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<td>What should you do in case you suffer from Covid-19? You will find loads of misinformation regarding this circulating on the internet. After recovery from the disease, people — as an act of welfare — share the diet and medications they had taken to manage their illness, on social media. Most don't have any background in biological or medical sciences, but have thousands of follower......more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Islamabad: Every year on 8 March International Women’s Day is celebrated to renew the global commitment to empower women and uphold their rights safeguarded in a number of conventions and covenants. In 2021 8th March is being celebrated under the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic and very aptly the theme is “Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a Covid-19 world”. It r......more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>What is the biggest public health emergency in the world today? Unless you have been living under a rock for the last year, it is of course the Covid-19 pandemic with about two million deaths in 2020 alone. What if there was another global ‘pandemic’ which was causing four times the number of casualties yearly compared to Covid? Yes, it exists and it is the biggest public health issue ......more &gt;&gt;</td>
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<td>Pakistan is now seeing the beginning of the third wave of Covid-19 with the number of new cases trending upwards. While the government is taking measures to control the spread of virus, the question remains: how can Covid spread in informal settlements or slums be prevented from triggering wider shocks? Slums and informal settlements are emerging as hotspots for Covid-19 in major cities of Punjab.....more &gt;&gt;</td>
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‘Protect the community’: Asian-Americans organise against hate
Source: Tori Otten and Susana Mendoza, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-14
As the Covid-19 pandemic ravaged America, Esther Lim grew more worried by the day for her parents’ welfare and her own — not just for their health, but their safety in the face of rising attacks against Asian-Americans. When her friend was hurt in a hit-and-run accident — in what she firmly believes was a hate attack — she decided to take action. “I wanted t....

Multilingual Campaign
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-14
With the aim to encourage equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, the UN just launched its first ever campaign in Urdu, among nine other languages as well. It is comforting to see such efforts of international organisations as they work to uplift and incorporate countries like Pakistan in the global fight against the pandemic. However, this does not entail that we take a step back under ..... 

Reluctance to test
Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-03-14
THE increasing number of Covid-19 cases in Punjab tell a worrying story about the trajectory of the virus. With 36 deaths and nearly 1,000 new cases reported in just 24 hours in the province, it is clear the third wave has very much arrived. Authorities, too, have taken notice of the rise in cases and the province has banned wedding ceremonies, sports activities and public meetings in cities where..... 

High Covid Numbers
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
Just when the country starts to open up and lift restrictions, the covid positivity rate rises to concerning levels again. The recent covid positivity rate is a cause for alarm—it shot up to between 5 and 6 percent in the last few days. This is a high rate paralleling the range of earlier pandemic days in the summer. This has worried the government as well—luckily it has recognise..... 

Violence against doctors
Source: EDITORIAL, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
IT is an unfortunate reality in Pakistan that doctors and other health professionals often have to face the wrath of angry attendants in case of death or injury to a patient. A number of such ugly incidents have been reported from Sindh recently, prompting medical professionals to call for the highest offices in the country to intervene and protect them from such violence. Addressing a press confe..... 

The silver lining
Source: Neda Mulji, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
THE old adage ‘every dark cloud’ carries a special relevance in pandemic societies where people have shown unprecedented survival skills, resilience and even growth. Teachers have kept students afloat by engaging them through various learning channels, parents have found remarkable ways of factoring in physical activity in lockdown. Schedules have been disrupted and jobs have been lost.....
## National News

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MIRPUR (AJK): The prevailing post-corona virus regime has badly affected the masses and brought multiple problems directly and indirectly in various parts of Azad Jammu Kashmir. The deadly pandemic outbreak in the liberated territory including the most busiest lake district of Mirpur, the ancestral abode of over a million of the UK-based Kashmiri expatriates. The pandemic is not only hit.....

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### Gilgit Baltistan

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<td>Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad</td>
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GILGIT: Gilgit-Baltistan Supreme Appellate Court on Saturday ordered that 50 per cent fee of the students of private schools would be paid by the school administration, 30 per cent by students and 20 per cent would be paid by the government for the period during which private schools remained closed due to Covid-19. A two member bench of GB Supreme Appellate Court Chief Justice Syed Arshad Hussain.....

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### Islamabad

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<td>Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad</td>
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ISLAMABAD: Continuing with the alarming rise, the federal capital has reported 384 new coronavirus cases in a day, which is the highest single-day spike in three months, a spokesperson for the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) said on Friday. As many as 350 cases were reported on Thursday which was also the highest figure during the last two months while 253 cases were reported on Wed.....

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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) has announced closing all 423 educational institutions in Islamabad in pursuance of the decisions taken in the meeting of the National Command and Operational Centre (NCOC), complying with the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training instructions. According to a notification issued on Friday, it was informed that all educationa.....

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ISLAMABAD: The Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Dr Faisal Sultan on Friday revealed that the third wave of Covid-19 has started in the country. There is no doubt that the third wave of Covid-19 has started as big cities of Punjab are recording flux of Covid-19, he said, adding the new Covid-19 strain is affecting countries acr.....

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Number of coronavirus cases crosses 600,000 mark
Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-13
ISLAMABAD: The number of coronavirus cases in Pakistan crossed 600,000 mark on Friday following detection of 2,701 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours. The daily data issued by National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) revealed that countrywide 2,701 new Covid-19 cases were reported in the last 24 hours taking the countrywide tally of positive cases to 600,198. According to NCOC,......
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UK coronavirus strain spreading faster in Pakistan
Source: Tahir Niaz, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-13
ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister and Head of the National Command and Operations Centre Asad Umar on Friday warned that the third coronavirus wave has begun in Pakistan. Speaking to a private news channel, the planning minister said, “Yes, absolutely. There is no doubt that the third wave has begun. Basically the phenomena driving it, is the spread of the UK strain.” The minister sai......
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Section 144 imposed; wearing face mask mandatory at public places
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-13
ISLAMABAD - Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Hamza Shafqat has imposed section 144, directing public to wear face masks while stepping out from their homes in the Federal capital. The directives came in compliance of the decision taken by the Federal government and as per the advice by the health experts to limit the spread of coronavirus, said a notification issued here on Friday night. “......
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Coronavirus in Pakistan: 2,664 test positive over 24 hours
Coronavirus cases in Pakistan continue to rise as 2,664 people had tested positive for the disease on Saturday, according to Geo News. The National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) revealed that 32 persons had succumbed to the virus. The fresh number of cases reported over the past 24 hours mean that the total number of cases in the country has risen to 652,000. Out of these, 570,000 ..... 
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Corona cases multiply
ISLAMABAD/LAHORE: The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) on Saturday showed serious concer over sharp rise in national positivity of COVID-19 which was visible, and hovering around 5-6 percent. The special NCOC morning session was held to take a review of rising disease trends here, chaired by Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar. The forum noted.....
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Pakistan to send three planes of Covid-19 relief goods to Iraq
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-14
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will dispatch three planes full of Covid-19 relief goods to the Republic of Iraq on the directives of Prime Minister Imran Khan. The first consignment was dispatched on Saturday in presence of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Lt-General Akhtar Nawaz, senior officials of the foreign ministry and Ambassador of Iraq to Pakistan Hamid Abbas Lafta. The next tw.....
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<td>Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad</td>
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World Consumer Rights Day: plastic ban and bane
Islamabad: On the eve of World Consumer Rights Day, The Network for Consumer Protection has demanded of the federal and provincial government to phase out plastic from the lives of consumers in order to save the planet. This World Consumer Rights Day falling today (March 15, 2021), consumer organizations around the world are calling for global change to tackle plastic pollution. The 2021 Wo....

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DC Islamabad tests positive for corona
Islamabad: Deputy Commissioner, Islamabad, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat on Sunday announced that he has tested positive for COVID-19. The DC, in a tweet, wrote that his COVID-19 test came out positive. He asked people to pray for him and also urged the masses to take the third wave of the pandemic seriously. ..... more >>

Third Covid wave: Educational institutions to close again from today
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
Educational institutions of all grades in seven cities of Punjab, as well as in Peshawar and Islamabad will be closed for two weeks from Monday, keeping in view the resurgence of Covid-19 cases. According to Radio Pakistan, the cities of Punjab where the two-week spring vacations are announced include Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Lahore, Gujrat, Sialkot, Multan and Rawalpindi. "Educational institution..... more >>

Elderly to be vaccinated with Sinopharm
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD: National Health Services Parliamentary Secretary Dr Nausheen Hamid on Sunday said the government on the recommendation of experts had decided to inoculate Chinese made Sinopharm vaccine to people aged 60 or above due to the available data from neighbouring countries about its efficacy. Talking to a private news channel, she said Pakistan had launched a nation-wide coronavirus vaccination..... more >>

Private schools' body against more closures
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD: The National Association of Private Schools (NAPS) stated that the government is fully responsible for the educational loss of students due to the closure of schools on the pretext of rising novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19) cases. NAPS President Chaudhry Obaidullah and Chairman Malik Imran said thousands of schools were shut down due to extended closure of educational institutions..... more >>

Seven Punjab cities put under major lockdown
Source: Abdullah Mughal, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
LAHORE: As the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department detected over 1,600 fresh confirmed Covid-19 cases from across Punjab for the first time since June 2020, the Punjab government on Sunday imposed a complete lockdown for two weeks in seven high-burdened cities, restricting the movement of people to their homes, while all commercial activities, establishments, markets and areas shall..... more >>

Citizens asked to follow SOPs in offices, markets
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination on Sunday urged the citizens to strictly follow Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) in offices and markets to prevent the disease in the wake of a sudden increase in the number of infections in the country. “Covid-19 is a deadly virus but we can control it just as we controlled it by following th..... more >>
**‘Govt provides vaccine to over 100,000 health workers’**
Source: Private TV, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD: The government has provided corona vaccine to more than 100,000 health workers besides increasing salary for better performance. This was stated by Provincial Minister for Health Dr Yasmin Rashid while talking to a private television channel. The Punjab government was giving priority to health workers discharging duties in different hospitals and taking special care for the pa......

**Not quite back to school**
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
It turns out that the decision to reopen all schools, offices and public places full-time was a little premature. Apparently, the third wave of the coronavirus that everybody was dreading has found its way to Pakistan after all, and going by initial reports it’s more potent than expected, so the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) has had to raise the red flag and go back to the pr......

**Chinese vaccine ‘Sinopharm’ safe for people above 60: Nausheen**
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary of National Health Services Dr Nausheen Hamid Sunday expressed that the government on the recommendation of experts had decided to inoculate Chinese made Sinopharm vaccine to people aged 60 or above due to available data of neighbour countries regarding its efficacy. Talking to a private news channel, she said the Pakistan had launched a nation-wide coronavirus v......

**Pakistan records 2,253 new coronavirus cases in 24 hours**
Pakistan has reported 29 deaths in the last 24 hours by novel coronavirus as the number of positive cases has surged to 607,453. The nationwide tally of fatalities has jumped to 13,537 on Monday. According to the latest figures by the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) 2,253 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Sindh remains the worst-hit province by the pande......

**Third virus wave more lethal, warns Centre**
Source: Private TV, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD: - Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar said Sunday that the third wave of coronavirus was more lethal as compared to previous as its mortality rate is also higher. While talking to a private news channel, he said the third wave is the spread of the UK strain as the new strain of the COVID-19 was more transmissible than the original. He said .....
COVID-19 claims 32 lives, infects 2,664 more people
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD - The national tally on Sunday of total active COVID-19 cases recorded 21,121 with 2,664 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,275 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Thirty-two corona patients have died during past 24 hours, 31 of whom were under treatment in hospital and one out of hospital in respective quarantine or home, according to the late.....

Capital’s 3 sub-sectors sealed as corona hits back
Source: Tahir Niaz, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD-The authorities on Sunday decided to seal three sub-sectors of the federal capital due to the increasing cases of Covid-19 reported from these localities. The sectors were sealed on Sunday midnight. These include sector F-11/1 from where 51 cases were reported in recent days, sector I-8/4 (53 cases) and sector I-10/2 (48 cases). Commercial areas and amusements parks in the city wil.....

5 areas in capital sealed, NA activities suspended to fight Covid
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
ISLAMABAD: After over 2,600 patients of Covid-19 were reported in a single day, the number of active cases has jumped from 16,000 to 21,000 in just two weeks with the national positivity ratio rising to 6.2 per cent. Awami National Party (ANP) chief Asfandyar Wali Khan became the latest politician to contract coronavirus. Meanwhile, in order to avoid further spread of the virus, all activities o.....

On a bumpy (vaccination) drive
Source: Afshan Subohi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
A successful vaccination drive is critical to save lives, preserve livelihoods and contain the adverse impact of containment measures on the economy that’s teetering on the edge as the third wave of Covid-19 hit Pakistan. With questions hanging over the sustainability of supply lines, efficacy of Sinopharm’s vaccine and the goal of inoculating 20 per cent of the population to achieve .....
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Third covid wave: Schools, seminaries shut down till Mar 28
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-13
PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government has shut down schools, seminaries and tuition centers from March 15 till March 28 in view of rising coronavirus cases in the province. Earlier, Federal Minister for Planning, Development, Reforms and Special Initiatives Asad Umar confirmed that the third wave of Covid-19 has started in the country. He attributed the rising number of cases to the United K.....
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Women, disabled persons get special quotas for vaccine
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-13
PESHAWAR: K-P Social Welfare Minister Hisham Khan has announced that the government is working hard to provide special quotas to women and persons with disabilities in the government sponsored vaccines. A circular shared by Chief Minister Mahmood Khan's office has demanded that special measures should be taken to ensured special quotas for the aforementioned people. It requested that 10 per c.....
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Asfandyar Wali tests positive for Covid-19
PESHAWAR: Awami National Party (ANP) chief Asfandyar Wali Khan tested positive for Covid-19, a spokesperson for the party said here on Sunday. Samar Haroon Bilour through a tweet confirmed that Asfandyar Wali Khan had tested positive for Covid-19. She said the doctors had prescribed him treatment and advised him to follow the instructions required for tackling coronavirus. “Asfandy.....
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ANP chief tests positive for Covid-19
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
PESHAWAR: Awami National Party (ANP) president Asfandyar Wali Khan has tested positive for Covid-19, the party’s provincial president Aimal Wali Khan revealed in a statement here on Sunday. Following the doctors’ advice, the party has postponed all of its scheduled meetings including ‘Da Ghani Mela.’ It was stated that new dates would be announced later. The ANP c.....
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Asfandyar tests positive for Covid
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
PESHAWAR: Awami National Party president Asfandyar Wali Khan has tested positive for Covid-19, party’s provincial president Aimal Wali Khan disclosed in a statement here on Sunday. Following the doctors’ advice, the ANP chief has quarantined himself at Wali Bagh Charsadda. The development has forced the party to postpone its scheduled meetings, whose new dates would be announced late.....
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Smart lockdown imposed in Peshawar areas
Source: Ashfaq Yusufzai, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
PESHAWAR: The district administration has imposed smart lockdown in four localities in Peshawar after surge in Covid-19 positivity rate as health department is set to seek permission for imposition of standard operating procedure in three more districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The vaccination of elderly people continues at a slow pace as less than 3,000 persons have been administered the vaccine .....
## Punjab

### 7 deaths, 477 COVID-19 cases in a day from twin cities
Rawalpindi: The spread of coronavirus illness, COVID-19 is getting much faster here in the federal capital and Rawalpindi district from where another 477 patients have been tested positive in the last 24 hours along with seven deaths that has taken total number of deaths so far reported from ICT and Rawalpindi to 1,184. The sharp increase in number of COVID-19 cases from the region can be ga.... [more >]

### CM Usman Buzdar upset over growing COVID cases
LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on the Eradication of Corona and expressed concern over the increase in the number of patients in Lahore and other districts. It was decided to close markets after Maghrib prayers while milk and yoghurt shops, medical stores and tandoors will be exempted from this prohibition. It was decided to take steps ..... [more >]

### 36 more die from COVID, 1632 new cases
According to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare (P&SH) Department Punjab on Friday, the toll of fatalities so far was raised to 5,698 in Punjab, while confirmed cases of coronavirus reached 182,576 in the province. As per the spokesperson of Corona Monitoring Room at Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department, as many as 15,736 tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours, w..... [more >]

### Punjab tightens Covid-19 restrictions, businesses to close at 6pm from today
Source: *Our Correspondent*, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-03-13
Authorities in Punjab on Saturday imposed new restrictions in the province to curtail the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic and have announced that commercial activities will close at 6pm everyday till the restrictions stay in effect. All business centres will close at 6pm and will not be permitted to operate on weekends. The policy of 50pc work from home for both public and private offices has also ..... [more >]

### Third spell: Punjab’s plan for inoculation amid growing cases
Source: Muhammad Ilyas, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-03-13
LAHORE: As Punjab’s vaccination scheme enters its second phase, the province has once again found itself in the grips of yet another coronavirus wave. Amid surging cases, the province has been able to vaccinate a majority of its frontline health workers, now proceeding to administer the life-saving serum to those aged 60 and above. According to National Database & Registration Authority..... [more >]

### Seven coronavirus patients die in Faisalabad
Source: *Our Staff Reporter*, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-03-13
FAISALABAD - Seven more patients died of COVID-19 in the district while 79 people tested positive during the last 24 hours. A spokesperson for the health department said on Friday, the death toll reached 552 in the district and 1,227 tests were conducted in public and private sectors labs. He said, so far 8,634 patients had recovered from the disease while total active cases in Faisalabad rea..... [more >]
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Punjab reimposes COVID-19 restrictions as cases start increasing
The Punjab government has reimposed several COVID-19 restrictions as cases are rising to a "concerning extent". In a notification issued on Saturday, the Punjab health department said the positivity rate in some cities is constantly rising and a third wave is looming. The department said this "poses a serious and imminent threat to public health". A set of restrictions was g.....

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Corona cases multiply
ISLAMABAD/ LAHORE: The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) on Saturday showed serious concern over sharp rise in national positivity of COVID-19 which was visible, and hovering around 5-6 percent. The special NCOC morning session was held to take a review of rising disease trends here, chaired by Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar. The forum noted.....

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Smart lockdown imposed in 4 localities of Rawalpindi
Rawalpindi : Deputy Commissioner (DC), Rawalpindi Captain (r) Anwar-ul-Haq has issued notification of 'smart lockdown' at four hotspots areas of coronavirus on Saturday. The areas included Sadiqabad, street 4; Allama Iqbal Colony, street 27; Azizabad CB 1231, Near Qasar-e-Abu Talib and Dhok Paracha. The DC (Rawalpindi) Captain (r) Anwar-ul-Haq told 'The News' that t.....

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Another 6 die of COVID-19, 464 cases in a day
Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 outbreak has started hitting population in Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district much harder convincing experts to believe that a third wave of the outbreak has set in as in the last 24 hours, another six patients have died of the illness from the region from where another 464 confirmed patients have been reported. The positivity rate from .....

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Facilities to treat COVID patients being increased: Dr Yasmin Rashid
LAHORE: Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid reviewed arrangements to treat COVID-19 patients in hospitals in a meeting at Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department here on Saturday. The health minister said, "With rising number of cases, the facilities reserved for COVID-19 are being increased and the number of ventilators and beds are being enhanced. Like the first and second wa.....

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First Quad meeting commits a billion doses, launches working groups
WASHINGTON: The first ever meeting of the Quad leaders has committed to deliver up to one billion coronavirus vaccine doses available to Asean, the Indo-Pacific and beyond by the end of next year. The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, otherwise known as the Quad, is an informal strategic forum between the United States, Japan, Australia and India. The first summit meeting took place virtually on F.....

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### 34 die from COVID-19, 1,239 new infections

LAHORE: As many as 34 patients died from COVID-19 and another 1,239 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to a report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) on Saturday, the toll of fatalities rose to 5,731 in Punjab, while confirmed the number of cases of coronavirus reached 183,815 in the province. According to the spokesperson .....  

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### MKRMS seminar: Speakers stress need for following Covid SOPs

LAHORE: Speakers at a seminar while lauding the role of family physicians as frontline fighters in fight against Corona pandemic stressed the need for Covid-19 diagnostic test at the earliest and the use of sanitizers and facemask for protection against the pandemic. They were speaking at seminar "Covid Neutralizing Antibodies Detection & Post Vaccination Antibody Response: A Ref.....  

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### DC visits corona vaccination centre

LAHORE: Deputy Commissioner Mudassir Riaz Malik on Saturday visited coronavirus vaccination centre at Expo Centre and reviewed the arrangements regarding the COVID-19 vaccination. He also inspected the counters and beds placed for coronavirus vaccine receivers and also asked about the arrangements and cleanliness conditions from the visitors. The deputy commissioner directed the officials.....  

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### Punjab re-enforces restrictions due to surge in Covid-19 cases

LAHORE: In the wake of surge in coronavirus cases, the Punjab government on Saturday re-enforced Covid-19 restrictions including closure of business activities, establishments and markets by 6 pm on working days from Monday to Friday and complete closure on Saturday and Sunday, restrictions on entry in shrines and sports activities besides marriage ceremonies and indoor dining. Punjab Chief M.....  

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### Lockdown imposed in Attock as Covid-19 cases surge to 1347
Source: Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-03-14

Attock - The district administration on Saturday imposed lockdown across the district for halting the rapid spread of third wave of the pandemic. The notification issued by district administration Attock on Saturday notified that the lockdown proposed by the primary and secondary healthcare department was enforced in different districts of the province including Attock following reports of su.....  

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### Punjab increases reserved beds, ventilators due to rising virus cases
Source: Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-03-14

LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid reviewed arrangements to treat COVID-19 cases in Punjab’s hospitals in a meeting at the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department here on Saturday. Present in the meeting were Secretary SHME Nabeel Awan, Secretary Health South Punjab Ajmal Bhatti, Additional Secretary Development Dr Asif Tufail, Vice- Chancellor Fatima Jinna.....  

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181,998 coronavirus vaccine doses administered in Punjab
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-14
LAHORE - As many as 181,998 coronavirus vaccine doses have been administered in the province so far. According to the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) spokesperson on Saturday, so far 90,777 frontline health workers have been administered the first dose of vaccine while 17,132 health workers have received the 2nd dose of the vaccine. Moreover, 11,089 senior citizens ha......

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Shops, restaurants, marriage halls sealed for SOPs breach
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-14
LAHORE - The district administration sealed six shops, three marriage halls and a restaurant besides imposing heavy fine on violation of coronavirus related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) here on Saturday. According to the district administration spokesperson, Assistant Commissioner City Faizan Ahmed sealed three marriage halls in the city while six shops and a restaurant were sealed in the sam.....

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Businessmen want import of corona vaccine in huge quantity
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-14
LAHORE - The Pakistan Industrial and Traders Association Front (PIAF) Chairman Mian Nauman Kabir has expressed his serious concern over delay in arrival of corona vaccine, specially for all age groups, as the third wave of the novel coronavirus has entered the country and new variants are also spreading. In a joint statement issued here on Saturday with vice chairman Javed Siddiqi, he asked t.....

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Another 5 deaths, 453 new cases from twin cities
Rawalpindi: Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 is continuing to claim a greater number of lives from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district while the number of patients being tested positive from the twin cities is increasing sharply as in the last 24 hours, the virus has claimed five more lives and 453 new patients have been reported from the region. Data collected by 'The N.....

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Weekly makeshift markets closed again over corona
LAHORE: A couple of weekly makeshift markets which had resumed operation three weeks ago have again been closed by the district government following the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in seven districts of the Punjab, including Lahore. However, surprisingly this factor could not affect the Badmi Bagh wholesale and other retail markets of perishable so no implementation of the SOPs was witnesse.....

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21 die from corona
Source: Our Correspondent, The News, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
LAHORE: Around 21 patients died from COVID19 and 1,653 new infections were confirmed in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to report issued by Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) on Sunday, the death toll reached 5,752, while confirmed cases reached 185,468 in the province. As per the spokesperson for Corona Monitoring Room at P&SHD, 16,071 tests were conduct.....

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‘LGH conducts 37,600 corona tests’
LAHORE: Post Graduate Medical Institute/Lahore General Hospital (PGMI/LGH) Principal Prof Dr Al-freed Zafar has said the hospital has so far conducted 37,600 tests free of cost for coronavirus. “As per private sector fees which is equal to 26 crore 32 lakhs rupees, all these tests were done free of cost at LGH. Similarly, 80 patients with coronavirus have also been given highly expensi.....
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Covid-19; PGMI tests 37,000 people free of cost: principal
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
LAHORE: Principal Post Graduate Medical Institute Prof Dr Sardar Muhammad Al-freed Zafar has said that so far 37,600 people have been tested free of cost for diagnosis of coronavirus at Lahore General Hospital. “As per private sector fees which is equal to Rs 2.63 million, all these tests were done free of cost and the financial burden was incurred by the Punjab government,” Zafar.....
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Expo Centre Lahore; Sultan, Dr Yasmin review vaccination process
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
LAHORE: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan and Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid reached Expo Centre Lahore to monitor vaccination facilities here on Sunday. Dr Faisal Sultan and Dr Yasmin Rashid reviewed the process of vaccination for people of over 60 years of age. Secretary PSH Department Captain Usman Younis (retd) apprised the minister of arrangements fo.....
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37,600 people tested free of cost for diagnosis of coronavirus at LGH
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
LAHORE - Principal Post Graduate Medical Institute Prof Dr Sardar Muhammad Al-freed Zafar has said that so far 37,600 people have been tested free of cost for diagnosis of coronavirus at Lahore General Hospital at Government expense. He added that as per private sector fees which is equal to 26 crore 32 lakh rupees all these tests were done free of cost in LGH and the financial burden has been b.....
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21 more deaths 1,653 new cases of coronavirus in Punjab
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
LAHORE - Another 1,653 cases of coronavirus with 21 deaths were reported in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the number of coronavirus cases in the province swelled to 185,468 with recoveries of 169,752 patients and total deaths 5,752. The P&SHD confirmed that 973 new cases .....
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Covid-19 cases in Rawalpindi on the rise
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
Rawalpindi-In an alarming development with an increase in COVID-19 cases, 122 more people have become its victims during the last 24 hours out of which 108 were reported from Rawalpindi district while 14 belonged to other districts. District Health Officer Dr. Jawad Khalid told APP that the prevailing wave of COVID-19 pandemic was more deadly compared to the previous in Pakistan as the number.....
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### Covid-19 SOPs to be ensured during polio drive: Kanwal
**Source:** APP, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-03-15

Rawalpindi-Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Health Authority Dr. Faiza Kanwal has said that COVID-19 SOPs would be followed in letter and spirit during the five-day anti-polio drive being commenced from March 29. Talking to APP, the CEO said that to make the Polio campaign successful, training of Union Council Incharges of mobile polio teams is underway under the supervision of health officers o.....

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### Two teachers, minor girl test positive
**Source:** Correspondent, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-03-15

TOBA TEK SINGH: The District Education Authority has closed for one week the Government Girls Model Primary School of Kamalia’s Chak 711-GB after two teachers and a minor girl tested positive for Covid-19. A DEA official said teams of the primary healthcare department had obtained swabs of all teaching staff and selected students of different government schools in the district. He said rep.....

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### Covid third wave intensifies in Punjab
**Source:** Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-03-15

LAHORE: Punjab on Sunday recorded more than 1,000 cases for the fifth consecutive day as the third wave of the novel coronavirus intensifies in the country. The data available with Dawn showed that 1,653 new infections were detected in the province in the last 24 hours. The last time the province reported such a high number of cases was during the first wave on June 24, 2020, when it confirmed 1,.....

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### Covid restrictions: Employees above 50 years seek clear-cut direction
**Source:** Correspondent, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-03-15

GUJRAT: The government employees above 50 years have sought an exemption from working in the offices and asked the Punjab government to issue clear directions to the respective heads of the departments as well as divisional and district administrations to define the categories of those who can work from home and office. The Punjab government had earlier issued a notification on Saturday that 50pc.....

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### Covid: Dawood Bandagi Urs cancelled for the first time
**Source:** Aslam Piracha, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-03-15

OKARA: Due to the rapidly rising number of Covid-19 cases, the district administration has for the first time withdrawn the permission granted to hold the 448th annual Urs of Sufi saint Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Kirmani, popularly known as Dawood Bandagi. The shrine caretaker, Makhdoom Syed Hussain Abbas Kirmani, was informed of the government’s decision to ban public gatherings in the wake of .....
Sindh

Covid-19 claims one life, infects 298 others in Sindh
The novel coronavirus has claimed one life in Sindh over the past 24 hours, bringing the death toll to 4,453 in the province and showing a 1.7 per cent fatality rate, said the chief minister on Friday. Another 298 cases emerged when 10,519 tests were conducted, constituting a 2.8 detection rate, said Syed Murad Ali Shah in his daily Covid-19 update report. So far, 3,127,518 tests have been conducted.

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Nearly 300 Covid infections detected
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-13
KARACHI: Nearly 300 coronavirus cases emerged in Sindh on Friday when over 10,500 samples were tested for the contagion. According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister’s House, 298 new infections were detected when the results of 10,519 tests were released. Besides, the pandemic claimed one more life in the province. With the recent cases and fatality, the pandemic tally and death t...

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COVID-19 claims one more life, infects 298 others
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-13
KARACHI - As many as one more patient of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 4,453 and 298 new cases emerged when 10,519 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Friday. He added that one more patient of COVID-19 lost his life lifting the death toll to 4,453 that constituted 1.7 percent death rate. Mr Shah sa....

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Amidst talk of third wave of Covid-19, no death reported in Sindh
Despite the rising Covid-19 cases in the country, which is being dubbed as the third wave of the pandemic in Pakistan, no death was reported in Sindh during 24 hours between Friday and Saturday. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said this on Saturday in his daily statement on the pandemic situation in Sindh. He added that a total of 220 new cases of Covid-19 had emerged in the province du....

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Covid-19 kills five in Sindh
Five more people have died due to Covid-19 and 232 others have tested positive for the disease during the past 24 hours in Sindh, with the death toll due to the viral coronavirus infection reaching 4,458 in the province. Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said in his daily situation report on the health emergency on Sunday that 8,036 samples were tested in the past 24 hours, resulting in 2....

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Sindh tightens Covid-19 restrictions till April 15
Source: Hafeez Tunio, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
KARACHI: The Sindh government on Monday announced to impose smart lockdown across the province till April 15 in an effort to restrict the spread of Covid-19 cases. According to a notification issued by the provincial home department, "There will be a smart lockdown as per earlier decision based on disease hotspot as deemed appropriate by commissioners and deputy commissioners under Sindh Epid....

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Sindh records 232 new cases of Covid-19
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
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Sindh urges NCOC to ramp up vaccination efforts
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Coronavirus spread under control in Sindh: Ghani
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-03-15
KARACHI - The spread of the novel coronavirus is under control in Sindh, Minister for Labour, Education and Literacy and Human Resources Saeed Ghani said on Sunday. In a media briefing in Chanesar Goth, he said that although infections in the province are under control, there’s a chance that they will increase because of a rise in cases across the country. “Every week, hundreds of.....

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COVID-19 claims 5 more patients, infects 232 others
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<td>Canada Post’s psychedelic trucks bring cheer amid pandemic gloom</td>
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<td>OTTAWA: Andrew Lewis is bringing bright colours to Canadians to counter their pandemic gloom one parcel at a time — delivered by postal trucks wrapped in his psychedelic design. In 28 cities across the country, a fleet of 37 delivery vehicles — splashed with a big yellow sun and an image of a traditional red, white and blue Canada Post truck riding a rainbow across a multicoloured lan.....</td>
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### SDPI Engagements

#### Researchers Articles

**Taxing tobacco**  
Tobacco consumption has been termed an epidemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) due to its severe long- and short-term effects. More than 1.3 billion people consume tobacco products daily. This causes around eight million deaths. The most horrendous aspect of such the high tobacco consumption is that around 80 percent of habitual smokers live in low- and middle-income economies. Nearly 60 p.....[more >>](#)

**Poverty alleviation**  
On February 25, President Xi Jinping announced the end of absolute poverty in China. This was an incredibly difficult achievement. The World Bank commended the achievement and highlighted the fact that China’s contribution to the global effort to end extreme poverty is 70 percent. China achieved the target 10 years before the deadline prescribed under the United Nations’ Sustainable De.....[more >>](#)

#### SDPI Press Release

**KP-BOIT, SDPI to host dialogue on renewable energy potential**  
Source: APP, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-03-15  
Peshawar - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Board of Investment and Trade (KP-BOIT) in collaboration with Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) would hold a Public-Private Dialogue on March 24 at KP-BOIT Headquarter. The title of the dialogue is "Potential of Renewable Energy Hydropower Development in KP: Opportunities and Challenges", said a press release issued here. KP-BOIT has been e.....[more >>](#)

**KP-BOIT, SDPI To Host Dialogue On Potential Of Renewable Energy**  
Source: APP, *Urdu Point*, 2021-03-14  
Govt’s climate conservation policies being recognised globally: Imran
Source: Staff Reporter, Pakistan Today, 2021-03-15

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday said that the environmental policies of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government were receiving global recognition. In a tweet, the prime minister said that the government’s green recovery initiative from the Covid-19 pandemic and the climate action plan were being appreciated by the world. According to the World Economic Forum (WEF), ....

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