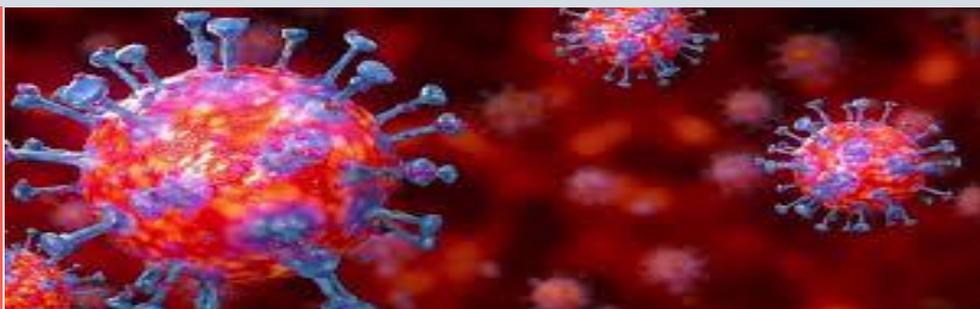


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NCOC finalises vaccine procurement recommendations

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

• Number of Covid-19 deaths surpasses 8,000 • 5,082 smart lockdowns in place across country • Over 7,000 volunteers administered Chinese vaccine during clinical trial ISLAMABAD: As the number of deaths has surpassed 8,000 and Chinese Covid-19 vaccine, which is being used for clinical trial in Pakistan, may not be available for the next few months, the National Command and Operation.....[more >>](#)

Needless stigma

Source: [Editoril](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

IN a world roiled by the coronavirus pandemic, it can be easy to forget there is another global epidemic that has been around far longer. And the numbers are staggering. Since the late 1970s, an estimated 42m people have died of AIDS-related illnesses. Until end 2019, there were 38m people living with HIV. In Pakistan, according to the National AIDS Control Programme, an estimated 190,000 people a.....[more >>](#)

Desperate in Dubai

Source: [Rafia Zakaria](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

A FEW months ago, The Guardian ran the story of a 30-year-old Pakistani man named Hassan, one of 99 Pakistanis who have been stranded in Dubai ever since the pandemic began in a largely abandoned labour camp on the outskirts of the city. They have no money and no way to return home. Lately, they have begun begging for food because they are starving. At the moment, they are at the mercy of charitable.....[more >>](#)

Eight months of a pandemic

Source: [Arifa Noor](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

THE second wave of Covid-19 has been sacrificed at the altar of politics in Pakistan. The entire debate seems to be about the carelessness — or callousness — of the political parties; for each side, the other is at fault for campaigning in Gilgit-Baltistan, or holding big PDM jalsas or the government-organised events. It's an endless debate. But, the obsession over which of the[more >>](#)

Higher Education Commission's guidelines for 2 nd wave of Covid-19

Source: [Muneer Ahmed Mirjat](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

The author is working as Dy. Director at Higher Education Commission The second wave of Covid-19 has compelled most countries to take appropriate measures for protecting their citizens from this pandemic. The Government of Pakistan has also taken suitable steps for prevention. As per Government guidelines, the Higher Education Commission has consulted Vice-Chancellors of public and private sector

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Seoul Beijing talks a testament to China's commitment towards conflict resolution, dialogue and cooperation

Source: [Hamzah Rifaat Hussain](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

On Thursday, both South Korea and China set the stage for a scheduled visit by President Xi Jinping to Seoul to discuss lingering issues such as stalled talks on North Korea's nuclear program and tackling the coronavirus pandemic. Understandings were reached between Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his South Korean counterpart Kang Kyung-wha with the purpose of ensuring that both countr.....

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The Covid 'longhaulers' behind a global patient movement

Source: [Kelly Macnamara / AFP](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

Snatching moments of clarity through the brain fog that was among the lingering symptoms of her coronavirus infection, Hannah Davis joined a team of similarly ill researchers and launched a study of what is now called "long Covid". The survey was initially "for ourselves, to understand what was happening with our own bodies", Davis said. But with so little data availab.....

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Of Covid-19 and ad spend

Source: [BR Research](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

Similar to many sectors, Covid-19 has been a disaster for the advertising and marketing industry globally as evident from falling ad spend and marketing budget. The latest forecast from WARC hints at 10.2 percent drop or \$63.4 billion in global ad spend in 2020, which includes campaign spending during the US Presidential elections. Adjusted for inflation and measured in purchasing power parity (PP.....

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National News

Islamabad

Death toll reaches 8,025 as 40 more die of Covid in 24 hours

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-01

ISLAMABAD: Another 40 Covid-19 patients died in the last 24 hours taking the tally to 8,025 deaths across the country, the latest data provided by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) on Monday showed. The coronavirus positivity rate in Pakistan has climbed to 8.5%. At least 71% of the corona patients in Pakistan are male. Adults aged above 50 make up about 76% of the total in.....

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NAB staff directed to follow SOPs

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-01

Islamabad : Chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Justice Javed Iqbal on Monday directed bureau s staff to strictly follow standard operating procedures (SOPs) against Covid-19 and strictly compliance and implementation of it till further orders. The meeting chaired by Justice Javed Iqbal chalked out further course of action to cope with the increasing number of Covid-19 cases and

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Steel sector records uptick in demand

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

The steel sector of Pakistan is witnessing an uptick in demand on the back of appreciation of the rupee against the US dollar and economic policies undertaken by the government to combat Covid-19. At a corporate briefing held by Aisha Steel Mills on Monday, the management felt that the local market sentiment was driven by the impact of economic policies, currency appreciation and Covid-19 after-e.....

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Govt hits back at opposition's tirade

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

ISLAMABAD: The government on Monday hit back at the opposition Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), saying that the "corrupt" leaders were out to save the ill-gotten wealth through their antigovernment rallies amid the second wave of coronavirus. Prime Minister Imran Khan said that the PDM leaders were bulldozing the standard operating procedures (SOPs) put in place by the government

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Pakistan reports 2,458 new coronavirus cases in one day

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

Pakistan has reported 67 deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 400,482. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 8,091 on Tuesday. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC), 2,458 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Sindh remains the worst-hit province by the pand.....[more >>](#)

Virus death toll surpasses 8,000 as Pakistan prepares for vaccine procurement

Source: [Imran Ali Kundi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

ISLAMABAD - With the country's Covid-19 positivity rate has climbed to 8.53 percent, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) yesterday finalized its recommendations for the procurement of the vaccine against the deadly disease. These recommendations will be presented before the federal cabinet meeting scheduled to be held Monday, and approval will be sought to get the vaccine,

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Mass gatherings injustice with people: minister

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

ISLAMABAD: Expressing the government's inability to stop the opposition from holding public meetings, Information Minister Senator Shibli Faraz has said that mass gatherings are injustice with the people even if these are held by the ruling party. Addressing a press conference here on Monday to respond to the public meeting of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) in Multan, the minister s.....

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Another 12 fall victim to Covid-19 in Rawalpindi, Islamabad

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Mohammad Asghar | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

ISLAMABAD: Casualties continued to mount in the twin cities as 12 more people lost their lives to Covid-19 while 485 cases surfaced during the last 24 hours. According to the district administration officials, five people passed away in Islamabad on Monday. They had been isolated in different hospitals where they were kept under observation due to their critical condition. The capital saw a reduct.....

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Indoor dining in hotels, restaurants banned in Islamabad

Source: [Mohammad Asghar | Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

ISLAMABAD: The capital administration on Tuesday imposed a ban on indoor dining in restaurants and hotels in view of the rising cases of Covid-19. The city recorded six more deaths and 283 positive cases in the last 24 hours. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Hamza Shafqaat said the order was issued in pursuant to decisions of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) and under the Epidemic Di.....

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Pakistan to procure Covid-19 vaccine by 2021 first quarter

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

The federal cabinet has approved the grant of \$150 million and set criteria to procure Covid-19 vaccine. This was announced by Prime Minister's Special Assistant on National Health Dr Faisal Sultan along with Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shibli Faraz while giving details about decisions taken by the federal cabinet, which met on Tuesday. The government plans to procure Covid-19.....

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PTI govt to provide 'coronavirus vaccine for free'

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

Parliamentary Secretary National Health Services Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC) Dr Nausheen Hamid on Wednesday said that the federal government will provide the coronavirus vaccine free of charge to the people. Taking to Twitter, she said that the government will start the vaccination from the second quarter of 2021. On Tuesday, the federal cabinet had approved allocating \$150.....

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75 more die of Covid-19 in 24 hours: NCOC

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-03

The country witnessed the most single-day deaths due to Covid-19 since July 9 on Tuesday, as 75 people died in the last 24 hours, said the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Wednesday. The coronavirus situation in the country is deteriorating with the fatality rate also increasing rapidly across Pakistan. The country in the last 24 hours reported at least 2,829 new Covid-19 ca.....

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Ex-accountability judge Arshad Malik succumbs to coronavirus

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-04

ISLAMABAD: Former accountability court judge Arshad Malik succumbed to coronavirus, Geo News reported Friday quoting unnamed sources. The ex-judge was receiving treatment at a private hospital in Islamabad for the past few days. He was removed from service after he was found to have violated his service rules by an investigation committee of the Lahore High Court (LHC). Malik had convicted.....

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Corona claims 75 more lives in Pakistan

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

ISLAMABAD: The total active COVID-19 cases in Pakistan on Wednesday were recorded at 49,780 as 2,829 more people tested positive for the deadly virus during the last 24 hours. As many as 75 corona patients, 68 of whom were under treatment in hospital and seven out of hospital, died on Tuesday, according to the latest update issued by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). No Covid-19

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'Pakistan to provide free corona vaccine to citizens'

Source: [nill](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary National Health Services Regulations and Coordination (NHSRC) Dr Nausheen Hamid on Wednesday said that the cabinet has approved initial funds to purchase coronavirus vaccines and these would be available to citizens for free. In a conversation with Geo News during the programme "Geo Pakistan", she said the government has been working to arrange

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Pakistan at 28th position among nations with most Covid-19 tests

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

LAHORE: With a steep surge in Coronavirus cases leading to a drastic increase in demand for testing, Pakistan rests at 28th position among nations with most COVID-19 tests per one million of its population, research shows. In terms of countries with 4,000 or more deaths owing to the pandemic till date, Pakistan features 29th on the list, writes Sabir Shah. Coming to conducting most COVID-.....

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Around 40m children affected by school closures: report

Source: [Tahir Amin](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

ISLAMABAD: Around 40 million children in Pakistan are affected by the Covid-19 school closures, forcing students to rely on virtual learning and those with no internet access, education can be out of reach. This has been stated in a new joint report "How Many Children and Youth Have Internet Access at Home?" of the UNICEF and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Accord.....

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'Youm-e-Dua' today;Alvi urges Ulema to help contain Covid-19 spread

Source: [Zulfiqar Ahmad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-04

ISLAMABAD: As there is no let up in the Covid-19 cases in the country, President Arif Alvi on Thursday announced that the nation would observe 'Youm-e-Dua' (a day of prayer) today. While chairing a video conference of clerics to review SOPs for mosques, Alvi said a strategy of a combination of prayers, precautionary measures, and taking care of the weak segments of the society wou.....

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

KP govt extends public health emergency to cope with Covid situation

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has extended public health emergency for four more months to ensure rapid procurement of medical equipment and strict implementation of the standard operating procedure for prevention of Covid-19 in the province. The extension of the emergency, which was first enforced in February when the pandemic broke out, is meant to ensure prompt procurement of per.....

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Senior Bannu doctor succumbs to coronavirus

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

PESHAWAR: A senior doctor in Bannu, additional director of Khalifa Gul Nawaz Hospital, succumbed to the novel coronavirus on Wednesday. A statement issued by Provincial Doctors Association Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa said Dr Muhammad Farooq passed away after contracting the virus. Dr Farooq had been on a ventilator at a private hospital in Peshawar for the past few days. The doctors association added that.....

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North Waziristan district registers spike in COVID-19 cases

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2020-12-02

PESHAWAR: Record spike in corona cases has been registered in North Waziristan district during the second wave of infection in the country, says Dr. Zainul Abadeen, Provincial Focal Person for COVID-19. Talking to newsman on Tuesday, Dr. Zainul Abadeen said about 94 cases of corona infection has been reported in the district. Among the infected persons, majority are students, he added. Du.....

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Admin imposes smart lockdown in specific areas

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2020-12-02

PESHAWAR: The district administration has decided to impose smart lockdown in some areas of the provincial metropolis from Tuesday evening owing to a reported surge in coronavirus cases. According to the administration the notification for imposing smart lockdown has been issued for Hayatabad University area, Jamrud Road, Cantt and areas adjacent to Qayyum Stadium. It said during the smart.....

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15 students test COVID-19 positive in Tank

Source: [APP, The News, International](#), 2020-12-02

PESHAWAR: Fifteen students of two government schools in district Tank have been tested positive to coronavirus infection, said a notification issued by DHO office on Tuesday. The notification signed by District Health Officer Tank, Dr. Ihsan Bettani stated that 15 new corona cases have been reported among students by Public Health Lab DI Khan in which 11 cases were reported from Government.....

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Containing coronavirus: BoG vows SOPs observance at Mardan Medical Complex

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2020-12-02

MARDAN: The Board of Governors (BoG) of Medical Teaching Institution (MTI) Mardan on Tuesday resolved that no compromise would be made on observing the standard operating procedures (SOPs) to contain the spread of Covid-19. The BoG Chairman Dr Syed Fazle Hadi chaired the meeting via a video link. The BoG members Tahir Ali Khan, Dr Shahid Khattak, Attaullah Khan Toru and senior journalist R.....

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Up to 13 areas in Peshawar placed under smart lockdown

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

PESHAWAR: The district administration placed 13 areas of the provincial capital under a smart lockdown due to rising cases of coronavirus as another doctor lost life to the viral infection on Wednesday. A notification issued here said the areas included Hayatabad Phase-VI and VII, Park Road, Old Jamrud Road, University Town, Hayatabad Industrial Estate, Wazir Dhand Canal, Gulberg, Stadium and Qay.....

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Punjab

Smart lockdown imposed in 12 areas

Source: [khalid Iqbal](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-01

Rawalpindi: On the direction of Punjab Home Department, the local administration in Rawalpindi on Monday imposed smart lockdown at 12 hotspots areas of coronavirus. The smart lockdown will continue till December 8, 2020. The local administration has issued a notification of smart lockdown at Airport Society, Mirza Colony, Tench Bhatta, Tehmasabad, Satellite Town, New Malpure, 7th Road, Sh.....

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CM Usman Buzdar okays corona test labs for Multan, Rahim Yar Khan

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-01

Chief Minister Usman Buzdar on Monday approved BSL-III (Bio-safety level-3) labs in Multan and Rahim Yar Khan to provide corona tests facilities to people. This was decided in a meeting of the cabinet committee for the eradication of coronavirus, which was chaired by the Chief Minister at CM Office, here. Secretary Primary and Secondary Health briefed about the current corona situation. Th.....

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Another cop tests positive for COVID-19

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-01

LAHORE: Another policeman in Lahore has tested positive for Covid-19. The recent case has been reported in Elite Police Training Centre Bedian Road. The victim has been identified as Nauman of Ali Company. The victim belongs to Sahiwal. Symptoms in his colleagues were also reported. They all have been put into isolation in a hostel. The news has spread panic among the recruits inside the

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12 corona patients die, 524 new cases in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-01

LAHORE: Twelve corona patients died and 524 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours, according to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department on Monday. The toll of fatalities reached 2,991 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of coronavirus reached 119,035 in the province. Out of a total of 119,035 infections in Punjab, as many as 116,255

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PDM holds Multan rally against all odds

Source: [Shakeel Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

• Aseefa makes political debut • Maryam assails 'two selectors' MULTAN: Buoyant over the 'success' of its public meeting here on Monday despite hurdles created by the government, the Pakistan Democratic Movement pledged

to hold a bigger show in Lahore on Dec 13 by mobilising its workers across the country, ahead of its planned march on Islamabad next month to ous.....

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Jatoi bar closed after two judges test positive for coronavirus

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

MUZAFFARGARH: Jatoi Tehsil Bar Council was closed on Monday till Dec 5 after two civil judges serving in the local courts tested positive for the coronavirus. The closure was announced by the bar council president through a notification when corona test results of two civil judges results turned out positive. Bar President Altaf Javed Olakh notified that Jatoi Tehsil Bar Council and courts would.....

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Clinics warn of halting Covid task if 'SOP-related raids' continue

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

FAISALABAD: Doctors have threatened to stop examination of the Covid-19 patients at private clinics and hospitals if the district administration continues with [allegedly] harassing them on the pretext of implementation of SOPs. The office-bearers of the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) in a meeting with its President Soulat Nawaz in the chair criticised the district administration for its fail.....

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70 more areas of Punjab put under smart lockdown

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

LAHORE: The Punjab government has imposed a smart lockdown in nearly 70 areas of Punjab, including 26 of Lahore, following the massive spread of the Covid-19 in the province. A notification was issued late on Sunday by the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department. Following smart lockdown in Lahore, the district and police authorities sealed the Ghouri Block, Umar Block, Shaheen Block,.....

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Record 45 deaths in Punjab in a day

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

LAHORE: At least 45 Covid-19 patients died in Punjab during the last 24 hours, the highest death toll figure in a day so far during the second spike of the pandemic. The same number of Covid deaths was reported in June 2020 when the virus wave was at its peak in Punjab. On June 8, the virus had claimed the lives of 32 patients, on 9th 48 and on June 10 34 people had succumbed to it in Punjab. F.....

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8 deaths, 406 new cases reported from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-02

Rawalpindi : The number of patients tested positive for Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 is relatively low for the last three days as compared to the number of patients being tested positive per day for the disease in the previous week. In the last three days, the number of confirmed patients reported per day from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district was below 500 which

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45 corona patients die

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-02

LAHORE : Around 45 COVID-19 patients died and 543 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours, according to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department on Tuesday. The death toll reached 3,036 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of coronavirus reached 119,578 in the province.

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Covid-19; Punjab reports 45 deaths in 24 hours

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

LAHORE: With surge in fatalities on account of Covid-19, Punjab has reported 45 deaths across the province during the last 24 hours taking the provincial tally of deaths to 3036. Out of 15,356 tests conducted across the province, about 543 fresh cases of coronavirus were reported in the province taking the tally of cases to 119, 578. This showed positivity rate of 3.53%. During the last 24 ho.....

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30 more die of Covid-19 in Punjab

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-03

LAHORE: With increase in the number of fresh corona cases, the positivity rate of Covid-19 has also jumped up; as out of total 15,239 tests conducted across Punjab during the last 24 hours, as many as 778 were tested positive showing positivity rate of 5.1%. With 778 fresh cases, the total number of corona cases has reached to 120,356 while with deaths of 30 more people in the last 24 hours,

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Sindh

'No buffets at marriages'

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

KARACHI: City Commissioner and Administrator Iftikhar Shallwani on Monday said that the owners and operators of marriage halls were not given any permission to serve buffet or food at tables. "The guests at marriage and other functions can only be served with food boxes", he further clarified. The commissioner, who held a meeting with the office bearers of the Marriage Hall Owners As.....

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11 Covid-19 deaths reported

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

KARACHI: Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Monday said that 11 more patients died overnight and 1,336 new cases emerged when 13,169 tests were conducted raising the tally to 174,350. In a statement issued here from CM House on Monday, he said that so far 1,984,764 tests had been conducted against which 174,350 cases were detected, of them 88 per cent or 152,559 patients recovered, including 1.....

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Low-cost portable ventilator made by AKU to undergo trial

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

KARACHI: Aga Khan University will launch a clinical trial of a portable and low-cost ventilator manufactured to make lifesaving treatment such as assisted 'breathing' available to patients before they reach hospital. Ventilators are currently only available in hospitals even though most patients with critical breathing problems need earlier access to breathing assistance. AKU's.....

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ovid-19 spike: SHC bans entry of irrelevant people in courtroom

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Tuesday slapped a ban on the entrance of irrelevant people in the court premises as part of precautionary measures against the novel coronavirus pandemic. According to the administration of the

SHC, irrelevant people and lawyers have been directed not to enter the court premises without any cogent reason. Staff and lawyers scheduled for hearings can only appear be.....

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Sindh sees highest single-day death toll in a month

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-02

As many as 27 coronavirus-related deaths were reported in Sindh on Tuesday - the highest in a single day over the past one month, said a statement issued by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on the day. While the province saw its cumulative Covid-19 death toll climb to 2,962, another 1,291 persons tested positive for the coronavirus in Sindh, he said. Hence, the province's virus tally

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With 27 more dying of Covid-19, Sindh reports highest number of single-day deaths since June

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-02

Since June 2020, Sindh has reported the highest number of deaths from Covid-19 as 27 coronavirus patients have passed away in a day. The province's death toll from the novel coronavirus had reached 2,962, said the Sindh chief minister on Tuesday. Syed Murad Ali Shah said another 1,292 coronavirus cases had surfaced in the province when 9,752 samples were tested in a day, which meant.....

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Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah tests negative for Covid-19

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

KARACHI: After remaining in isolation for 17 days, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali on Wednesday tested negative for coronavirus infection. The Sindh CM took to Twitter to make the announcement to this effect. He thanked God and also expressed gratitude to people for inquiring about his health during the time he remained in isolation. Murad had tested positive for coronavirus on November 16. A.....

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Covid-19 claims 6 more lives, infects 1,983 in Sindh

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-03

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that six more patients of COVID-19 died lifting the death toll to 2,968 and 1,983 new cases emerged when 14,078 samples were tested raising the tally to 177,652. In a statement issued here from CM House on Wednesday, he said that six more patients lost their lives lifting the death toll to 2,968 that constituted 1.7 percent. The CM sa.....

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International News

Countries News

Glimmers of hope for world economy, but dangers lurk

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

Paris vendors broke out in applause in the flagship Galeries Lafayette department store in Paris as eager shoppers returned for the first time in a month, after yet another virus lockdown. The reopening won't be enough to make up for sales lost during the pandemic – but reflects the glimmer of hope that forecasters are starting to see in the global economy. The Organization for Economic

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Asian factories recover further from COVID-19 crisis in November as China booms

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

Asian factories recovered further in November from the COVID-19 crisis, surveys showed on Tuesday, thanks to a boom in economic powerhouse China which has enabled the region to withstand the pandemic better than many of its peers. China's factory activity accelerated at the fastest pace in a decade in November, a private sector survey showed, a sign the world's second-largest e.....

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Japan corporate capex, profits sag as COVID impact bites

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

Japanese companies cut spending on plant and equipment in July-September for a second straight quarter as the coronavirus hit private sector demand, keeping policymakers under pressure to deploy large stimulus to respond to the pandemic. Weakening capital spending is likely to worry the government, which is counting on private demand to help the world's third-largest economy recover from th.....

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China factory activity sees fastest growth in decade: survey

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-02

Activity in China's factories expanded at its fastest pace in a decade last month, data showed Tuesday, the latest sign that the world's number two economy is well on track to recovery from the coronavirus. The purchasing managers index released by Chinese media group Caixin came just a day after official PMI figures showed growth at its fastest in more than three years. PMIs

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China's smart classroom plan hailed in Pakistan amid Covid-19

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2020-12-03

China's smart classroom was acclaimed in Pakistan amid rising Covid-19 cases, Gwadar Pro reported on Wednesday. "China's smart classroom has improved our learning efficiency and enriched our learning methods and contents amid the pandemic," noted Pakistani student Khan, expressing gratitude to the state-of-the-art facility. With academic backing from Southern University.....

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In historic first, UK to introduce corona vaccine next week

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

LONDON: Britain on Wednesday became the first country to approve a Covid-19 vaccine for general use, announcing a rollout of Pfizer-BioNTech's jab from next week in a historic advance for humanity's fightback against the

coronavirus. "It's the protection of vaccines that will ultimately allow us to reclaim our lives and get the economy moving again," Prime Minis.....

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Over 2,500 viral deaths in US in 24 hours alarming: Johns Hopkins

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

WASHINGTON: The United States, the country hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic and in the throes of a surge in cases, on Tuesday registered more than 2,500 deaths in a 24-hour period, the highest total since late April, Johns Hopkins University said. More than 180,000 new infections were recorded, according to real-time data provided by the Baltimore-based university at 8:30 pm (0130 GMT Wedn.....

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Hopes rise for vaccines before Xmas

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

WASHINGTON: Hopes for a first wave of vaccinations before the end of this year received a boost with US firm Moderna saying on Monday it was filing for emergency authorisation of its Covid-19 vaccine in the United States and Europe. After top US scientists warned Americans to brace for a "surge superimposed on the surge", Moderna reported full results had confirmed a high efficacy est.....

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Pandemic pushes AIDS response further off track: UN

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-01

ISLAMABAD: As Covid-19 pushes the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) response even further off track and the 2020 targets are missed, United Nations (UNAIDS) is urging countries to learn from the lessons of under-investing in health and to step up global action to end the deadly disease and other pandemics. This year, the United Nations has selected "Global Solidarity, Shared Respons.....

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Structural reforms must to curb gender-based violence

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2020-12-03

ISLAMABAD: Violence against women is a global phenomenon that needs to be responded with full force and unity, however, structural reforms in the system are needed in societies like Pakistan to deal with this menace. This was shared during a webinar on 'Violence against Women and Girls in Pakistan: How to address this shadow pandemic amid Covid-19 and beyond'. The webinar had been or.....

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'Violence against women needs to be responded everywhere'

Source: [Rasheed Khalid, The News, International](#), 2020-12-03

Islamabad : Speakers at a webinar 'Violence against Women in Pakistan, a Shadow Pandemic: Responsibilities of State amid Covid-19 and Beyond' were of the view that violence against women is a global phenomenon that needs to be responded to everywhere. However, lack of implementation of relevant laws is a matter of serious concern in societies like Pakistan and structural reforms, there.....

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