebook, Covid survivors rally to donate plasma
Source: Kamil Ehsan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
KARACHI: There may not have been much in the way of a perfect cure for the novel coronavirus yet but certain therapies have shown promising results in helping patients recover. In particular, passive immunisation of patients using plasma collected from those who have beaten Covid-19 has emerged as one of the best bets we have to increase the chances of recovery. With the country’s tally of Covid-19 cases well over the 82,000 mark, man..... view more
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**Japanese bathhouses awash with post-lockdown customers**  
Source: Agencies, *Daily Times*, 2020-06-02  
Masazumi Kato sighed deeply as he lowered himself into a tub at a public bathhouse in a Tokyo suburb, enjoying a return to a Japanese tradition largely off-limits during the city’s coronavirus lockdown. With the lifting of a nationwide state of emergency over the virus, Japan’s onsen — large bathhouses where patrons bathe naked in a series of warm pools and tubs — are gradually reopening. And fans like 52-year-old Kato have...... [view more]

**Turkey’s Grand Bazaar reopens, along with cafes and restaurants**  
Source: AFP, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02  
ISTANBUL: Turkey reopened restaurants, cafes and Istanbul’s iconic 15th century Grand Bazaar market on Monday as the government further eased coronavirus restrictions. Many other facilities including parks, beaches, libraries and museums reopened across the country, while millions of public sector employees returned to work. At Istanbul’s landmark Grand Bazaar, traders were dusting the shelves and tidying their shops while janitors...... [view more]

**Coronavirus claims life of composer Wajid Khan**  
Source: AFP, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02  
MUMBAI: Wajid Khan, one of the top composers of Bollywood dance songs, has died at the age of 42 after contracting coronavirus, media reports said on Monday. Khan, who had been suffering from a kidney ailment, passed away in Mumbai on Sunday after suffering cardiac arrest, his brother told Press Trust of India news agency, adding that he had tested positive for the virus. The first death in Bollywood to be attributed to the pandemic sent shockw...... [view more]

**Countries across Europe ease coronavirus lockdowns**  
Source: AFP, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02  
MOSCOW: Countries across Europe took bolder steps in easing coronavirus lockdowns, with schools, pubs, parks and pools reopening in places, while in Latin America the outbreak grew dire with infections passing the one million mark. The deadly disease has now killed more than 372,000 people and infected at least 6.1 million since emerging in China late last year. It has ravaged economies and threatens to tip the world toward a recession not seen...... [view more]

**Rich world’s jobs crisis jolts money flows to millions**  
Source: News Desk, *Daily Times*, 2020-06-03  
Carlos Sosa, a Salvadoran waiter in New York, used to send up to $500 a month back home to his mother to help pay for her medical bills and food. But now, after the coronavirus hit and he lost his job in early March, Sosa has burnt through his savings and the wire transfers have stopped. The 42-year old says he is struggling to pay for even his own rent and is concerned for his mother. “It’s been a very tough situation,” said Sos...... [view more]
How grab-and-go food chains are adjusting to coronavirus reality
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Restaurants devoted mainly to quick bites and drinks are reconfiguring their businesses to limit traffic in tight quarters and maintain coronavirus social distancing. Starbucks Corp, Dunkin’ Brands Group Inc, Peet’s Coffee and British bakery-cafe chain Greggs PLC have been forced to rethink how to serve customers quickly while keeping staffers safe and still make enough money to operate. At Peet’s Coffee, the US chain owned by JDE.....view more

Australia’s stalled migrant boom derails golden economic run
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Australia’s three decades of uninterrupted prosperity are coming to an abrupt end as the global coronavirus pandemic crashes one of its most lucrative sources of income – immigration. The country has been successful in managing the outbreak and reopening its A$2 trillion ($1.33 trillion) economy, thanks in part to an early closure of its borders. But the policy has led to a halt in mass immigration – a key source of consumer demand.....view more

Workers living in Mexico helping California’s pandemic health response
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Hundreds of Mexicans and Americans who live south of the border enter southern California’s hospitals every day. But these are not the patients — they are medical workers and support staff keeping a saturated healthcare system running amid the coronavirus pandemic. Over a thousand nurses, medical technicians, and support workers who live in the Mexican border towns of Tijuana, Tecate and Mexicali work in the United States, Mexican.....view more

Singapore rushes to build homes for 60,000 migrants after coronavirus outbreaks
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
The Singapore government is racing to create additional housing for about 60,000 migrant workers by the end of this year, as it seeks to reduce the density in dormitories which have seen mass outbreaks of the coronavirus infection. The nation of 5.7 million people has more than 35,000 cases, one of the largest numbers in Asia, largely due to infections in cramped, bunk-bed accommodation that house more than 300,000 mostly South Asian workers. Singa.....view more

Finland in pain as border closure blocks Russian tourists
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Finns in the Nordic nation’s eastern border region say they haven’t seen anything like this since the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union. The closure of Finland’s border with Russia amid the coronavirus pandemic has put an abrupt stop to visits by the nearly 2 million Russian tourists who prop up the local economy each year. Finland shares a 1,340-kilometer (832-mile) land border with Russia complete with several crossing points in .....view more

Moscow eases nine-week lockdown despite high virus caseload
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Moscow residents ventured out to exercise, stroll and shop on Monday as the city eased a strict nine-week lockdown, but millions remained largely confined to their homes as Russia recorded thousands more coronavirus cases. President Vladimir Putin has ordered officials to begin easing restrictions despite Russia having the world’s third-highest number of confirmed infections, and was due on Monday to be presented with an ambitious economic re.....view more
Philippine capital reopens despite jump in virus cases
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Manila emerged on Monday from one of the world's longest coronavirus lockdowns as the Philippines seeks to repair its badly damaged economy even as the number of new infections surges. Streets in the capital were choked with traffic and limited public transport resumed as commuters flooded back to work in the city of 12 million after nearly three months of strict home quarantine. Most businesses have been allowed to reopen in the city, but scho... view more

Europe loosens lockdown as virus tightens grip on Americas
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
Europe took bolder steps in easing coronavirus lockdowns Monday, with some pubs, tourist sites, pools and schools reopening despite fears of a second wave of infections, while in Latin America new cases piled up past the one million mark. The pandemic has now killed more than 372,000 million people and infected at least 6.1 million since erupting in China last year — and efforts to halt its spread by imposing restrictions on everyday life ha... view more

Putin sets July 1 for reform vote as Moscow lockdown eases
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-02
President Vladimir Putin said Monday that Russia will vote on July 1 on constitutional reforms that could extend his rule beyond 2024, pressing ahead with the plan despite the coronavirus pandemic. The move came with officials saying the health crisis has passed its peak in Russia and with Moscow easing lockdown measures, though the country is still reporting thousands of new cases every day. Critics have warned authorities may be moving too quickl... view more

Covid-19 With no vaccine ready, drugs are being tested world over
NEW DELHI: Though over 159 vaccine candidates against COVID-19 are at different stages of development across the world, the commercial production of a successful vaccine could take at least a year or more, foreign media reported. Therefore, several countries have simultaneously started studies on using different drugs or combination of drugs for immediate treatment of Covid-19 as the pandemic has already cost over 3 lakh lives. TOI takes a look..... view more

Scientists hunt pandemic hotspots in race to test vaccines
Source: Reurters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LONDON/CHICAGO: The first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic may be waning. For vaccine developers, that could be a problem. Scientists in Europe and the United States say the relative success of draconian lockdown and social distancing policies in some areas and countries means virus transmission rates may be at such low levels that there is not enough disease circulating to truly test potential vaccines. They may need to look further afield...... view more

Violence spreads as Trump faces anger for ordering force
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
WASHINGTON: Violence and looting spread on Tuesday to more US cities as President Donald Trump faced heated criticism for using force outside the White House to dispel peaceful demonstrators against racial injustice. Once-in-a-
Covid-19 generation protests have brought a multiracial and overwhelmingly peaceful coalition into the streets for the past week but each night has descended into mayhem, with both activists and officials blaming rabble-rousers. S.....

COVID-19: Zoom earnings double as virus use booms
Zoom has reported that its earnings have nearly doubled as its video-meeting service became a popular way to work or socialize while hunkered down due to the coronavirus pandemic. Zoom said it made a profit of $27 million on revenue that leapt 169 percent to slightly more than $328 million in the fiscal quarter that ended April 30. In the same quarter a year earlier, Zoom reported zero dollars per share in net income for stockholders. "Th.....

Virus deaths reach 375,000 as Latin America struggles
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
RIO DE JANEIRO: The global death toll from the coronavirus topped 375,000 on Tuesday as the disease continued to tear through Latin America, but in Europe the return to normality gathered pace with the French heading back to their beloved cafes and restaurants. Healthcare systems across Latin America risk being overwhelmed by the illness, the World Health Organisation said, as fatalities from the disease in hard-hit Brazil neared 30,000. The wa.....

India approves emergency use of remdesivir for Covid-19 patients
Source: Reuters, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
BENGALURU: India’s government said on Tuesday it has approved Gilead Sciences Inc’s antiviral drug remdesivir for emergency use for five doses in treating Covid-19 patients. Remdesivir, which is administered intravenously in hospital, is the first drug to show improvement in Covid-19 patients in formal clinical trials and is at the forefront of the battle against Covid-19, which has no approved treatment or vaccine. The drug was gra.....

Wuhan doctor at whistleblower’s hospital dies from virus
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
BEIJING: A Wuhan doctor who worked with coronavirus whistleblower Li Wenliang died of the virus on Tuesday, state media reported, becoming China's first Covid-19 fatality in weeks. Hu Weifeng, a urologist at Wuhan Central Hospital, passed away after being treated for Covid-19 and allied issues for more than four months, state broadcasterCCTVsaid. He is the sixth doctor from Wuhan Central Hospital to have died from the virus, which emerged.....

Misinformation and coronavirus hand-in-hand in Ecuador outbreak
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
By the time the coronavirus pandemic spiraled out of control in Ecuador, misinformation was already spreading on the internet with reports of corpses being thrown into the sea, bodies washing up on beaches and miracle cures aplenty. Misinformation was already propagating in Latin America several weeks before the virus itself. By late January, videos were being shared widely on social media purportedly showing the live animal market that was the foc.....
Virus compounds Pakistan plane crash grief
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
Gathered together via Zoom, friends and relatives of Wahida and Fazal Rahmaan watched from afar as the beloved couple were buried in Pakistan, days after they were killed in a plane crash. For many who lost loved ones in the May 22 tragedy, grief has been compounded by the coronavirus, which has made travel to funerals impossible and attendance dangerous. The Rahmaans, married 53 years, were among 97 people killed when the Pakistan International ......

UN likely to stop Yemen’s anti-virus fight
Source: Ap, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
CAIRO: The United Nations warned on Wednesday its programmes to fight the coronavirus and stave off starvation for hundreds of thousands of children in war-torn Yemen will be severely cut or stopped altogether by the end of the month unless donor countries provide an immediate injection of cash. The UN sounded the alarm a day after its appeal for countries to fund emergency aid in the Arab world’s poorest nation fell a billion dollars shor.....

Sweden admits it could have battled virus better
Source: Ap, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
STOCKHOLM: Sweden’s chief epidemiologist showed contrition on Wednesday as criticism mounted over the Scandinavian country’s hotly debated method of fighting the coronavirus, which has resulted in one of the highest death rates per capita in the world. Sweden has stood out among European nations and the world for the way it has handled the pandemic, not shutting down the country or the economy like others but relying on citizens sens.....

Enigma of upcoming US elections & Distance voting
Source: Haseeb Saeed, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
Assiduously, the U.S upcomingelectionon November 3, 2020 is not seemed to be affected by deadly pandemic. Coping with Russian Investigation, impeachment and now COVID-19, Donald John Trump wants to make U.S citizens to reelect him. More than this rife, the contenders of Trump in U.S 2020 election might be jeopardizing the position of incumbent president. Three strong candidates Trump -73, Joe Bidden-77 and Bernie Sanders -78 will be obse.....

Coronavirus in water: Risk of transmission varies between pools, lakes, oceans
LOS ANGELES: As the summer heat kicks in and COVID-19 restrictions ease, many may be planning on heading for a swim to cool off, but experts have warned that swimming does not come risk-free during the pandemic. Here’s what you need to know before diving in: There is no evidence that the novel coronavirus, also known as SARS-CoV-2, can be spread through water in swimming pools and hot tubs, according to the US Centers of Disease Control. &.....

African, Haitian migrants in Honduras defy border closure in attempt to reach US
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
African, Cuban and Haitian migrants stranded in Honduras after borders were closed due to the coronavirus pandemic began trekking northward on Tuesday in an attempt to reach the United States, migration authorities said. Young men and women carrying backpacks along with children wearing face masks walked along a highway in southern
Honduras near Nicaragua, television images showed, although it was not clear how many people were in the group. An act.....view more

Pandemic could cost Australian universities $11 bn: lobby group
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
Australian universities could lose up to US$11 billion dollars as an indefinite coronavirus border closure locks out the foreign students who keep the sector afloat, the industry said Wednesday. Lobby group Universities Australia said the revenue shortfall would have a lasting impact on not only higher education staffing and facilities but also undermine the sector’s world-class research and innovation. Education is Australia’s third-.....view more

In DR Congo, denial becomes major obstacle for virus campaign
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
“Corona is a reality. Protect yourself and protect others,” Mamie Batata, a worker with the Catholic charity Caritas, warns through a megaphone as she proceeds through Kimbanseke, a rundown part of Kinshasa. The reactions are blunt. “Get out of here.” “Leave us in peace.” “The disease doesn’t exist.” Indifference or disbelief towards COVID-19 runs deep in the Democratic Republic of Congo&rsquo.....view more

Amid pandemic, White House race becomes digital dogfight
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
The 2020 US presidential race is becoming a digital-first campaign as the coronavirus pandemic cuts candidates off from traditional organizing and in-person events. On the surface, President Donald Trump has the edge over Democrat Joe Biden because of the incumbent’s extensive digital infrastructure and large social media following. But Biden has been stepping up his digital presence and is getting a boost from a handful of outside organizati.....view more

UK COVID-19 death toll surpasses 50,000 Reuters tally
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
The United Kingdom’s COVID-19 death toll surpassed 50,000 on Wednesday, according to a Reuters tally of official data sources that highlighted the country’s place as one of the worst hit in the world. New data from Scotland brought the toll to 50,059, a dire milestone for Prime Minister Boris Johnson as he tries to ease the stringent coronavirus lockdown. The figure is the highest in Europe and puts the UK behind only the much larger Un.....view more

UN calls for ‘people’s vaccine’
Source: AFP, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-05
FRANKFURT MAIN: Europe ramped up efforts to help its coronavirus-hit economies on Thursday as the UN chief called for a “people’s vaccine” to battle the pandemic. With Brazil and Mexico seeing record deaths after Latin America became the new hotspot for the disease, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said a new vaccine against the coronavirus had to be available to everyone across the world. “A vaccine must be seen as.....view more

Pandemic raises hard questions for policymakers, Bank of England says
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
Markets have recovered their poise after bouts of extreme volatility in March caused by the coronavirus pandemic that left “hard questions” for policymakers to answer, a senior Bank of England official said on Thursday. “Financial
markets could come under strain again if there is another leg to the global infection cycle, or if economic data come out persistently worse than expected,” Andrew Hauser, the BoE’s executi.....view more

Recycles’ help shield Mexico health workers from COVID-19 stigma
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
Daniela Chavez, a doctor, took up cycling to work after she felt discriminated against by a taxi driver. Her bicycle was a gift from activists who have been rounding up bicycles — dubbed by one organization as “recycles” — to donate to healthcare workers in Mexico City, in a bid to protect them from being stigmatized for looking after patients with COVID-19. Chavez said that as soon as she climbed inside the cab after a hard.....view more

Europe boosts aid to virus-hit economies as UN calls for ‘people’s vaccine’
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
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Rohingya refugees running scared from coronavirus tests
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-05
Rohingya refugees infected with coronavirus are fleeing quarantine in their Bangladesh camps because they fear being transferred to an isolated island in the Bay of Bengal, community leaders said Thursday. At least two infected refugees have gone missing since testing positive for the virus after the first COVID-19 death was reported Tuesday, they said. About one million Rohingya — most of whom fled a military crackdown in Myanmar in 2017 &md.....view more

WHO pushes to keep ties with ‘generous’ US despite Trump’s exit move
Source: Reuters, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
LONDON: The head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) on Monday praised the United States’ “immense” and “generous” contribution to global health in a push to salvage relations after President Donald Trump said he was severing ties with the UN agency. Accusing it of pandering to China and overlooking an initially secretive response to the Covid-19 outbreak, Trump said on Friday he was ending Washington’s rel.....view more

VF announces grant to support Covid-19 recovery efforts
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-02
KARACHI: The Visa Foundation (VF) has announced grant to support Covid-19 recovery in Pakistan. The Visa Foundation announced last week its approval of $8.8 million of its $10 million in Covid-19 relief grants to organizations supporting the frontline response to the global pandemic and providing critical services for vulnerable households such as public health and food relief. As per the announcement, in Pakistan, Visa Foundation has.....view more
ICI Pakistan, AstraZeneca donate 10,000 KN95 masks
Source: Press Release, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-06-03
KARACHI: ICI Pakistan Pharmaceuticals in collaboration with AstraZeneca UK Limited, donated 10,000 KN95 masks to the Drug Regulatory Authority, Ministry of National Health Services of Pakistan in response to calls for personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers and other frontline responders battling COVID-19 across the country. “ICI Pakistan’s mission and responsibility is now more crucial than ever before,” sai.....view more

COVID cases rising in Russia, Eastern Europe, waning in Western Europe: WHO
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-06-03
New cases of COVID-19 reported daily are steadily declining in Western Europe, but not in hotspots in Russia and Eastern Europe, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday. Spokeswoman Margaret Harris told a briefing: “At the moment in Europe, in Western Europe, we are seeing a steady decline. It’s not speedy but there’s a steady decline in new cases being reported daily, so that means that the number of new cases are s.....view more

WHO to resume hydroxychloroquine coronavirus trials
Source: Agencies, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-06-04
GENEVA/THE HAGUE: The World Health Organisation announced on Wednesday that clinical trials of the drug hydroxychloroquine will resume as it searches for potential coronavirus treatments. On May 25, the WHO announced it had temporarily suspended the trials to conduct a safety review, which has now concluded there is “no reason” to change the way the trials are conducted. The UN health agency’s decision came after a study publi.....view more

UNODC kicks off virtual advocacy campaign on coronavirus measures
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2020-06-04
The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched a Virtual Advocacy Campaign on Covid-19 mitigation measures in collaboration with the Criminal Justice Institutions in Pakistan. The campaign was curated through a webinar on ‘Shaping Prisons’ response through preparedness’ in collaboration with the provincial Prisons Departments from across the country, a press release on Wednesday said. Inaugurating the Virtual Advocacy.....view more
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**Pandemic’s effect on food security to be reviewed**  
Source: Khaleeq Kiani, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-06-02  
ISLAMABAD: With major real sectors of economy in the red, the government has called the first meeting of the Think Tank on Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Wednesday (June 3) to review and analyse the food security situation and ponder over possible responses. The Think Tank on Economic Impact of Covid-19 was constituted by Prime Minister Imran Khan on May 5. It has been entrusted with to focus on four key areas at the outset before moving to the .....[view more](#)

**11-member high-powered panel to give budget guidelines**  
ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives has constituted an 11-member high-powered Advisory Committee to suggest policy guidelines just ahead of upcoming budget 2020-21. The committee comprises economists, technocrats and professionals and its maiden session will be held on Wednesday (today) to review the current economic situation and major issues and challenges facing the economy in post-COVID-19 scenario. Acco.....[view more](#)

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