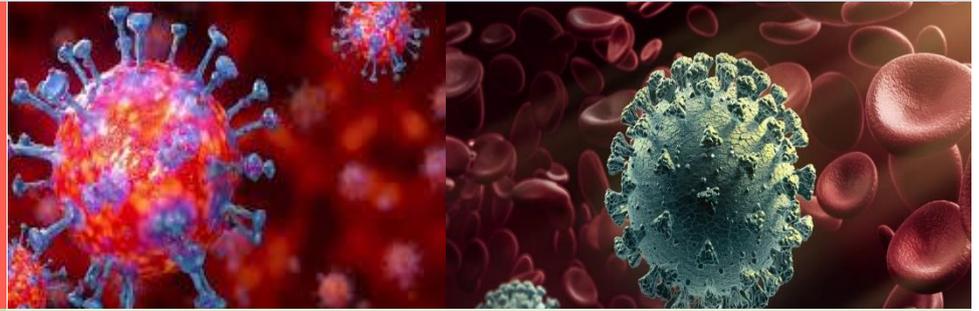


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Preventing the 'inequality virus'

Source: [Mustafa Talpur, The News, International](#), 2021-02-06

Nearly ten months since the World Health Organization declared Covid-19 a pandemic, the coronavirus has been massively impacting health and economic systems across the world. It is further deepening the divide between the super-rich and the poor with the second wave. The pandemic is exposing vividly the fault lines and myths of our societies, otherwise veiled in the fallacies of capitalism.[more >>](#)

Vaccine Passport

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

Even states have started feeling frustrated due to various restrictions that -19 has imposed on the world. As more and more vaccines are getting approved, the governments hope to achieve normalcy soon. Simultaneously, the demands to lift travel restrictions for those vaccinated against the virus are also growing. Hence, "vaccine passport" is the new buzz word. The term has entered the[more >>](#)

Start of the vaccination drive

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

Rollout of the covid-19 vaccination commenced in this country with a special event at the PM's House. As Prime Minister Imran Khan and some others looked on, a critical care specialist at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr Rana Imran Sikandar, received the first jab. The next day the National Command and Operation Centre launched the first phase of a countrywide immunization campaign.....[more >>](#)

Data points

Source: [News Desk, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

The burden of state-owned enterprises There are 204 state-owned enterprises (SOE) in Pakistan. In 2016-17, their cumulative loss exceeded their cumulative profit with 77 makes a loss of Rs453bn while 99 were making a profit of Rs262bn. The Oil and Gas Company Limited and the National Highway Authority were the top profit- and loss-making entities respectively. At a cost of employing approximately.....[more >>](#)

Covid-19's impact on income inequality

Source: [Afshan Subohi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

Pakistan has proven to be unique. She managed to escape the catastrophe and succeeded in orchestrating the economic recovery quicker and at a pace faster than others despite all odds. A closer look, however, unveils some disturbing facts that bring into questions the sustainability and fairness of the recovery process. Currently, it seems the coronavirus infection and morbidity are as common in t.....[more >>](#)

A tech hub with cheap laptops?

Source: [Mutaher Khan, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

Every other day, there is a statement from someone in the government on Pakistan's potential in the tech sector and how that can be harnessed. One of the favourite talking points within that ambit is tapping into the huge network of freelancers in the country and earning some good foreign exchange. While a singular focus on promoting the gig economy instead of taking concrete steps to boost.....[more >>](#)

Confusing Coronavirus Cautions

Source: EDITORIAL, [Daily Times](#), 2021-02-07

No matter how adamant our pandemic denial may be, the threat posed by COVID-19 is here to stay. The government is gearing up again to introduce tightened restrictions (known to be coming our way for quite some time now). If Pakistan is lucky enough to get a widespread distribution and acceptance of an effective vaccine—a miracle indeed in the light of recent anti-vax comments by our health m.....

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Refusing Vaccination

Source: Editorial, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

Frontline workers in KP recently refused to get vaccinated against Covid-19 which prompted government officials to look towards second line workers that face exposure to the virus as well. This is not a new phenomenon in Pakistan as vaccines for epidemics have always been looked at suspiciously—leaving a significant portion of society vulnerable to the ailments caused by the virus. One would.....

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China's post-corona e-revolution

Source: Yasir Habib Khan, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

Despite the market shakeups in the pre and post pandemic ridden world, China rises as the global leader in the rapid development of the 'Online World'—breaking the new ground of a resilient digital ecosystem. For many others, Covid-19 is a nightmare that shredded trillions of dollars from world economies and jeopardised people's quality of life across the planet. In Ch.....

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COVID-19 and the post-vaccination scenario

Source: Dr. Zareen Fatima, Dr. Khalid Munir and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Muneer, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome virus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) continues to affect the human population across the globe. It has spread to almost all the countries of the world. The pandemic has not only disrupted public health but also the global economy and social order. Many are struggling hard to control this highly infectious disease, which has already infected more than 98 million people and caused

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Islamabad

Pfizer, AstraZeneca corona vaccines to be used for elderly

Source: [Geo TV](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-06

February 6, 2021 Home Today's Paper Top Story Pfizer, AstraZeneca corona vaccines to be used for elderly ISLAMABAD: Pakistan plans to administer Pfizer-BioNTech and AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccines to its elderly population, a health.....[more >>](#)

UNICEF hands over 220 oxygen concentrators

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-06

Islamabad : The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) handed over 220 oxygen concentrators worth \$331,000 to the Ministry of National Health Services here on Friday. The oxygen concentrators have been shipped to seven major cities including Islamabad for installation in public health facilities. The oxygen concentrators have been procured through support from the Asian Development[more >>](#)

ICT reports 79 new coronavirus cases

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

ISLAMABAD: The novel coronavirus (Covid-19) cases continue to surge in the federal capital as 79 new patients were reported during the last 24 hours, a National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) spokesperson shared on Friday. As many as 94 cases were reported on Thursday while 68 cases were reported on Wednesday, the official reported. He said that so far 41,734 cases were reported in the city.....[more >>](#)

Automation of USC; Utilization of Rs2.3bn Covid funds opposed

Source: [Mushtaq Ghuman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

ISLAMABAD: Finance Secretary Kamran Ali Afzal has reportedly opposed utilization of Rs 2.3 billion Covid funds on automation of the Utility Stores Corporation (USC), fearing it will invite audit objections, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. The Finance Secretary gave his stance at a recent meeting of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet, when a summary of Ministry

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; Covid-19; 1,302 new cases, 53 new deaths reported

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

ISLAMABAD: At least 53 people lost their lives due to the novel coronavirus infection while 1,302 fresh cases have reported in last 24 hours, National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) said Friday. According to the latest figures, the death toll has surged to 11,886 while the number of confirmed cases stands at 551,842. As of Friday, the total count of active cases is 32,454. The national p.....

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COVID-19 claims 53 lives, infects 1,302 more people

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

ISLAMABAD - The national tally on Friday of total active COVID-19 cases recorded 32,454 with 1,302 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,684 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. 53 corona patients have died during past 24 hours, 46 were under treatment in hospital and seven in their respective homes or quarantines died on Thursday, according to the late.....

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Health ministry receives over 200 oxygen concentrators for treatment of COVID-19 patients

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

ISLAMABAD-Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination on Friday received over 200 oxygen concentrators for treatment of patients suffering from coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. A statement released by the Ministry of Health said that procured through support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), 220 oxygen concentrators worth \$331,000 were handed over by the United Nat.....

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Covid-19: Fiscal deficit shoots up to 8.6pc of GDP

Source: [Mehtab Haider, The News, International](#), 2021-02-07

ISLAMABAD: The government has admitted in its fiscal policy statement before Parliament that it breached its envisaged target under Fiscal Responsibility and Debt Limitation Act 2005 for reducing fiscal deficit and maintaining total public debt within prudent limits. In its report submitted before Parliament in its recent session, the Ministry of Finance stated that the federal fiscal defi.....

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CDA starts COVID-19 vaccination

Source: [Muhammad Anis, The News, International](#), 2021-02-07

Islamabad : The Capital Development Authority (CDA) on Saturday started vaccination of health care staff of the authority against COVID-19. The vaccination process was being carried out at the CDA Hospital and in the first phase, the hospital staff and employees of the Directorate of Health Services are being vaccinated. The second phase of vaccination of the same employees would be condu.....

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UN's Covax Facility;Pakistan to receive 17.2m doses of vaccine in H12021: IMF

Source: [Tahir Amin, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

ISLAMABAD: The UN's Covax Facility, aimed at covering priority groups - around 20 percent of the population, has confirmed that Pakistan will receive 17.2 million doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine in the first half of 2021, including six to seven million doses by March 2021. This has been stated by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its updated report, "Policy Actions T.....

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Vaccination of healthcare workers in capital against Covid-19 struggling to pick up pace

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

ISLAMABAD - The vaccination of healthcare workers in the capital against novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is struggling to pick up the pace as in the first three days, 17 healthcare workers have been vaccinated, The Nation learnt on Saturday. Meanwhile, the District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. Zaeem Zia informed The Nation that 34 Healthcare Workers (HCWs) have been vaccinated so far and the number

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Pakistan reports 1,286 new corona cases, 28 deaths

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Saturday morning reported 1,286 new coronavirus cases, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 553,128. Meanwhile, the country's death toll has climbed to 11,914 after 28 more people succumbed to the deadly disease. As many as 1,198 patients recovered from the deadly disease in a day, taking the total recoveries to 508,700. According to officials, seven more Covid.....

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PIMA stresses integrated, systematic system for corona vaccine use

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

ISLAMABAD-The Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) has stressed for an integrated and systematic system for corona vaccine use, saying that national harmony should be demonstrated beyond politics, regionalism and self-interest. In a press release, it took note that stages of government procurement of the vaccine, booking and delivery appeared to be slow. According to the organisation,.....

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134 COVID-19 cases, another day without death

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-08

Rawalpindi : In the last 24 hours, a significantly higher number of patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district though the virus has claimed no life from the twin cities on the second consecutive day and it happened only for the sixth time on Sunday after October 18 last year that a day has passed without reporting a.....

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Sindh govt vaccinating VIPs instead of healthcare workers: Umar

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

ISLAMABAD: As the first phase of inoculation of frontline healthcare workers against Covid-19 continues, Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar on Sunday alleged that the vaccine was being administered to VIPs in Sindh. He claimed that in the Centre, the vaccine had not even been given to Prime Minister Imran Khan, federal ministers or their families.

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China donates Covid-19 vaccine for Pakistan's armed forces

Source: [Naveed Siddiqui](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

China has donated Covid-19 vaccines for Pakistan's armed forces, a statement by the military's media affairs wing said on Monday. In a statement, Inter-Services Public Relations Director General Maj Gen Babar Iftikhar said that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) had donated vaccines, making Pakistan's military the first foreign military to receive vaccine assistance from Beijing.

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Russian vaccine gets emergency use authorisation

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

ISLAMABAD: While 1,286 more people tested positive for Covid-19 in a single day on Saturday, the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Drap) issued an Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) to Russian Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V. After the Drap's EUA, now both the government and the private sector can procure three medicines i.e. British vaccine Oxford AstraZeneca, Chinese vaccine Sinopharm and

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Unicef hands over 220 oxygen concentrators to Pakistan

Source: [Amin Ahmed](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) has handed over 220 oxygen concentrators to the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination for treating patients suffering from coronavirus, birth asphyxia and complicated pneumonia. Funded by the Asian Development Bank to the tune of \$331,000, the life-saving device oxygen concentrators h.....

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DRAP to hold training on reporting of Covid-19 vaccine adverse events

Source: [News Desk, Daily Times](#), 2021-02-08

Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan's (DRAP) Pakistan National Pharmacovigilance Centre (PNPC) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) have planned to arrange a day-long training on 'reporting of Covid-19 vaccine adverse events' here on Monday. This training session is being arranged for capacity building of focal persons on adverse events following Corona va.....

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China donates Covid-19 vaccines to Pakistan Army

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

ISLAMABAD: China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) donated Covid-19 vaccines on Monday to Pakistan's armed forces, according to a statement released by the Inter-Services Public Relations Director General (DG ISPR). This is the first such donation made by the PLA to a foreign military service, the statement read. However, the DG ISPR announced that "keeping with the Pakistan.....

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Sindh govt informed; Vaccines only administered to healthcare workers

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar who is supervising the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC), Sunday said that the Sindh government has been told to ensure that the coronavirus vaccines are only administered to healthcare workers after complaints received from the province. "A complaint was received that the coronavirus vaccines ar.....

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52 more die of Covid-19 across country

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan reported a total of 52 Covid-19 related deaths and 1,346 new positive cases on Sunday. According to the data released by the National Command and Operation Centre on Sunday, out of 53 deaths during the last 24 hours, 44 died in hospital and nine other died out of hospital on February 06 with most deaths reported in Punjab followed by Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The

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53 more deaths, 1,346 corona cases reported in country

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

ISLAMABAD - As many as 53 more deaths due to the coronavirus infection and 1,346 new positive cases were reported in the country during the last 24 hours. According to the official figures, the death toll due to the pandemic has now reached 11,967 and there are 32,265 active cases in the country while, 36,954 tests were conducted during the last 24 hours. According to the National Command an.....

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Toll reaches 45 as another doctor dies of Covid in K-P

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

PESHAWAR: Another doctor in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) succumbed to coronavirus on Sunday, raising the death toll of doctors to have died in the province from the virus to 45. According to a statement released by the Provincial Doctors Association, Dr Anila Naseer died at the MH Hospital several days after being placed on a ventilator. Dr Anila was a specialised gynaecologist and worked for several years.....

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Woman doctor dies of Covid-19

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-08

MANSEHRA: Another woman doctor died of coronavirus here on Sunday. Dr Anila, wife of Dr Naseer, a medical specialist at Ayub Medical Complex Hospital Abbottabad, was hospitalised at a hospital in Rawalpindi following contracting the Covid-19 last week where she passed away. Her body was shifted to her residence at the Ghazikot Township from Rawalpindi. A large number of doctors and people

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Lady doctor dies of coronavirus

Source: [Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

MANSEHRA: A lady doctor belonging to Mansehra died of novel coronavirus on Sunday. Dr Anila was hospitalised at a hospital in Rawalpindi after contracting coronavirus last week where she died on Sunday. She was the wife of Dr Naseer, a medical specialist at Ayub Medical Complex Hospital, Abbottabad. The body was shifted from Rawalpindi to her residence here at Ghazikot Township. The funeral prayer.....

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KP sees poor response to Covid vaccination

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

PESHAWAR: After witnessing a poor response of the registered frontline health workers to vaccination against novel coronavirus, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to approach the National Command and Operation Centre for permission to administer the vaccine to the willing second-line health providers of hospitals. On Monday, the health department had established 16 centres to administer.....

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Lady doctor succumbs to Covid-19

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

PESHAWAR - A lady doctor from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa succumbed to coronavirus infection on Sunday taking the tally of doctors' death to 45 in the province due to Covid-19 the pandemic. According to Provincial Doctors' Association Dr Anila Naseer wife of Chairman Medicine Department Ayub Teaching Hospital Dr Nasir Ahmad died of coronavirus. She was a retired Gynecologist and was serving in a.....

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Punjab

2 COVID-19 deaths, 92 cases

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#) , 2021-02-06

Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 claimed another two lives from Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours taking the death toll from the district to 602 though no COVID-19 death was reported from Islamabad Capital Territory from where as many as 478 patients have so far lost their lives due to the disease. Data collected by 'The News' has revealed that 92 new patients have be.....

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19 more die from corona in Punjab

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#) , 2021-02-06

LAHORE:Around 19 patients died from COVID-19 and 394 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) on Friday, the death toll reached 4,840, while confirmed cases became 159,705 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 11,492 tests have been cond.....

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Corona claims three more lives at Nishtar Hospital

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-02-06

MULTAN - Another three patients fell prey to coronavirus at Nishtar Hospital within last 24 hours. According to Nishtar hospital spokesperson, (57) Muhammad Idrees hailing from Multan, (28) Shazia Bibi from Bhakkar and (80) Bismillah from Multan passed away at ICU of Nishtar hospital. 37 patients were positive and 44 were suspected while 41 were tested negative, which were admitted at Nishtar hos.....

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Vaccination drive kicks off in Faisalabad

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-02-06

FAISALABAD - The health department began vaccinating the front line health warriors against coronavirus disease in the district. A spokesperson of district administration said that nine centers were set up at government hospitals in the district where 50 doctors and paramedics would be vaccinated daily. District Health Officer Dr. Atta-ul-Monum started administering COVID-19 vaccine to doctors a.....

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No COVID-19 death from twin cities, 92 cases

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#) , 2021-02-07

Rawalpindi : No death due to coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has been reported from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours though 92 new patients have been reported from the region taking tally to 54,420. It is important that the virus has already claimed as many as 1,080 lives from the region. Data collected by 'The News' on Saturday has reveale.....

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DC visits bus stand to check COVID SOPs

Source: [APP, The News, International](#) , 2021-02-07

LAHORE : Deputy Commissioner Mudassar Riaz Malik on Saturday visited General Bus Stand at Badami Bagh to check implementation of the coronavirus related standard operating procedures (SOPs) and cleanliness

arrangements. City Assistant Commissioner Faizan Ahmed, bus stand administrator and other officers were also present. The DC directed the authorities concerned to take effective measures.....

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COVID claims 14 more lives

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-07

LAHORE : As many as 14 patients died of COVID-19 and another 457 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) on Saturday, the toll of fatalities was raised to 4,854 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of coronavirus reached 160,162 in the province. As per the spokesperson of Corona Mon.....

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5 more coronavirus cases surface in Attock Share:

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

ATTOCK - As many as five new coronavirus patients were tested positive in Attock district while number of total confirmed patients surged to 1231 on Saturday, according to the data released by district health authorities. Chief executive, district health authority Dr Jawad Ellahi while giving the details has said that all the new cases detected on Saturday belongs to Attock city. He informed

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14 deaths, 457 new cases of COVID-19 in Punjab

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

LAHORE - The pandemic novel Coronavirus claimed another 14 precious lives whereas 457 new cases were reported on Saturday in the province which turned the death toll to 4,854. According to the data shared by the spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (PP&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 160,162. The PP&SHD confirmed that 2.....

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24 shops sealed for SOPs breach

Source: [APP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-08

LAHORE: The city district administration sealed 24 shops, stores, marriage halls and imposed Rs40,000 fine for violation of coronavirus related SOPs here Sunday. According to spokesperson for the district administration, Assistant Commissioner Cantt Zoha Shakir sealed 12 shops, two restaurants and a marriage hall in the Cantt area besides imposing Rs20,000 fine for overcharging and Rs10,000 for SOPs.....

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Corona claims 26 more lives

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-08

LAHORE: Around 26 patients died from COVID-19 and 418 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to report issued by P&SHD on Sunday, the death toll reached 4,880, while confirmed cases

reached 160,580 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 12,167 tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours.

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Covid jab mandatory for Hajj pilgrims

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

LAHORE: The administration of Covid-19 shots has been made mandatory for the pilgrims intending to perform Hajj, sources said. An estimated 200,000 people from Pakistan will go for the religious obligation this year. They need to be administered the Covid-19 dose before their departure to Saudi Arabia. Sources said that pilgrims going for Hajj from all over the world will be vaccinated against corona.....

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Pindi district sees slight increase in Covid-19 cases

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

RAWALPINDI: There was a slight increase in Covid-19 patients on Sunday compared to the previous day as 21 patients tested positive for the deadly virus in the district. However, no casualty was reported in the last two days. On the other hand, frontline health workers of District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital will be administered the anti-Covid-19 vaccination. A total of 48 doctors, nurses and para.....

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Positive cases fall to single digit after 11 months in Pindi district

Source: [Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

RAWALPINDI: After 11 months, the number of Covid-19 patients in the district fell to single digit as only seven people contracted the deadly virus on Saturday. In another development, inoculation of frontline workers of Holy Family Hospital (HFH) has started with 32 doctors, nurses and paramedical staff getting vaccinated. According to a senior doctor, 1,590 doctors, nurses and paramedical staff.....

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24 shops sealed over SOPs violation

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

LAHORE - The city district administration sealed 24 shops, stores, marriage halls and imposed Rs 40,000 fine for violation of coronavirus related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) here on Sunday. According to spokesperson of the district administration, Assistant Commissioner Cantt Zoha Shakir sealed 12 shops, two restaurants and a marriage hall in Cantt area besides imposing Rs 20,000 fine for.....

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Coronavirus claims 26 more lives, 418 new cases in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

LAHORE - The death toll due to coronavirus rose to 4,880 in Punjab after the registration of 26 more deaths while 418 new cases were reported in the province during the last 24 hours. According to the data shared by spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 160,580 while the recoveries are 147,115.....

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Sindh

Mild side effects of Covid-19 vaccines are normal: experts

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-06

KARACHI: Certain reactions after a vaccination, redness, swelling or pain around the injection site are normal. Fatigue, fever, headache and aching limbs are also not uncommon in the first three days after vaccination, Germany news agency DW reports. These normal vaccine reactions are usually mild and subside after a few days. They show that the vaccine is working. Accordingly, such typical vacci.....

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Seven fall victim to Covid-19, 545 more test positive in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-06

Covid-19 claimed seven more lives in Sindh during the last 24 hours, bringing the death toll to 4,066 and constituting a 1.6 mortality rate in the province. As many as 545 new cases emerged when 9,981 tests were conducted, said Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in his daily Covid-19 situation report on Friday. So far 2,778,294 tests have been conducted in Sindh, and 250,042 people have tested po.....

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'Herd immunity against Covid-19 may not be achieved without vaccinating children'

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-06

Leading infectious diseases' experts and vaccinologists have warned that herd immunity against the coronavirus cannot be achieved globally without vaccinating children, arguing that vaccinating the adults may prevent morality, but the transmissibility of the virus would continue in the unvaccinated populations, especially children. They said studies to vaccinate children are underway althou.....

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Covid claims seven more lives in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

The pandemic claimed seven more lives in Sindh lifting the provincial death toll to 4,066 while another 545 coronavirus cases were detected on Friday. According to a statement issued from the Chief Minister's House, the total tally of coronavirus cases in Sindh stood at 250,042 on the day. Of these, 226,752 persons have recovered from the contagion including 338 between Thursday and Friday. Si.....

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'Mental health issues on the rise during pandemic'

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

KARACHI: The pandemic has disrupted critical mental health services in 93 per cent of countries according to a new survey by the World Health Organisation, said Ziauddin University Professor Rubina Hussain on Monday in Karachi while addressing an online seminar organised by the varsity on the impact of Covid-19 on mental health. Joining in the webinar from London, Dr Afzal Siddiqui discussed how e.....

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COVID-19 claims seven more lives, infects 545 others, says CM

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

KARACHI - As many as seven more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 4,066 and 545 new cases emerged when 9,981 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Friday. He added that seven more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 4,066 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate.....

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KSRelief Centre supports infection, prevention, control programme in Sindh

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

LARKANA -A HIV outbreak in Larkana, Sindh province, Pakistan, in April 2019 resulted in 803 people contracting HIV viral disease, as reported in June 2019. The outbreak investigation conducted by WHO and international partners showed that the outbreak was the result of poor infection, prevention control measures, risky injection practices and inadequate waste management. With the generous sup.....

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'Pakistan to get second consignment of Chinese vaccine tomorrow'

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-07

The second consignment of China's Sinopharm vaccine comprising half a million doses is expected to arrive in Pakistan on Monday night through a special flight of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force, Pakistani and Chinese officials said on Saturday. "China is donating a second consignment of the Sinopharm vaccine to Pakistan, which will reach Islamabad on Monday,

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Coronavirus kills 21 more, infects 605 others in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-07

Covid-19 has claimed 21 more lives in Sindh during last 24 hours, raising the death toll due to the viral disease in the province to 4,087. In the meantime, 616 patients remained under treatment at various health facilities in the province, of whom 565 were said to be in a critical state and 71 of them were put onto life support. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Satu.....

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Covid-19 pandemic; Employees, senior executives face mental health problems: study

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

KARACHI: A comprehensive study on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the workforce has revealed that during the COVID-19 pandemic, homes working workers and chief executives suffered from mental health problems. The study was conducted by the global technology company Oracle and the workplace intelligence firm "Workplace Intelligence". More than 12,000 employees, managers, HR.....

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21 more COVID-19 patients die in Sindh

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

KARACHI - Twenty-one more patients of coronavirus died in Sindh province overnight, raising the death toll to 4,087 while 605 new cases emerged when 12,570 tests were conducted. The 21 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 4,087 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate while 12,570 samples were tested which detected 605 cases that constituted 4.8 percent current

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Covid-19 claims 32 lives overnight in Sindh

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

KARACHI: As many as 32 patients of coronavirus died overnight and 399 new cases emerged when 9,136 tests were conducted. This was stated by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Sunday. He said that the death of 32 more patients of Covid-19 during the past 24 hours lifted the death toll to 4,119 constituting 1.6 per cent death rate. Mr Shah said that 9,136 samples were.....

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Karachi health officer suspended after PML-N leader's daughter, son-in-law vaccinated out of turn

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-07

An officer of the District Health Office in Karachi's East district was suspended on Sunday for allegedly violating the standard operating procedures to facilitate the vaccination against Covid-19 of PML-N leader Mohammad Zubair's daughter and son-in-law. The Covid-19 vaccination campaign was launched in Karachi last week, and as per government guidelines, the first phase of the drive was s.....

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Sindh administers Covid vaccine shots to over 7000 frontline workers

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

KARACHI - Sindh has administered corona vaccine to overall 7000 frontline workers so far as inoculation drive continues across the province. According to the health department figures, during the vaccination drive for the frontline health workers, 912 anti-viral vaccine shots administered at Karachi's Khaliq Dina Hall vaccination center, 329 health workers received jabs at Jinnah Hospit.....

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Over 70 policemen contract COVID-19 in four days

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

KARACHI - With 78 new cases reported in last four days, around 5887 personnel and officers of Sindh Police had contracted coronavirus so far, informed spokesman to Sindh Police on Sunday. He told that currently 514 officers and personnel were under treatment while 5349 had recovered from the disease. The spokesman said that 24 policemen lost their lives while battling against COVID-19. He said, all.....

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Pfizer withdraws application for emergency use of Covid-19 vaccine in India

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

NEW DELHI: Pfizer Inc has withdrawn an application for emergency-use authorization of its COVID-19 vaccine in India that it has developed with Germany's BioNTech, the company told Reuters on Friday. The US company, which was the first drugmaker to apply for emergency use authorization of its COVID-19 vaccine in India, had a meeting with the country's drugs regulator on Wednesday and t.....

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Study shows AstraZeneca COVID-19 jab not very useful against South African strain

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-02-08

LONDON: The Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is not so effective in fighting against mild and moderate cases of the South African coronavirus strain, according to research reported in the Financial Times. But in its study, due to be published Monday, the pharma group said it could still have an effect on severe disease -- although there is not yet enough data to make a definitive judgement. None.....

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India seeks to rival China with vaccine diplomacy

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

NEW DELHI: India has approved the shipment of Covid-19 vaccine to Cambodia and plans to supply Mongolia and Pacific Island states, officials said on Sunday, as supplies arrived in Afghanistan — all part of the country's widening vaccine diplomacy. Seeking to steal a march over rival Asian giant China, which has also promised to deliver shots, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's gover.....

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China approves second domestic Covid-19 vaccine

Source: [Reuters](#) | [AFP](#), [Dawn](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-02-06

Sinovac Biotech said on Saturday that its unit's Covid-19 vaccine has been approved for use by the general public by China's medical products regulator. It marks the second vaccine approved for public use in China, after one developed by a Beijing institute affiliated with state-owned China National Pharmaceutical Group (Sinopharm) was approved in December. Both vaccines, as well as a th.....

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Pakistan Army first foreign military to receive Chinese COVID-19 vaccine

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation](#), [Islamabad](#), 2021-02-08

BEIJING - The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has delivered a batch of COVID-19 vaccine to the Pakistani military, according to a written statement by China's Ministry of National Defense here on Sunday. The statement said that the Pakistani military was the first foreign military to receive the COVID-19 vaccine from the Chinese military. China's Central Military Commissio.....

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