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Op-Eds/Articles/Editorials

A second wave
Source: Dr Omar Hasan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-12
In these very unusual and challenging times of the global pandemic Covid-19, our school-going children have had to stay home since March. The children of the privileged classes are being taught by distance learning which is demanding on the children and on their parents; most children from the non-privileged families are home but not studying online. With decreasing number of Covid-19 patients, t....

Yearning for straight talk
Source: Dr Ayesha Razzaque, The News, International, 2020-09-12
A BBC report on September 4 (https://tinyurl.com/y4n3a3ra) describes one of the great mysteries of the Covid-19 pandemic: the African continent was bracing for waves of hospitalizations and deaths that never materialized and a majority of infections are either mild or asymptomatic. It asks the question: “Is there a link between poverty, crowded accommodations, and Africa’s baff.....

Learning to live with Covid-19
It is now more than four weeks since I have been here in the land of the free and home of the brave, otherwise known as the United States of America or just the US. Covid-19 is still around but it seems that people are starting to learn to live with it. Yesterday my grandchildren, aged five and eight, attended school for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. But their schools near W.....

Carnage in isolated India
Source: Shehriar Rafi, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
“May you live in interesting times”, a phrase often attributed to an ancient Chinese curse, feels strangely apt within the global environment we currently find ourselves hostage to. South Asia in particular finds itself at a curious juncture. After the coronavirus hit Pakistan in February, like most people, who were getting their news from epidemiologists such as Dr Anthony Fauci .....
National News

Balochistan

**Arrangements made for reopening of schools, colleges**
Source: Saleem Shahid, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-09-14
QUETTA: The provincial government has made all arrangements to reopen government and private universities and colleges in Balochistan on Sept 15 as announced by the federal education minister after consultations with the four provincial governments. Speaking at a press conference here on Sunday, Balochistan government spokesman Liaquat Shahwani said all arrangements had been made in the province.....

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Islamabad

**Pakistan seeks relief over $5.8bn fine in Reko Diq lease case**
Source: AP, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-09-12
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is seeking the reversal of a $5.8 billion penalty imposed by an international tribunal for denying a mining lease to an Australian company, saying that paying the fine would hinder its handling of the coronavirus pandemic. Reko Diq town in Balochistan's Chagai district is famed for its mineral wealth, including gold and copper. Prime Minister Imran Khan’s governme.....

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**Violation of Covid-19 SOPs witnessed**
Source: Fazal Sher, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2020-09-12
ISLAMABAD: Contrary to the big claims of the district administration for taking strict action to ensure the implementation of SOPs devised for controlling the pandemic spread, gross violations of the SOPs were witnessed on Friday at the various markets and mosques. During a survey of various markets as well as pharmacies, hospitals, grocery stores, vegetable shops, bakeries, milk and meat sho.....

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**Surge seen in Covid-19 cases in Islamabad**
Source: Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-09-12
ISLAMABAD: An increase was seen in the number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Islamabad during the last three days, sources told Dawn. Besides, a patient of the coronavirus also died during the period. The officials of the capital administration said that 18 confirmed cases were reported on Wednesday, 24 on Thursday and 28 on Friday. On Wednesday 11 males and seven females tested positive fol.....

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**Universities committed to enforcing SOPs: HEC**
Source: Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-09-12
ISLAMABAD: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) on Friday said universities, being reopened from Sept 15, were committed to enforcing the standard operating procedures and guidelines to prevent spread of Covid-19. This was stated by the HEC Chairman Dr Tariq Banuri while addressing the 32nd Vice Chancellors’ (VCs) Committee meeting, in which more than 150 VCs, Rectors, or Presidents of uni.....

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Pakistan sees slight rise in COVID-19 cases
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has recorded slight rise in Covid-19 cases as the country reported 548 new COVID-19 cases during the last 24 hours as compared to the cases reported during the previous days. With the new 548 cases, the tally rose to 300,955. The virus claimed three more lives during the last 24 hours, pushing the death toll to 6,373. At least 288,536 patients have recovered from the dead.....
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Covid-19: G-6 Weekly Bazar reopens today
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
ISLAMABAD - A weekly Bazar of Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) will reopen today with the anti-coronavirus standard operating procedures (SOPs), issued by the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration. The decision was taken after reviewing the coronavirus pandemic situation in the federal capital, which was under control, said a news release issued by the MCI on Saturday. The Bazar ..... more >>

PM Imran welcomes millions of students back to school on Sept 15
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday said it is the priority of the government and the nation's collective responsibility to ensure that every child can go to school safely as educational institutes gear up to open on September 15 after a six-month-long closure due to Covid-19. Educational institutions in the country will begin reopening in phases from tomorrow, following a fall in new coronav..... more >>

Schools, colleges ready to welcome students
Source: Zaigham Naqvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
ISLAMABAD: With educational institutions in the federal capital set to welcome back students from tomorrow (Tuesday) all schools and colleges operated by the federal government (FG) in the city have said that they have completed the necessary preparations. Schools in the federal capital, like in the rest of the country, were shut down in March to prevent the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic..... more >>

Pakistan's daily Covid-19 fatalities remain in single digit for three days
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2020-09-14
Pakistan's daily Covid-19 fatalities have remained in single digit for the last three days. According to the breakdown of fatalities reported in the last three days, three fatalities were ported on September 10, three on September 11 and six fatalities on September 12. The total active Covid-19 cases in Pakistan on Sunday were recorded at 5,673 as 526 more people tested positive for the de..... more >>

Internet use rose 25pc during pandemic-induced lockdowns
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
ISLAMABAD: There seems to be a shift in consumer behaviour from voice to data usage and the telecom sector may require cost-cutting measures in infrastructure and meet the growing demand of the internet. More submarine cable companies may soon enter the Pakistani market. These views have been expressed by Edotco Pakistan’s managing director Arif Hussain. Talking to media, he said that rece..... more >>
Covid-19 cases reach 301,481 in country
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
ISLAMABAD: The Covid-19 cases in the country reached 301,481 after 526 new coronavirus infections were reported during the last twenty four hours, said National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Sunday. The country also registered six fresh Covid-19 deaths, taking the total number of fatalities to 6,379, while 534 patients are in critical condition, according to NCOC. The data showe.....

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Covid-19 tests of 2,000 teaching, non-teaching staff conducted in Islamabad
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
ISLAMABAD: As the first phase of the opening of educational institutions is going to start on Sept 15, 2,000 teaching and non-teaching staff of public and private colleges have been tested for Covid-19 with only one found infected with the virus. The infected person is a non-teaching staff member and contact tracing has been started to find out if any other person from the patient’s family .....

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Covid-19 cases increasing in twin cities
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
ISLAMABAD: The number of Covid-19 cases in the capital is increasing as 30 new cases were reported on Saturday. Officials of the capital administration stated that 12 cases were reported on September 8 and since then the number of positive cases had been increasing. Four of the new cases were reported from Shahzad Town, three each from I-8, G-6, Bhara Kahu, two each from National Police Foundati.....

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96pc virus patients have fully recovered in country: NCOC
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
ISLAMABAD - More than 96 percent patients of coronavirus have recovered from the infection so far in Pakistan showing a steady progress towards the elimination of the pandemic in the country. According to the latest statistics issued by National Command and Operation Center, out of 301,481 cases reported so far, 289,429 patients have recovered from coronavirus in Pakistan. Now the country has.....

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# Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

## Adopting SOPs by teachers, students against Covid-19 stressed


PESHAWAR: Principal of the Peshawar Public and College, Prof Khaleeq Zaman, has asked teachers to become a role model for students by adopting standard operating procedures (SOPs) as per the government and health department guidelines to prevent precious lives the fatal Covid-19. Chairing a meeting here on Saturday, he said that the administration and teaching faculty members of PPS had co.....

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## Special teams to monitor SOPs’ implementation in KP schools

**Source:** Agencies, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2020-09-13

PESHAWAR - To monitor implementation of SOPs against COVID-19 after opening of educational institutions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) from next week, the provincial government has constituted special committees. The special committees with each consisting of six members will monitor implementation of SOPs in schools, stated a notification issued by the provincial government on Saturday. Meanwhi.....

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## Stakeholders trained in Covid-19 preventive measures

**Source:** Our Correspondent, *The News, International*, 2020-09-14

ABBOTTABAD: Department of Tourism, Sports, Archeology, Museums and Youth Affairs on Sunday trained 60 stakeholders of the hospitality sector in Covid-19 preventive measures. The session comprised of two days. It provided training to over 60 participants of two separate groups. Secretary Tourism Department, Abid Majeed and Galiyat Development Authority Director-General, Raza Ali Habib atten.....

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## Teachers asked to help protect students from Covid-19

**Source:** Bureau Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-09-13

PESHAWAR: Peshawar Public School and College (PPSC) principal Prof Khaleeq Zaman has asked teachers to become a role model for their students by adopting the standard operating procedures (SOPs), set by the government, themselves first so that no student could get hurt or contract Covid-19. He told a meeting that the administration and teaching faculty members of PPSC had completed arrangements f.....

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## Schools to be closed for minimum five days after detection of more than one Covid-19 case

**Source:** Ashfaq Yusufzai, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2020-09-13

PESHAWAR: The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination has issued guidelines to the provincial governments to adopt risk mitigation measures against Covid-19 transmission and warned that the re-opening of schools in the current month could lead to higher transmission of the virus in the country if the students and staff members didn’t follow precautions on campus. .....

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Punjab

One more dies of COVID-19
Rawalpindi: Another death due to coronavirus illness, COVID-19 in last 24 hours here in Islamabad Capital Territory and reporting of at least another 39 confirmed cases from ICT and Rawalpindi district on Friday hints that the situation has not yet become normal in the region. It is important that in the last two days, as many as 85 new patients have been tested positive for the illness f.....
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Congovirus patient dies in hospital
Source: APP, The Frontier Post, 2020-09-12
LAHORE - A patient, resident of Sheikhupura district, died due to congovirus here at Mayo Hospital on Friday. According to Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, the patient was admitted in the hospital five days back and he suffered from Congo Virus due to contact with animals as he was working as a butcher. According to department spokesperson, contacts' tracing of the patient ..... 
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45 new cases make situation worrisome
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69 new Covid-19 cases reported
LAHORE; One Covid-19 patient died and 69 new Covid-19 positive cases were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours, according to a report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department here on Saturday. The toll of fatalities stayed at 2,215 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of novel coronavirus reached 97,602 in the province. Out of a total of 97,602 infections in P.....
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Hamza Shehbaz tests positive for Covid-19 in jail
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
LAHORE: Punjab Assembly Opposition Leader Hamza Shehbaz tested positive for the novel coronavirus on Saturday evening in Kot Lakhpat Jail. The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader was feeling unwell in jail for a few days before he was tested for Covid-19. After his test returned positive, PML-N spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb demanded his immediate transfer to the hospital for treatment.....
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Chinese vaccine trial to start in Pakistan in 10 days, says Asad Umar
Source: News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad , 2020-09-13
LAHORE: Federal Minister For Planning Asad Umar said Saturday that phase 3 trial of a Chinese vaccine for coronavirus will begin in Pakistan in ‘10 days’. "Pakistan will be participating in phase 3 trials of a Chinese developed vaccine for coronavirus," tweeted the minister. He added that the "trials in Pakistan will start in about 10 days time". Earlier .... more >>

Another death, 47 new cases from twin cities
Rawalpindi : The assumptions being made at the beginning of August about slowing down the spread of the coronavirus illness, COVID-19 in this region of the country has proved to be a fallacy at least after reporting of confirmed cases of the disease in the last four days from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district. In the last 24 hours, the virus claimed another life here in R..... more >>

Random testing for corona on campuses planned
The Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) has reiterated that no compulsory testing of 100% students and staff in educational institutes in Punjab has been recommended by the government given the low positivity ratio observed last month. “However, the planned random testing is being carried out to monitor prevalence over time and take corrective measure, if and when..... more >>

Two Covid-19 patients die
LAHORE:Two Covid-19 patients died and 77 new infections were confirmed across the province during the last 24 hours, according to a report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department on Sunday. The toll of fatalities was raised to 2,217 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of novel coronavirus reached 97,679 in the province. Out of a total of 97,679 infections in Punjab, a..... more >>

Coronavirus claims two lives in Punjab
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2020-09-14
LAHORE: Covid-19 has claimed two more lives in the province, while the number of cases of the disease has exceeded 97,670 after registration of 77 new patients. A spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department said on Sunday that the total number of deaths caused by the pandemic in the province so far is 2,217. The P&SHD confirmed that 28 new cases of Covid-19 were r..... more >>

Schedule for reopening schools in Punjab issued
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-09-14
LAHORE: The Punjab School Education Department (SED) on Sunday issued the schedule and academic timetable to be observed in all public as well as private schools of the province when these institutions will reopen on September 15. Earlier, the government had announced that all the public and private schools would reopen in three phases. In the first phase, students of grade 9 to 12 will start att..... more >>
UVAS to reopen all campuses in three phases
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
LAHORE: The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) will reopen its all campuses in three phases from Sept 21. The campuses will reopen under the guidelines of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the decision was taken after the series of meetings of the deans committee of the university. UVAS Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Nasim Ahmad approved the reopening of the campuses in phases.

More Covid-19 cases reported in Rawalpindi
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
RAWALPINDI: Another 11 people tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday while one person died and one patient recovered. A 60-year-old woman was brought to Kulsoom International Hospital from Askari II on Saturday with difficulty breathing and died Sunday morning. With the new cases, Rawalpindi has now reported 6,821 confirmed cases of Covid-19 with 282 deaths and 6,332 recoveries. There are 100 p.....

Hamza contracts Covid-19; govt ‘refuses’ to shift him to hospital
Source: Agencies, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
Marriyum-AurangzebPakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb Sunday said Leader of Opposition in Punjab Assembly Hamza Shehbaz has tested positive for novel coronavirus and has been suffering from fever for the last three days, a private TV channel reported. “In view of his deteriorating health, he should be shifted from the Kot Lakhpat Jail to a hospital im.....

Hamza Shehbaz contracts Covid-19 at Kot Lakhpat Jail
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
LAHORE: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has accused the government of playing politics over the health of Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Hamza Shehbaz, who has contracted Covid-19 during his incarceration at Kot Lakhpat Jail. PML-N Deputy Secretary General Attaullah Tarar said he had written a letter to Punjab Additional Chief Secretary Shaukat Ali requesting him to .....
**Sindh reports 271 more Covid-19 cases**  
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-12  
As many as 271 more cases of Covid-19 were reported in Sindh on Friday, taking the cumulative virus tally in the province to 131,675, said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on the day. He further stated that one more person had succumbed to the infection on the day. Moreover, the CM said, 157 more people had recovered from the infection, lifting the total number of recovered patients to 126…..

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**COVID-19 claims one more life in Sindh**  
One more patient of COVID-19 died over the past 24 hours, bringing the death toll in the province to 2,440. In a statement issued here from the CM House on Friday, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said that with one more death, the mortality rate from the coronavirus stood at 1.9 per cent. He added that 157 more patients recuperated, raising the number of recovered patients to 126,861, w…..

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**Sindh reports 271 new cases of Covid-19**  
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-09-12  
KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said one more patient of Covid-19 died overnight lifting the death toll to 2,440 while 271 new cases emerged out of 11,042 tested samples raising the tally to 131,675. This he said in a statement issued here from the CM House on Friday. The chief minister said one more death constituted 1.9 percent death rate. He added that 157 patients…..

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**Murtaza Wahab asks govt to reconsider reopening of primary schools**  
KARACHI: The Sindh government’s spokesman, Barrister Murtaza Wahab, in his personal capacity as a concerned father, has appealed to the federal and the Sindh governments to review their decision to reopen the schools especially their primary sections. In a tweet, Barrister Wahab said on Saturday that being a concerned father he thought that the situation was still uncertain while sch…..

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**Reopening schools with SOPs will be a strenuous task**  
After the announcement of reopening educational institutions on September 15, the implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) and resumption of curriculum activities will be a strenuous task for the educators, parents and students, believe private schools associations, parents, and government authorities. Some of the parents feel that they have been wronged as despite paying hef…..

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**Three more fall victim to coronavirus in Sindh**  
The novel coronavirus claimed three more lives in Sindh during the last 24 hours, taking the death toll to 2,443 in the province. Another 205 cases emerged when 13,797 tests were conducted, showing a one per cent detection rate, said Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in his daily COVID-19 situation report. So far, 1,120,255 tests have been conducted, and 131,880 people have been diagnose…..

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Preferably use your own conveyance to transport kids to school, minister advises parents
KARACHI: Sindh Education and Labour Minister Saeed Ghani has advised the parents to preferably use their own transport facility for some time to pick and drop their children after the reopening of schools, as school vans and other modes of public transport cannot ensure social distancing required for the safety of the students against the COVID-19. He put forth this advice on Saturday as ..... more >>

Covid-19 claims three more lives
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-13
KARACHI: Three more coronavirus patients have lost their lives, Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah revealed on Saturday, adding that 205 more cases emerged when 13,797 tests were conducted over the previous 24 hours. As a result, he said the provincial death toll had risen to 2,443, while 131,880 cases had been detected in Sindh since the pandemic began. Moreover, he added that 557 more patient..... more >>

Sindh loses two more to COVID-19 as another 204 test positive
Two more people have died due to COVID-19 and another 204 cases have been reported during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral disease reaching 2,445 in the province. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Sunday that 12,914 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 204 people, or two p..... more >>

How To...
Source: Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
Don’t worry about declining social invites because of Covid-19 You’ve been invited to a social gathering, but you’re a little concerned about the coronavirus-related risks. What should you do? Researchers found that we’re unlikely to communicate our concerns if the invitation is coming from someone we want to impress, like a colleague or boss. They also found that we&rsquo..... more >>

204 more test positive for Covid-19 in Sindh
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
KARACHI: Two more coronavirus-related deaths were reported in Sindh overnight, while 204 fresh Covid-19 cases emerged in the province, said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Sunday. The CM said that following these developments, the province’s cumulative Covid-19 death toll climbed to 2,445 and the total number of cases reported in Sindh so far added up to 1..... more >>

‘PPP embezzling Covid-19, rain funds’
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
HYDERABAD/ KARACHI: The Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)-led Sindh government has embezzled funds allocated for the battle against the Covid-19 pandemic, alleged Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Hyderabad president Imran Qureshi on Sunday. In a statement issued on the day, Qureshi accused Sindh's ruling party of misappropriating billions from public funds collected on account of the coronavirus pa..... more >>
Schools in Sindh ill-prepared for Covid-19 SOPs
Source: Safdar Rizvi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
KARACHI: Health and safety risks loom in most public schools of Karachi, with school administrations and relevant officials failing to make arrangements for the implementation of necessary pandemic-related standard operating procedures (SOPs) ahead of the start of the new academic year, starting on September 15. PHOTO: SAFDAR RIZVI/EXPRESS Garbage piles plague most public school buildings, s.....
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Two Covid-19 patients die overnight
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Sunday said that two more patients of coronavirus lost their lives overnight lifting the death toll to 2,445 and 204 new cases emerged when 12,914 samples were tested raising the tally to 132,084. In a statement issued here on Sunday, the CM said that two more patients lost their lives while struggling against the virus lifting the death toll to 2,44.....
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Covid-19 claims 2 more lives, infects 204: CM
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
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Virus claims 2 more lives, infects 204 others: CM
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PTI leader accuses Sindh govt of usurping funds meant for coronavirus patients
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2020-09-14
DADU - Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Hyderabad President Imran Qureshi has said that corruption in Sindh has reached its peak under the Pakistan People’s Party (PPP) government. In a statement issued here on Sunday, he accused the provincial government of embezzling billions of rupees from the public funds, adding it did not even spare the funds meant for combating the coronavirus. &ld.....
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### LNG demand to rise
**Source:** Reuters, [Dawn, Islamabad](https://dawn.com), 2020-09-12

LONDON: Demand for liquefied natural gas (LNG) is set to increase steadily for several decades helped by economic growth in Asia, industry executives told the Gastech summit this week, with the Covid-19 seen as only a short-term setback. “While the world continues to grapple with the severe impacts of market demand and the impact of Covid-19, long-term fundamentals remain strong supported b.....

### Children less than five years need not wear mask: WHO
**Source:** Online, [The News, International](https://thenews.com.pk), 2020-09-13

GENEVA: World Health Organisation (WHO) has issued safety corona guidelines for children. According to WHO, the children less than 5 years of age do not need to wear mask, the children who are 6 to 12 years of age should wear mask and the children who are above 12 years should follow complete guidelines like elders. Corona guidelines should be followed while playing and distance o.....

### Covid forces world leaders to meet virtually during UNGA session
**Source:** Anwar Iqbal, [Dawn, Islamabad](https://dawn.com), 2020-09-14

UNITED NATIONS: The 75th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) opens in New York on Tuesday (tomorrow), although the high-level general debate starts on Sept 22. The US State Department has informed all UN members that the state of New York has imposed a 14-day mandatory quarantine on all persons arriving in New York. This restriction applies to heads of states and governments as well. This .....
trials for the AstraZeneca Oxford coronavirus vaccine, AZD1222, have resumed in the UK following confirmation by the Medicines Health Regulatory Authority (MHRA.....

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Oxygen grows scarce in some parts of India as coronavirus cases rise
Source: Reuters, Dawn, Islamabad , 2020-09-13
MUMBAI: Oxygen supply has grown scarce in some parts of India hard hit by coronavirus, hospital and local government officials said, as India reported a record daily jump in cases for a second consecutive day, logging 97,570 new infections on Saturday. With total cases of more than 4.65 million, India is the world’s second worst affected country, trailing only the United States, which has m.....

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Smoke chokes West Coast as wildfire deaths keep climbing Agencies
Source: Agencies, Daily Times , 2020-09-14
Wildfire smoke that posed a health hazard to millions choked the West Coast on Saturday as firefighters battled deadly blazes that obliterated some towns and displaced tens of thousands of people, the latest in a series of calamities this year. For people already enduring the coronavirus pandemic, the resulting economic fallout and political tensions evident in the Black Lives Matter prote.....

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Meredith Kablick sat next to her five-year-old son Peter at home in Cheverly, Maryland, as he logged on to a Zoom video call for his first week of kindergarten at a French immersion school. Like thousands of parents in the United States this week, the registrar assistant was supervising her child’s virtual schooling while working full-time. As with many schools from coast to coast, c.....

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Real estate agent Kilby Stenkamp sees moving vans on San Francisco streets where she used to see building cranes and tech company hipsters. A work-from-home trend kicked into overdrive by the pandemic is disrupting a city long a mecca for tech talent. “People are leaving San Francisco, and they’re taking their jobs with them,” Stenkamp said. “There used to be cra.....

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BEIJING - Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi vowed to strengthen cooperation with Pakistan in the post-pandemic, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson said on Friday. During his meeting with Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on the sidelines of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting held recently in Moscow, Wang said. “China is willing to continue to p.....

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