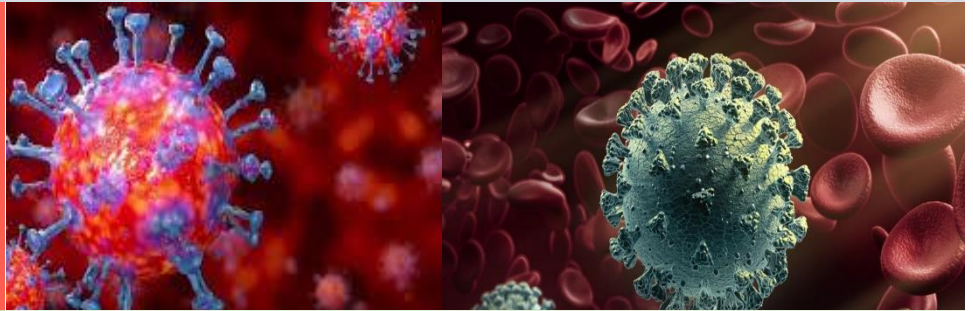


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Poor health indicators

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

IF the coronavirus has taught the world anything, it is that the old maxim 'health is wealth' is true. Though Pakistan has fared relatively better than other countries in terms of mortalities caused by Covid-19, the infection has still extracted a huge toll on the public by reducing their already limited access to healthcare facilities. Unfortunately, investment in public health has ne.....[more >>](#)

What's eating Narendra Modi?

Source: [Farrukh Khan Pitafi, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

India's Narendra Modi is in a pickle. When he declared victory against the coronavirus this January, he wasn't just tempting fate but revealing the largest chinks in his armour — ignorance, and hubris. And along came the double mutant Indian variant which has now been named the delta variant by the World Health Organization (WHO). His ardent supporters would learn about his biggest.....[more >>](#)

Covid strategy

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

AS Pakistan reaches themilestone of 10mcoronavirus vaccine jabs — with over 2m people fully vaccinated — there are fresh challenges for the government. Earlier this year, as the world and the region raced to procure vaccines, Pakistan lagged behind. Despite initial delays, the government has now ramped up procurement and said it will receive over 18m donated or purchased doses from Chi.....[more >>](#)

Covid-19 fight: Pakistan emerges as a rockstar state

Source: [M Bilal Lakhani, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

The numbers are so good they're almost unbelievable. Pakistan didn't just slay the first, second and third waves of Covid-19 with our health system intact, while it devastated the world's most powerful country i.e. America or our neighbour to the east, India. We also created 17 million jobs in a dramatic V shaped economic recovery, smashed our GDP growth expectations by 200%, and.....[more >>](#)

Vaccine hesitancy

Source: [Huma Yusuf, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

MY mother was excited to hear about discounted fares on PIA for over-50s who were vaccinated. Here's the rub: she's still too anxious to get on a plane because she doesn't trust the level of protection offered by the vaccine she received. Her conundrum highlights the flaws in carrot-and-stick approaches to public vaccination. We are not the first to think of incentives. From gol.....[more >>](#)

Imprisoned in a pandemic

Source: [Asad Gulzar, The News, International](#), 2021-06-14

During these uncertain times, it is easy for the general population to disregard the bolted away populace of our general public. Inside the criminal justice system of our country, detention centers and penitentiaries create a unique populace that is frequently more vulnerable to the spread of any contagious disease. These prisons are notoriously overcrowded with an underwhelming infrastructure, wh.....[more >>](#)

Addressing vaccine hesitancy

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

The Punjab government decision to block the SIM cards of people avoiding anti-Covid jobs indicates that vaccine hesitancy is still widespread. Conspiracy theories as well as the fear of serious side-effects have created an air of paranoia. This seems to be the single biggest factor that is constantly hampering the inoculation drive. About 30,000 people across the country have failed to receive a s.....

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Promoting the jab

Source: [EDITORIAL, The News, International](#), 2021-06-14

While Pakistan now has a significant stock of Covid-19 vaccines at hand, the problem is that according to figures released by the NCOC not enough people are taking them up. In the first place, perhaps due to a lack of information, many people have failed to turn up for the second dose of vaccines which require two jabs. Currently in Pakistan, 10 million doses have been administered. 2.8 billion pe.....

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Accounting for the West

Source: [Abdul Sattar, The News, International](#), 2021-06-15

The recent G7 conference has attempted to raise the spectre of tensions between the West and other global stakeholders by unleashing a torrent of criticism towards China, triggering a debate among some that the West should also account for its wrongs that it committed in the past. The gathering did not address the core issues of climate change, vaccine patents and the destruction caused by the pa.....

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Vaccine roll-out snapshot

Source: [BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

Despite a feeble start to the vaccine roll-out, over the past two months, the Covid-19 vaccination program has taken incredible leaps in Pakistan. There is no task more daunting than attempting to inoculate 70 percent of a (above-18) population the size of Pakistan, and while regional players may be ahead, Pakistan is slowly on the way to vaccinating a large portion of its population while also su.....

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Vaccine passport

Source: [Arif Azad, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

SCENES of Pakistani labourers demonstrating outside a government office in Multan demanding to be inoculated with AstraZeneca, one of the approved vaccines for travel purposes to Saudi Arabia, shows how proposed travel-specific vaccine passports can furnish entry tickets to the West and other rich countries. Such a move can have a disproportionate impact on travellers from the Global South where,

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Covid-19 and the foreign strategies of Pakistan

Source: [Dr. Iram Naseer, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

Voltaire on one occasion said, "The danger which is least expected soonest comes to us," Indeed, illness and infections have afflicted mankind since the earliest days. Nonetheless, it was not until agricultural societies evolved that the transmission of these viruses increased noticeably. Malaria, tuberculosis, leprosy, influenza, smallpox, and other diseases first developed during the.....

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Turning a challenge into an opportunity

Source: [Dr Zia ul Haque Shamsi](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-16

When COVID-19 first appeared in the city of Wuhan, China in November 2019, most of the western countries were seen criticising the Chinese government for poor governance and laboratory failure. However, when this menace first hit the western shores, China was still the centre of criticism. Now, some eighteen months down the line, China is rescuing the world with its knowledge on the subject a.....

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Changes in the family

Source: [Mansoor Raza](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-15

As a teacher of sociology, I have observed the changes taking place in the family structure of Pakistan for quite some time. Noted architect and town planner Arif Hasan mentioned in his research that by the year 1998, around 89 percent of families in Karachi were nuclear, while in 1989 the figure was a mere 54 percent. It has been noted that economic imperatives, assertion of autonomy, global asp.....

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Women police and VAWG

Source: [Rida Tahir](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-16

The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated violence against women and girls (VAWG) throughout the world. In Pakistan, a country that ranks 164th among 167 countries in the 'Women, Peace and Security Index 2019/20', cases of VAWG increased by a staggering 200 percent. Appallingly, this increase only highlights the incidents that were reported. Incidents of VAWG remain severely under-reported in

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G7 brightens outlook for new nature pact but pandemic threatens deadline

Source: [Michael Taylor](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-16

New pledges by G7 leaders on climate change and biodiversity loss will boost efforts to strike a global pact to protect nature but an October deadline is likely to be missed without in-person talks, officials and observers said on Tuesday. Nearly 200 countries are expected to agree the text of a new global treaty to safeguard the planet's plants, animals and ecosystems at a UN summit fr.....

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Save it from UNraveling

Source: [Muhammad Hamid Zaman](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-15

For those of us who care about fairness, justice and the rights of the marginalised people, the Security Council has been a massive disappointment. The list of failures is long and includes instances on every continent. The ability of five countries to veto what they or their allies find uncomfortable truths undermines the very mission of truth, justice and humanity. There are also serious concern.....

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Creating a lasting legacy of collaboration across South Asia

Source: [Mushfiq Mobarak](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-17

IN February 2021, Covid-19 numbers started rising again in South Asia with official daily case counts rising beyond 400,000 in India, 6,000 in Pakistan and 7,500 in Bangladesh, straining health systems. The massive surge in India soon spilled over across the border into Nepal, leading to 'apocalyptic' scenes of overwhelmed hospitals. The deadly surge in 2021 makes a regionally coordin.....

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Managing twin disasters in a highly-polarised polity

Source: [Sarwar Bari](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

Flood season is on the horizon. The third wave of Covid-19 pandemic though is receding, the risk of fourth wave can't be ruled out. Its devastation has not only hit the masses, but also consumed huge resources of the state and energies of the governments. Should floods hit, are they prepared to cope with twin disasters and the complexities that may emerge? Let's examine the political c.....

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Vaccine Shortage

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

On Tuesday, concerning reports emerged regarding the shortage of vaccines in Sindh and Punjab as Chinese and European vaccine stocks neared exhaustion. The swift action on part of the federal authorities to dispatch emergency doses to both provinces is laudable, however this shortage should not have been an issue in the first place. Pakistan initially struggled to procure vaccines due to which th.....

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Pakistan tackles a global pandemic

Source: [Twangar Kazmi and Dr Adnan Khan](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

As the world enters mid-2021, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to rage. With 177 million cases and 3.8 million deaths worldwide, nearly all of us have seen loved ones suffer from Covid-19. The tragedy has been as personal as societal. For nations, the choice has been stark. Either lock down schools, offices and public places with dire economic consequences or see hospitals fill up and deaths swell

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More vaccines needed

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

THE vaccination rate in the country has slowed in recent days and could result in a crisis if not addressed efficiently. After hitting the 130,000 mark for doses earlier this week, vaccine centres across the country on Thursday inoculated only 55,728 people, which includes 46,113 individuals who received their second shots. Less than 10,000 received their first jab that day. Though SAPM Dr Faisal

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Conspiracies still hold sway in city

Source: [Aamir Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

KARACHI: The government, in the past few months, appears to have made significant headway in its immunisation efforts in the megacity. Targeted infomercials broadcasted on television and radio, in addition to text message updates about inoculation dates, have all helped increase vaccine receptivity among the public. However, in certain parts of the megacity, where the government's vaccine.....

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Covid deals new blow to foreign carmakers' Indian dream

Source: [Aditi Shah](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

Foreign automakers' hopes of a booming Indian car market are fading fast as a brutal second wave of Covid-19 infections and limited government room for more stimulus spending suggest a recovery could lag far behind China and the United States. Carmakers that saw nearly a decade of Indian sales growth wiped out in 2020 are expecting a bounce back in demand this year. But it is likely to

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Partings without goodbyes

Source: Ghazi Salahuddin, [The News, International](#), 2021-06-20

When you lose three siblings in one wicked sweep of Covid-19, there is bound to be an incomprehensible surge of emotions and images in your mind. Now that I find myself incarcerated in this unfortunate situation, I must admit to not being able to make any sense of it all. There is this expression that many of my friends have used: at a loss for words. But beyond words, there is this palpable mani.....

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National News

Islamabad

Two succumb to Covid-19 in capital

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

ISLAMABAD: Two people died after battling with Covid-19 in the capital on Thursday and 62 people were diagnosed with the disease. During the last 24 hours 3,682 tests were conducted and the positivity rate was 1.6pc. As many as 140 patients reportedly recovered from the virus. Officials of the capital administration said that the deceased, both female patients, were from the 50-89 age group. Bot.....[more >>](#)

Unprecedented allocations aimed to improve health sector

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

ISLAMABAD: The unprecedented allocations in the health sector may improve the indicators and the condition of hospitals. Moreover, for the first time, the government has started focusing on the neglected research sector and tasked the Pakistan Health Research Council (PHRC) with working on the development of new medicines and vaccines, including for Covid-19. On the other hand, the Pakistan Inst.....[more >>](#)

Walk-in facility now open to 100pc vaccine-eligible population

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

ISLAMABAD: With the number of active Covid-19 cases falling by over 50pc during the last two months, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has opened walk-in vaccination facility for the entire vaccine-eligible population. On June 9, the NCOC had announced that around 39 million people in the age group of 18 to 30 years would be able to avail the walk-in vaccination facility from June[more >>](#)

NCOC to further speed up vaccination in AJK, GB

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

ISLAMABAD - National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has decided to further accelerate the vaccination process in Azad Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan. In its meeting held here on Friday, the forum chaired by Minister for Planning and Development Asad Umar decided that the federal government would establish big vaccination centres and constitute mobile teams to speed up vaccination in Azad Kashmi.....[more >>](#)

Jazz to assist NCOC in its nationwide vaccination campaign

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

ISLAMABAD - Following meetings with the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), Jazz is mobilising its resources to carry out a nationwide awareness campaign, urging Pakistanis to get vaccinated. The decision was taken in light of the NCOC's announcement and commitment that coronavirus vaccines will be mandatory for all public and private sector employees, so the country remains on cou.....[more >>](#)

NCOC puts travel bar on people from 26 countries

Source: [Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Saturday placed strict restrictions on travellers from 26 countries including India, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Indonesia and South Africa by placing them in C category. In a separate development, the number of Covid-19 patients admitted to hospitals has fallen by around 60 per cent, with the positivity ratio remaining below 4pc. A.....[more >>](#)

Slight increase in Covid-19 positivity in capital

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

ISLAMABAD: As many as 64 people were diagnosed with Covid-19 in the capital during the last 24 hours as health authorities conducted 2,582 tests. The positivity ratio was recorded at 2.4pc, a slight increase since 1.9pc reported on Friday. Besides, 198 patients who were suffering from the disease also recovered, officials of the district administration said. The District Health Office traced 48.....

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Covid-19 claims 57 lives, infects 1,194 more people

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

ISLAMABAD: The national tally on Saturday of total active Covid-19 cases was recorded 42,717 with 1,194 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 2,038 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Fifty-seven corona patients have died during past 24 hours, 53 of whom were under treatment in the hospitals and four out of the hospitals in their respective quarantines o.....

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Pakistan closes visa section in Kabul's embassy over Covid-19

Source: [NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

ISLAMABAD: Due to the deteriorating situation of Covid-19 pandemic, the consular section of the Embassy of Pakistan in Kabul will remain closed for one week from 13 June to 17 June 2021, the embassy announced on Saturday. Further announcement would be made on Thursday 17 June 2021. However, the Embassy would continue to be operational for the online visa issuance facility, according to a stat.....

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'Pakistan providing essential commodities at affordable prices'

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

ISLAMABAD - Despite COVID pandemic and financial woes, Pakistan was providing essential commodities including sugar, wheat, flour, petrol and edible oil on low prices to the people as compared to the international market. In one year, the price of sugar in Pakistan increased by 19.70% while in the international market it increased by 58.3%. Similarly, the domestic price of petrol increased by.....

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Pakistan reports 1,194 new Coronavirus cases, 57 deaths

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Saturday reported 1,194 new Coronavirus cases, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 939,931. The country's death toll climbed to 21,633 after 57 more people succumbed to the deadly disease in the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, 2,038 patients recovered from the deadly disease in a day, taking the total recoveries to 875,581. According to the NCOC, total active

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Inbound travel restrictions revised

Source: [Mohammad Asghar, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan has revised travel restrictions for inbound passengers and allowed Pakistanis from category C countries to travel to their homeland without an exemption letter. However, foreigners would require the exemption letter as per restrictions. Due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation across the world, Pakistan has reduced the number of countries categorised as C from 28 to 26. Acco.....

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50pc vaccine-eligible residents inoculated in Islamabad

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Ikran Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

ISLAMABAD: While 50 per cent of vaccine eligible residents of the federal capital have been partially inoculated, the positivity rate dropped to 1pc as only 34 people were found infected on Sunday. Health officials said over 15,000 people are being vaccinated daily and they are hopeful that the target of 70pc to 80pc vaccination would be achieved in July. District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Zaeem Z.....

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COVID-19 claims 56 more lives in Pakistan

Source: [App, The News, International](#), 2021-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The national tally on Sunday of total active COVID-19 cases was recorded 42,290 with 1,239 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,610 recovering from the disease during the last 24 hours. Fifty-six corona patients died during past 24 hours, 52 of whom were under treatment in the hospitals and four out of the hospitals perished in their respective quarantines or homes, acc.....

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Boom in business activity: 'Top 100 companies' earnings rise'

Source: [news Desk, The News, International](#), 2021-06-14

ISLAMABAD: The earnings of Pakistan's top 100 companies in Pakistan have risen in the current year, a government official said on Sunday quoting Bloomberg data, adding that the boost in the business activity means employment, investment and growth in society. A recent report by JP Morgan, according to him, also shows Pakistan is fast becoming an attractive destination for both local and forei.....

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COVID-19 claims 57 lives, 1,194 new cases reported

Source: [App, The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

ISLAMABAD: Fifty-seven corona patients have died during past 24 hours, 53 of whom were under treatment in the hospitals and four out of the hospitals in their respective quarantines or homes, according to the latest update issued by the National command and Operation Centre (NCOC). The national tally on Saturday of total active COVID-19 cases was recorded 42,717 with 1,194 more people tested posi.....

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One dies of corona from Pindi, 84 new cases reported

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

Rawalpindi : Coronavirus illness, COVID-19 has claimed another life from Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours while as many as 84 new patients have been reported positive for the illness from the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. It is, however, alarming that the positivity rate of COVID-19 from Rawalpindi has started showing an upward trend at least for the last one-and-a-half weeks a.....

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Greater solidarity, more investment needed to reach every child: WHO, Unicef

Source: [Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

Islamabad : While UNICEF and WHO have applauded Pakistan's efforts to eradicate polio by ensuring that its vaccination programmes continued even during COVID-19 surges, both agencies have called for greater solidarity and more investment to sustain the momentum and reach every child with life-saving vaccines. These remakes were made by UNICEF's South Asia Regional Director George Lary.....

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Corona claims 47 lives, infects 1,303 more people

Source: [App, The News, International](#), 2021-06-12

ISLAMABAD: The national tally on Friday of total active COVID-19 cases was recorded 43,618 with 1,303 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,874 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Forty-seven corona patients have died during past 24 hours, 43 of whom were under treatment in the hospitals and four out of the hospitals in their respective quarantines or homes,.....

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Allocations for Ehsaas Programme enhanced to Rs260b

Source: [Mobarik A Virk, The News, International](#), 2021-06-12

ISLAMABAD: The government announced a substantial increase in the allocations for poverty alleviation measures under its ongoing Ehsaas Programme, the Poverty Alleviation Fund and Baitul Maal under which 12 million households all over the country will be covered. The budgetary allocations under this programme for the year 2020-21 were Rs210 billion, which have been enhanced to Rs260 billion for t.....

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Covid-19 claims more 56 lives across country

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

ISLAMABAD: As many as 56 more persons from across the country lost their lives to COVID-19 in 24 hours (till Sunday evening) with 1,239 new positive cases of the pandemic having surfaced. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 36,368 tests were conducted in a day while positivity ratio was recorded at 3.4 per cent. According to an official statement, some 36,368 t.....

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Covid-19; Country reports lowest single-day tally since Feb 15

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

ISLAMABAD: The country, Monday, reported 1,019 Covid-19 cases, the lowest single-day tally since February 15, the National Command and Operation Centre said, on Monday. The country on February 15, 2021 has recorded 958 cases. According to the NCOC, the national cases tally has jumped to 942,189, which include 878,740 recovered patients with a significant recovery ratio of 93.3 percent.

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Education outlay doubled but peanuts for new projects

Source: [Jamilia Achakzai, The News, International](#), 2021-06-12

Islamabad : As the economy shows signs of recovery from the coronavirus pandemic, the federal government has announced that it will double the education ministry's development funding in the next fiscal. However, there are peanuts for new initiatives. According to the 2021-22 Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) documents unveiled on Friday, the ministry, which oversees formal educat.....

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Two more die of corona, 85 new cases reported

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-12

Rawalpindi : COVID-19 has claimed another two lives from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours taking the death toll from the region to 1754 while 85 new patients have been diagnosed with the infection taking tally from the twin cities to 106,537. According to In-charge District COVID-19 Cell Rawalpindi Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Jawad Zahid, the positivity rate of COVI.....

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MoU inked on climate mitigation, food security

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-12

Islamabad : A memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the World Wide Fund for Nature–Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan) and the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) to further the cause of climate mitigation, climate adaptation, control of land degradation, food security, biodiversity conservation and enhancing community resilience in view of Pakistan's needs, and support the United Nations Su.....

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Lowest corona deaths, infection cases since June 1

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-15

ISLAMABAD KARACHI/ PESHAWAR: The country on Monday recorded the lowest deaths and positive cases reported in a day since June 1, while the national tally on Monday of total active COVID-19 cases was recorded 41,726 with 1,019 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,549 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Positivity ratio still remained high in Karachi. Thirt.....

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Pakistan reports 1,239 new corona cases, 56 deaths

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan reported 1,239 new coronavirus cases during the past 24 hours, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 941,170. The country's death toll climbed to 21,689 after 56 more people succumbed to the deadly disease during the same period. Meanwhile, 1,610 patients recovered from the deadly disease in a day, taking total recoveries to 877,161. According to the National Comm.....

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Pakistan makes fresh request for 5m Sputnik doses

Source: [Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-15

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi Monday requested Russia once again for assistance in procuring 5 million doses of Sputnik V vaccines during a telephonic conversation with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov. Qureshi reaffirmed that relations with Russia were a key priority of Pakistan's foreign policy. During his visit to Islamabad in April this year, Lavrov had assured,

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One dies of COVID-19

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-15

Islamabad: The number of patients being tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district has registered a sharp decline on the second consecutive day as in the last 24 hours, 46 new patients have been tested positive for the disease, which is the lowest number of cases reported in a day from the region after October 5, 2020. In the last 24

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80pc construction sector's workers lost jobs during Covid-19: survey

Source: [Agencies](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-14

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has also borne the economic brunt of Covid-19 pandemic that resulted in negative growth of -0.47 per cent in financial year 2020-21, job losses, falling income and deteriorating social indicators. According to "Special Survey for Evaluating Socio-Economic Impact of Covid-19 on well being of People" conducted by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), almost half

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Pakistan facing vaccine shortage

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti Amer Malik](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-16

KARACHI/LAHORE: Pakistan faced a COVID-19 vaccine crisis on Tuesday due to exhaustion of its Chinese and European vaccine stocks, compelling federal authorities to dispatch around 150,000 reserved doses in emergency to Sindh and Punjab to meet their daily requirements while SOS signals were sent to Beijing and COVAX for the provision of vaccine shipments. "At the moment, we are facing a sho.....

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One COVID-19 death, 41 cases from twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-16

Islamabad : As many as 41 new patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours while the virus has claimed one more life from ICT from where the positivity rate of the infection has been recorded as less than one per cent, the lowest in the last three-and-a-half months. It is worth mentioning here th.....

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United Nations, Pak jointly launch 'Pak Humanitarian Response Plan 2021'

Source: [DNA](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2021-06-16

Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi on Wednesday said Pakistan was making steady progress in achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), notwithstanding the challenges of climate change and COVID-19 pandemic. Addressing here at the joint launch event of '2021 Pakistan Humanitarian Response Plan, the Foreign Minister said the government was striving to ensure effective response to.....

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Pakistan records two weeks' lowest positive cases amid decline in positivity ratio: NCO

Source: [news Desk](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2021-06-16

The country on Tuesday recorded the lowest number of positive cases reported in a day for the past two weeks of June; the national tally of total active COVID-19 cases was recorded 40,929 with 838 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 1,576 people recovered from the disease during the last 24 hours. Fifty-nine corona patients have died during the past 24 hours, 56 of whom were unde.....

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No shortage of coronavirus vaccines: Yasmin Rashid

Source: [Inp](#), [Daily Times](#) , 2021-06-16

Punjab Health Minister Dr. Yasmin Rashid on Tuesday said that there is no shortage of coronavirus vaccinations in the province and there is nothing to be worried about. The provincial minister said that number of people getting vaccination has sky rocketed but there are still over 25,000 doses available while about 11,000 people are vaccinated in a day at Expo Center vaccination center. Yasmin Ra.....

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Pakistan allows AstraZeneca shot for under 40s to help its expatriates

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-06-16

Pakistan has lifted a rule barring the use of AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine for people below 40 years old, in a bid to help inoculate people who need to travel for education or jobs abroad, particularly Saudi Arabia, a health official said. Pakistan, which relies heavily on remittances from its expatriate workers in Saudi Arabia, has primarily used Chinese vaccines – Sinopharm, CanSi.....

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Pakistan reports less than 1,000 Covid-19 cases since Feb 15

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has reported less than 1,000 coronavirus cases for the first time since February 15, when the country reported 958 infections. According to the National Command and Operation Centre, 838 coronavirus cases were reported during the last 24 hours after 35,039 tests were conducted. The positivity rate was recorded as 2.39 percent. As many as 59 fatalities were also recorded across.....

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A sacred oath

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

Scepticism towards the healthcare industry is nothing new, but the novel coronavirus pandemic has revealed to us the extent of it. The world over, even in the normally thought of as 'well-educated' West, a significant segment of common citizens is willing to fight healthcare professionals on everything. From masks to social distancing to vaccines, all aspects of the coronavirus respons.....

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Two million vaccine doses present in inventory: Dr Faisal

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan said on Wednesday that two million doses of the anti-Covid-19 vaccine are present in Pakistan's inventory. Recently the PM's aide on health stated that approximately 2.2 million people are fully vaccinated against coronavirus in Pakistan, meaning they have received both doses of the vaccine, adding that more than 3.7 million h.....

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Covid infection rate drops below 1% in capital

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: The Covid positivity ratio was recorded less than one per cent in the federal capital on Tuesday. According to the District Health Officer (DHO), only 31 cases were reported after 3,463 samples were taken in the last 24 hours. The health officials of the city had earlier said that 50 per cent of eligible residents of Islamabad have been partially vaccinated, causing a decline.....

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Capital sees less than 1pc positivity rate

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

ISLAMABAD: The Covid-19 positivity in the capital dropped to 0.8pc on Wednesday. As many as 37 people in Islamabad and 22 in Rawalpindi were diagnosed with the disease during the last 24 hours. As many as 113 people reportedly recovered from the disease. Officials of the capital administration said 4,170 tests were conducted in the capital. As many as 12 cases were reported in the age group of 3.....

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More vaccine doses to arrive 'soon': SAPM

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on National Health Services Dr Faisal Sultan, Wednesday, said the government was making sincere efforts to ensure the availability of the Covid-19 vaccine at all vaccination centres and more doses are expected to arrive soon. Talking to media here, Sultan said that so far 20 million citizens had been vaccinated as the government secure.....

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Efforts on for smooth Covid vaccine supply: Dr Faisal

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

ISLAMABAD - Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan on Wednesday said that the Covid-19 vaccine shortage was a temporary issue and the situation is likely to improve after June 20. Addressing a press conference here, he said that shortage of vaccines had been reported from some vaccination centres and authorities were working to ensure the supply of additional doses.

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Govt to ensure COVID-19 vaccine availability at vaccination centres

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

ISLAMABAD - Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Dr Faisal Sultan on Wednesday said that the government was making sincere efforts to ensure the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine at all vaccination centers. In a media briefing, Dr Faisal said that so far 20 million citizens have been vaccinated as the go.....

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Country reports 1,038 new corona cases, 46 deaths

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has reported 1,038 new coronavirus cases during the past 24 hours, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 944,065. The country's death toll climbed to 21,828 after 46 more people succumbed to the deadly disease in a day. Meanwhile, 2,016 patients recovered from the deadly disease in a day, taking total recoveries to 882,332. According to the National Command

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NDMA hands over PPEs, medical equipment to Afghanistan

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

ISLAMABAD - The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Wednesday handed over Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) to Afghanistan to combat Covid-19. In a statement issued, the NDMA said that on behalf of the government of Pakistan PPEs and medical equipment have been handed over to the Ambassador of Afghanistan to combat Covid-19. SAPM Health Dr. Faisal Sultan was the chief guest

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Number of Covid cases falls by 65pc in two months

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

ISLAMABAD: The number of active cases of Covid-19 in the country has declined by 65 per cent in about two months and positivity rate continues to hover around 3pc for the last two weeks, according to data shared by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). The number of patients admitted to hospitals, which was around 7,000 in April, was 2,746 as of June 17. Meanwhile, 1,119 cases and 46

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20m citizens vaccinated, says Dr Faisal Sultan

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-17

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Dr Faisal Sultan on Wednesday said that the government is making sincere efforts to ensure the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine at all vaccination centres and more doses are expected to arrive soon, reported Geo News. In a media briefing, Dr Sultan said that so far 20 million citizens

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Positivity rate from Pindi 2.7pc

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-17

Rawalpindi : Another patient suffering from coronavirus illness, COVID-19 belonging to Rawalpindi district died of the illness in the last 24 hours while 58 new patients were tested positive from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district taking tally from the region to 106,824. It is however alarming that the positivity rate of COVID-19 has been recorded as 2.7 per cent in Rawalpindi in.....

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Pakistan demands India tighten nuclear safety

Source: [Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Thursday said several incidents of illegal sale of weapon grade uranium in India pointed to lax controls, poor regulatory and enforcement mechanisms as well as possible existence of a black market for nuclear materials in India. Addressing the weekly media briefing here, Foreign Office spokesman Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri said instead of resorting to baseless and usual anti-Pakista.....

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Science spending increases by 19% in 4 years: Number of scientists worldwide reaches 8.8 million

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

NEW YORK: Global R&D spending grew faster than the economy between 2014 and 2018 as countries around the world turned to research to bring on the green and digital transitions, says a new UNESCO report. Worldwide, science spending increased by 19% over the four years, while the number of scientists grew by 13.7% to 8.8 million. Since the start of 2020, the COVID-19 crisis further boosted this.....

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Corona kills 46 more people

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of active COVID-19 cases was Thursday recorded 36,215 with 1,119 more people testing positive and 2,763 people recovering during the 24 hours. Forty-six corona patients died during the 24 hours out of which 40 were under treatment in hospitals and six in their respective quarantines or homes, according to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). Most of dea.....

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Pakistan sends corona safety, treatment items to Afghanistan

Source: [online](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), on behalf of government of Pakistan, has dispatched COVID-19 safety and treatment items to Afghanistan. Addressing the ceremony held in this regard in Islamabad, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services Dr Faisal Sultan said these items are being sent to Afghanistan for safety and treatment of the Afghan peop.....

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Another day without COVID-19 death in twin cities

Source: [Muhammad Qasim](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

Rawalpindi : No death due to coronavirus illness, COVID-19 was reported from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours while 64 new cases were reported from the region taking total number of patients so far registered from the twin cities to 106,888 on Thursday. The population in the region witnessed a day without reporting of COVID-19 death on Thursday after a week.....

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Vaccination of cops starts against COVID-19

Source: [Crime Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

Islamabad: Vaccination of policemen against COVID-19 has begun in Islamabad who are front line fighters against this pandemic and serving the citizens with dedication to protect them from the disease. Following the directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Qazi Jamil ur Rehman, a medical camp has been arranged in the Police line headquarters by AIG Establishment, SSP (Headquarters.....

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Ecosystem restoration fund on anvils to overcome droughts in Pakistan

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

ISLAMABAD: The government is establishing an ecosystem restoration fund to support activities related to curbing desertification, land degradation and droughts as the flagship initiative has hit the ground running, a PM aide said on Thursday. Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Climate Change Amin Aslam said the government is implementing a climate smart agriculture initiative with support fro.....

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Coronavirus claims 46 more lives with 1,038 fresh cases

Source: [Agencies](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-06-17

The coronavirus claimed another 46 lives in the country during the last twenty-four hours, said the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Wednesday. According to the latest statistics by the NCOC, 42,113 Covid-19 tests were conducted across the country in the last 24 hours, out of which 1,038 people tested positive for the infection. The rate of positive cases in the last 24 hours was 2.....

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Govt to ensure COVID-19 vaccine availability at vaccination centres: Dr Faisal

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-06-17

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Dr Faisal Sultan on Wednesday said that the government was making sincere efforts to ensure the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine at all vaccination centers. In a media briefing, Dr Faisal said that so far 20 million citizens have been vaccinated as the government has secured sufficient doses in

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Govt to import 27.5m doses of anti-corona vaccine due to shortage

Source: [Abdul Rasheed Azad](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to import 27.5 million doses of the coronavirus vaccine as a serious shortage of the coronavirus vaccine has surfaced in the country after people started getting themselves vaccinated. According to the Health Ministry officials, the government will procure 23 million doses of Chinese vaccine Sinopharm, 2.5 million doses of Sinovac, and two million doses o.....

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Third batch of PakVac will be administered to people from 23rd

Source: [Rahul Basharat](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

Islamabad - The third batch of locally formulated and packed anti-COVID-19 vaccine PakVac will reach for administration to people from June 23rd, The Nation learnt on Thursday. The Director General (DG) Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) Dr. Rana Muhammad Safdar informed The Nation that first two batches of PakVac have been supplied and consumed and next batches will start flowing from 23.....

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Pakistan reports 1,119 new corona cases, 46 deaths

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan reported 1,119 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, taking the country's Covid-19 tally to 945,184. The country's death toll climbed to 21,874 after 46 more people succumbed to the deadly disease in a single day. Meanwhile, 4,763 patients recovered from the deadly disease in a day, taking total recoveries to 887,095. According to the National Command and Op.....

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Vaccination for Islamabad police begins

Source: [Israr Ahmad](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

Islamabad -Vaccination of policemen against COVID-19 began on Thursday in Islamabad as they are standing on the frontline in fight against this pandemic and serving the citizens with dedication to protect them from coronavirus. Following the directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Qazi Jamil ur Rehman, a medical camp has been arranged at Police Line Headquarters by AIG Establish.....

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Capital sees lowest single day Covid-19 cases since October

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

ISLAMABAD: The lowest number of Covid-19 cases were reported in the capital on Friday as 25 people tested positive. As many as 3,337 tests were conducted in the capital during the last 24 hours and the positivity rate dropped to 0.7pc. Moreover, 73 people recovered from the disease. Officials of the capital administration said 23 cases were reported on a single day on Oct 5, 2020. There are 1,21.....

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27 deaths from COVID-19 in last 24 hours, lowest since April

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

In the last 24 hours, Pakistan has reported 27 deaths by the coronavirus as the number of positive cases has risen to 947,218. The nationwide number of deaths has jumped to 21,940 on Saturday, 19th June 2021. In accordance to the stats given by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) 991 persons tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. Out of all the provinces, Punjab remains

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Govt to purchase 27.5 million Covid-19 vaccines from China

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

Islamabad - The government on Friday made an agreement with China for the purchase of 27.5 million covid-19 vaccines to administer to the population in the country. Officials at the Ministry of National Health Services (NIH) said that under the agreement vaccines including Sinopharm, CanSino and SinoVac have been purchased. Officials said that under the agreement 23 million doses of Sinopharm, 2 m.....

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Pakistan's Covid-19 positivity rate falls to 1.9pc, lowest so far this year

Source: [Tahir Niaz, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

ISLAMABAD / FAISALABAD - Pakistan has recorded a Covid-19 positivity rate of 1.9 percent — lowest so far this year — as the country conducted 54,647 tests during the past 24 hours. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), after 54,647 tests, 1043 returned positive suggesting a positivity rate of 1.9 percent. The country also reported another 39 deaths due to the

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PTCL Group vaccinates its employees against Covid-19

Source: [Press Release, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

ISLAMABAD - Seeing the impact of third wave of Covid-19, PTCL Group, as part of its social responsibility, has announced its commitment to support its 26,000 employees including its contractual employees and their dependents with Covid-19 vaccination in collaboration with the government of Pakistan. Through this initiative, PTCL Group will be taking care of its large employee base in both PTCL &am.....

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Islamabad vaccination centres face shortage of COVID-19 vaccines

Source: [Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

ISLAMABAD -Islamabad vaccination centres on Friday faced shortage of COVID-19 vaccines due to delay in the supply by the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS). Senior officials at the Ministry of NHS and District Health Office (DHO) informed The Nation that if the shortage continues and supply is not maintained, the authorities will have to close the vaccination activity till Monday. Accord.....

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1.5m doses of Sinovac arrive at Islamabad airport: NCOC

Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

ISLAMABAD: A special consignment of 1.55 million Sinovac anti-Covid vaccine doses arrived at the Islamabad airport through a special PIA flight on Sunday, announced the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). The consignment is part of the emergency order the federal government had placed to overcome a countrywide shortage of jobs. "China as a time tested friend of Pakistan has taken.....

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Covid jabs arrival to ease pressure on system in a day or two, says Dr Faisal

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Health Dr Faisal Sultan said on Saturday that the pressure on the system regarding the stock of the Covid vaccines will be eased in a day or two. "Any pressure in the system & local/distribution issues will be eased by Mon/Tue," Dr Faisal said in a Twitter post. The SAPM also issued a schedule of the vaccines due to arrive in

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More than 2.3m vaccinations done last week: Umar

Source: [News Desk](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan administered more than 2.3 million anti-Covid vaccines last week for the period of June 12 to 18, said National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umar on Sunday. According to Umar, the inoculations were done at a rate of 332,877 per day. "This is the highest so far in any week," Umar shared on his official Twitter handle. He added that the country was se.....

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1.5m doses from China to end Covid jab shortage in Pakistan

Source: [Anadolu Agency](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

KARACHI: The federal government has placed emergency orders for supplies of the coronavirus vaccines to overcome a countrywide jab shortage, Dr Faisal Sultan, the adviser to the prime minister on health affairs, said on Saturday. Talking to Anadolu Agency, he said that the country is set to receive fresh supplies of Covid-19 vaccines from Sunday. The country, he said, is slated to receive around.....

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Covid-19 vaccine supplies; What has actually aggravated the situation?

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Finance's (MoF's) reluctance to provide required foreign exchange for procurement of Covid-19 vaccines has reportedly aggravated the situation in the country, well-informed sources told Business Recorder. On June 9, 2021, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) briefed the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet about vaccine availability.....

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Virus deaths, infections drop drastically

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Saturday reported less than 1000 new Covid-19 cases, according to the officials. The country recorded 991 such cases during the past 24 hours, the second lowest since February 15 as the pandemic has shown a declining trend. The country had reported 838 such cases on June 15. With the number of cases declining, the number of deaths also came to the lowest point in the rece.....

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Centres closed due to vaccine shortage

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-20

KARACHI/ ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is facing an extreme shortage of COVID-19 vaccines, compelling the Sindh province to suspend the vaccination process from today (Sunday) throughout the province, while Punjab closed down many vaccination centers as supply from the Center was halted in the last week. However, officials say that an agreement has been reached between Pakistan and the Pfizer-BioNTech for

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PML-N, PPP call for audit of Covid funds

Source: [Amir Wasim](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

ISLAMABAD: Expressing concerns over the reports coming from various parts of the country regarding shortage of Covid-19 vaccine, major opposition parties — the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) — on Sunday accused the government of committing a "criminal negligence" and called for audit of the coronavirus funds. PML-N president and Leade.....

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48,000 doses of Covid-19 vaccine arrive in Islamabad

Source: [Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

ISLAMABAD: While around 600,000 doses of Covid-19 have been administered in Islamabad, health authorities on Sunday received 48,000 more doses. Meanwhile, the weekly positivity remained at 1.01 per cent and only 31 cases were reported on Sunday. Refuting allegations that vaccines were not available at most of the 33 centres, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Zaeem Zia said there was ample quantit.....

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Federal gov't's indecisiveness jeopardises students' future

Source: [Khalid Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2021-06-20

RAWALPINDI: The Covid-19 pandemic has put the future of students at stake as thousands of students of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th are facing an uncertain situation as to whether the government will take exams of compulsory subjects only or that of all subjects. The students of twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad are in the grip of different kind of rumors that government will once again change da.....

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Twin cities log 3 deaths, 46 cases: Positivity from Pindi drops to 1.35%

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2021-06-20

Rawalpindi : Another three deaths have been reported from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district due to coronavirus illness, COVID-19 in the last 24 hours while 46 new patients have been tested positive for the illness from the region. To date, the virus has claimed a total of 1765 lives from ICT and Rawalpindi district while as many as 106,976 patients have so far been reported posi.....

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1.55m COVID jabs arrive

Source: [Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2021-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Sunday apprised that a special Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) flight airlifted over 1.55 million doses of SinoVac Covid vaccine from China. The NCOC informed that the special consignment of SinoVac vaccine of 1.55 million doses had arrived at Islamabad International Airport through a special PIA flight which was part of planned c.....

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Partial lockdown, data analysis helped keep Covid-19 in control: PM Imran

Source: [News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that a partial lockdown coupled with comprehensive data analysis helped the government control the Covid-19 pandemic in Pakistan. In an interview with HBO Axios, PM Imran told the interviewer, Jonathan Swan, how Pakistan fared better in containing the coronavirus pandemic as compared to the United States, which recorded more than 600,000 Covid-19 related deaths. &.....

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Govt achieves target of 332,877 Covid-19 vaccinations per day

Source: [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

ISLAMABAD: The government has achieved the target of vaccinating over 2.3 million citizens in a week and it has done the Covid-19 vaccinations at a rate of 332,877 doses per day during June 12-18. According to an official of Ministry of the National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination, this is the highest vaccination figure so far in any week and the government was ready to set ano.....

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Shehbaz laments shortage of Covid-19 vaccine

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) President and National Assembly Opposition Leader Shehbaz Sharif has expressed grave concern and alarm over the unavailability of covid-19 vaccine in the country. In a statement, Shehbaz said the government should make arrangements for immediate supply of corona vaccine and should stop playing with the lives of the people. He said the government

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1.5m Sinovac doses arrive to overcome vaccine shortage

Source: [Tahir Niaz](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

ISLAMABAD - A special PIA plane carrying 1.55 million doses of the Sinovac vaccine reached Islamabad from China on Sunday as the country makes efforts to overcome the countrywide shortage of jabs. The consignment is part of the emergency orders the government had placed to overcome the countrywide shortage of the vaccine. "China as a time-tested friend of Pakistan has taken special measures....."

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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Vaccination of hotel, wedding hall staff ordered

Source: [Bureau Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

PESHAWAR: The district administration of Peshawar on Friday directed the owners of hotels, restaurants and wedding halls in the provincial capital to vaccinate their employees against coronavirus by next Tuesday. The directions were issued during a meeting of the representatives of the hotel, restaurant and wedding hall owners with deputy commissioner retired Captain Khalid Mehmood here, according.....

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Chitral records highest Covid vaccination rate in KP

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

PESHAWAR: As the health department scales up efforts to vaccinate more and more people against coronavirus, the far-flung Upper and Lower Chitral districts have reported the highest inoculation rate in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to a government report, the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine has been administered to Upper Chitral's 30 per cent targeted population of above 18 years of age, the.....

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Restriction at Torkham border relaxed for Afghan patients

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

KHYBER: With a ban on cross-border pedestrian movement at Torkham border still in place, Pakistan granted restricted permission to seriously ill Afghan nationals to come the country for medical treatment, said border and immigration officials at Torkham on Saturday. They said that the permission was granted in the light of repeated requests from high-ranking Afghan officials both in Kabul and Afg.....

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Six policewomen suspended over vaccination refusal

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

LAKKI MARWAT: Bannu district police officer Imran Shahid on Saturday suspended six lady police constables for refusing to get vaccinated against coronavirus. An official said the suspended policewomen included Riffat Sohail, Rukhsana, Ruhida, Ruqayya, Zakia Rehman and Gulshan. He said the policewomen had been sent to the police lines. "The district police chief has also stopped salaries of....."

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Covid tests: Passengers find new tricks to dodge airport authorities

Source: [Umer Farooq](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

PESHAWAR: With the list of prerequisites expanding for air travelers during the pandemic, a negative Covid-19 test result has become the golden entry ticket for many. It not only allows passengers to clear the strict screening process on arrival, but also enables them to circumvent the lengthy quarantine rules. And just how easy is it to acquire a negative report before a trip? According to det.....

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Efforts on to achieve Covid vaccination target: DHO

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

Mardan - District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Kachkol Khan has said that they are trying to achieve the target of Covid-19 vaccination in the district despite some circles are spreading rumours about any side effects of the vaccination. Giving briefing to a meeting arranged at the Deputy Commissioner office here in connection with the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination. Deputy Commissioner Habidullah.....

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Lakki DC urges people to get Covid vaccination

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

Lakki marwat - Lakki Marwat Deputy Commissioner Abdul Haseeb has urged the citizens to get vaccine jabs at the nearest vaccination centres as it will protect them against the disease. Talking to journalists here at his office on Saturday, he said that effective vaccination campaign would help to counter the pandemic effectively, therefore, people should take the vaccination seriously. He sai.....

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Traders start getting Covid jabs in Bajaur

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

BAJAUR: The district administration here on Sunday launched a vaccination campaign for traders to protect them against Covid-19. A statement issued by the DC office said that the administration had initiated the vaccination in Khar Bazaar following a meeting with representatives of traders' associations in the district, which was chaired by assistant commissioner Fazal Raheem. The particip.....

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KP health dept receives limited quantity of Pfizer vaccine

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

PESHAWAR: The provincial health department has received limited quantity of Pfizer vaccine to provide it to the people with low immunity against Covid-19 in line with the guidelines and on the recommendation of specialist doctors, according to officials. The province procured 8,000 doses of US-manufactured vaccine from National Command and Control Centre (NCOCC) and would distribute it to the hosp.....

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Khyber admin yet to set up vaccination centre in Tirah

Source: [A Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

KHYBER: The residents of the entire Tirah are awaiting vaccination against coronavirus as the health authorities and district administration are yet to establish a vaccination centre in the valley. The residents of the area told Dawn that they were at risk of contracting the deadly virus as a considerable number of tourists were visiting different parts of the valley on a daily basis. They said

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Cleric arrested for opposing anti-polio drive

Source: [Bureau Report, The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

PESHAWAR: A prayer leader has been arrested in the provincial capital for speaking in public forums against anti-polio vaccination while six female cops were suspended in Bannu after they refused anti-Covid vaccination. Qari Abdullah was arrested on the orders of deputy commissioner Peshawar from Urmar area in the provincial capital. The order stated the accused was addressing people against pol.....

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Vaccination of health workers, public continues in KP

Source: [APP, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

Peshawar - Corona vaccination of citizens continued in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and so far a total of 349,999 people have been vaccinated, an official of the Health Department said here on Sunday. Giving details about vaccine, he said, 338,052 health workers and elderly people had been given the first dose of Sinopharm. While, 2,46,223 health workers and elderly people were also given second dose o.....

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Kohat hairdressers ordered to get inoculated against Covid

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

KOHAT: The district administration has ordered the members of the hairdressers' association to vaccinate themselves against Covid-19 within 24 hours. Additional assistant commissioner-III Mohammad Iqbal issued the directives during a meeting with the association's members here on Wednesday. During a visit of the hairdressers' shops, he noticed that they were not observing the C.....

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Overseas workers protest shortage of vaccination centres

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

LOWER DIR: Scores of overseas workers on Wednesday held a protest demonstration at the Gorgorai Chowk here on Wednesday against the district administration for its failure to speed up their vaccination against coronavirus to enable them to leave for their workplaces abroad. The traffic police had to divert the vehicular traffic from the square to the Timergara bypass during the protest. The prot.....

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Essential services linked to Covid vaccination

Source: [Mohammad Haroon/Shahzaib Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

PESHAWAR: Deputy Commissioner Peshawar has linked the provision of essential services such as registry, attestation of mutation, issuance of domicile, issuance of licences, NOC, benevolent funds, and armed licences to the Covid-19 vaccination in the district. All the officials concerned have been directed to provide these essential services only upon receipt of vaccination report or message. Talk.....

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KP starts administering PakVac Covid vaccine to people

Source: [BR Research](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

PESHAWAR: Five more people died of coronavirus and 189 new cases were detected in the province as the health department started administering locally produced Covid-19 vaccine PakVac to people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Thursday. "On the first day, 270 people got inoculated with Pakvac, which is a single dose medicine. Initially, we have received 5,000 doses of the vaccine produced at Nationa.....

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Vaccination of registered Afghan Refugees in progress

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-06-17

Afghan refugees residing in Pakistan are getting corona vaccination and so far around 1500 have taken the jab while remaining are in progress who will be provided the facility on the basis of their registration with the 1166 sms system. UNHCR's spokesman, Qaiser Afridi in a telephonic conversation with APP informed that the government was providing vaccination facilities to all refugees and

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Limited vaccine stocks slow Covid inoculation drive

Source: [Ashfaq Yusufzai](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

PESHAWAR: Though the coronavirus positivity rate continues to be on the decline in high-risk districts, vaccinations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are slowing down due to limited stocks, say officials. According to them, the province has been reporting less than 200 Covid-19 cases daily for the last one week but the vaccines are unavailable in most of its 640 inoculation centres. "We [health depar.....

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Punjab

21 more die as Covid onslaught continues

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

LAHORE - Coronavirus claimed 21 more lives and 247 new cases were also reported in Punjab during last 24 hours. The total number of cases has reached 343,499. According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the death toll turned 10,457 while 320,912 cases recovered so far. The P&SHD confirmed that 85 new cases of Covid-1.....

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Punjab may deploy polio teams for Covid vaccination

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

LAHORE: To overcome the issue of slow pace of Covid vaccination campaign in Punjab, the health authorities have proposed to the government to launch a drive on the pattern of anti-polio drive to reach out to the targeted adult population by the end of December, to achieve the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) objective. The issue came under discussion in a meeting presided over by the

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Punjab reports 204 fresh corona cases, 22 deaths

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

LAHORE: Out of 9,657 coronavirus tests conducted during the last 24 hours, as many as 204 fresh virus cases and 22 deaths were reported across the province taking the provincial tally of cases to 343,703 and death toll to 10,479 with overall positivity rate of 2.11 percent. During the last 24 hours, 10 deaths were reported in Lahore, four each in Faisalabad and Rahim Yar Khan and one each in

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Ministry for expediting Covid vaccination pace

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

LAHORE - Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid chaired a meeting on Saturday to review various proposals for expediting the pace of Covid-19 vaccination. Chief Secretary, administrative secretaries of the Health Department, and senior civil and military officials attended the meeting while all the deputy commissioners participated through video link. The participants discussed various proposals i.....

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4,972 policemen vaccinated

Source: [Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

LAHORE - Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Ghulam Mahmood Dogar has said that 4,972 police personnel have so far been vaccinated at Police Lines THQ Hospital Qila Gujjar Singh centre during the last 35 days. He told the media here on Saturday that the centre had been administering vaccine to the police personnel on a daily basis. "Around 10,000 police personnel will be vaccinated at the cen.....

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Govt urged to establish vaccination centres in far-flung areas

Source: [Aamir Yasin, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

RAWALPINDI: Residents of the far-flung areas of the district have urged the government to increase the number of Covid-19 vaccination centres as due to long queues in already established centres many people are reportedly returning without receiving the first dose of the vaccine. More than 500,000 people have been vaccinated against Covid-19 in Rawalpindi district so far and more are eager to get.....

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Fifth consecutive day of less than 300 Covid cases

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

LAHORE: As many as 22 people died of Covid in Punjab while 223 tested positive for the virus on Sunday, the fifth straight day the province reported less than 300 cases. The province's tally of infections has reached 343,926. Meanwhile, 22 more people succumbed to the virus in the province, increasing the death toll to 10,501. Punjab reported 223 new coronavirus infections in the last 24

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Preventive measures must continue to contain virus: Dr Faisal

Source: [Wardha Tariq, The News, International](#), 2021-06-14

LAHORE: Last 18 months have been turbulent owing to huge economic and healthcare challenges caused by COVID-19. These challenges were met with strong policies and strategies. Preventive measures and COVID-19 SOPs were taken to contain the virus. These were the views expressed by speakers at a webinar on "COVID-19 in 2021 & beyond/ digital vaccine passports in times of pandemic" or.....

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Twin cities log 3 deaths, 58 new cases

Source: [Muhammad Qasim, The News, International](#), 2021-06-14

Rawalpindi : A total of 58 new patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in the last 24 hours that is the lowest number of cases reported in a day from the region in the last eight months. The virus, however, has claimed another three lives from the twin cities taking the death toll to 1,758 while the total number.....

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Vaccination halts Covid spread

Source: [Adnan Lodhi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

LAHORE: The spread of Covid-19 in Punjab is speedily decreasing with the infectivity rate in the province declining to 2.4 per cent. According to official data, the ratio of coronavirus positive test results in Lahore has dropped to 4.7. On the other hand, over 5.8 million people across Punjab have been vaccinated against coronavirus. The provincial government aims to increase the daily vaccination.....

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Covid-19 claims 22 more lives in Punjab

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

LAHORE: The coronavirus pandemic has claimed 22 more lives across the province while 223 fresh infections were reported in Punjab during the past 24 hours. According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), the total number of coronavirus cases exceeded 343,920 while the death toll from the virus had reached 10,501. The P&SHD data.....

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Response to federal budget positive: FM

Source: [Nadeem Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

MULTAN: Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi on Saturday said the government made efforts to improve the economy after the COVID-19 challenge and response to the federal budget has been positive. Talking to journalists at the Deputy Commissioner Office here, he said the goal in this financial year is economic growth. Remittances have exceeded expectations. The economy is improving after the COVID.....

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67,493 cops aged over 30 years vaccinated: DIG

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

LAHORE: Deputy Inspector General of Police (Welfare) Punjab Agha Muhammad Yousuf disclosed on Sunday that collectively 67,493 police officials more than 30 years of age have been vaccinated against the coronavirus while the remaining force was being vaccinated without any interruption. The senior police officer revealed this while briefing participants of a meeting presided over by the Punjab IG.....

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Punjab moves to vaccinate all public sector employees

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-12

MULTAN: The Punjab government has assigned the targets of preparing lists of departments to ensure vaccination for all public servants. The heads of departments would be responsible for unvaccinated staff, officials said on Friday. "Lists of Corona vaccination teams and daily roaster have been compiled by the Punjab Health Dept. A strategy has been devised to ensure vaccination for all the

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Unvaccinated govt employees to face action: Addl Deputy Commissioner

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

MULTAN - District administration has directed government officials to ensure their vaccination till June 17 otherwise strict action would be taken against them including the option of salary stop. This was disclosed by Additional Deputy Commissioner and focal person for vaccination campaign Rana Ikhtlaq Ahmed here on Sunday. He said that district government had decided to speed up vaccination.....

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19,000 people to be vaccinated in Sialkot daily: DC

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

SIALKOT - Deputy Commissioner Tahir Farooq has said that 19,000 people will be vaccinated against novel coronavirus in Sialkot district daily. Addressing a meeting of officials of various government departments here on Sunday, he said that the government employees must get themselves vaccinated against corona at the earliest. He said that the local authorities of all departments would be required

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24 new COVID-19 cases reported in Rawalpindi

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

RAWALPINDI - As many as 24 coronavirus patients were reported during the last 24 hours in the district with six belonging to Rawal Town, nine from Potohar town, six from Rawalpindi cant, and one each from Murree and Gujar Khan. "Presently, 51 coronavirus confirmed patients were admitted to various facilities of the city including 11 were admitted in Holy Family Hospital, eight in Benazir Bh.....

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Punjab govt approves funding for Chip Design at eight universities

Source: [news Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-06-16

UET Lahore leads the development of micro and Nano-electronics chip design technologies at various universities of the Punjab. The provincial government approves Rs 41.75 Million for establishing chip design centers at eight universities. Integrated Circuits (ICs), commonly known as chips, have radically altered the industry and nanotechnology has greatly contributed to major advances in computin.....

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Diamond paints fights back Covid-19

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

LAHORE - Diamond Paints believes that a safe and healthy working environment is a need that should be provided to each and every employee. On June 9th, 2021, in collaboration with the Primary and Secondary Health Care Department Government of Punjab, Diamond Paints set its goal to fight the epidemic by successfully administering Covid-19 vaccines to over 500 of their employees free of cost at.....

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More Covid vaccination centres to be established in Rawalpindi Division: Commissioner

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

RAWALPINDI - The administration is going to establish more Covid-19 vaccination centres in Rawalpindi Division to facilitate the people and carry out the inoculation process smoothly. According to Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Syed Gulzar Hussain Shah, 524,537 people have been vaccinated in Rawalpindi district including 495,172 general citizens and 29,365 frontline health workers. He sa.....

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No shortage of corona vaccine in Punjab: minister

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

LAHORE: Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid said on Tuesday that there is no shortage of coronavirus vaccine in the province. "Despite the fact that the number of people getting vaccination has sky-rocketed there are still over 25,000 doses available while about 11,000 people are vaccinated in a day at Expo Center vaccination center," she said in a statement. Yasmin Rashi.....

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Punjab short of Covid vials

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

LAHORE: The shortage of Covid vaccine has forced the authorities to close two vaccination centres/camps in Lahore while some others in the rest of the province may face closure. There are reports that only a day's stock of the Covid vaccine is left in Punjab, an official privy to the information tells Dawn. He says following the shortage of the vaccine, the health authorities have closed do.....

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10 more Covid deaths in Punjab

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

LAHORE: Punjab reported 10 Covid deaths during the last 24 hours, the lowest so far, taking the tally to 10,567 across the province. Of them, eight deaths occurred in the provincial capital only, showing the lowest number of virus casualties recorded in a day in Lahore as well the province during the three waves of the epidemic. According to the Covid update released here on Wednesday, the total.....

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Covid jabs resume at all centres

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

LAHORE: The Punjab government on Wednesday resumed coronavirus vaccination process at different points of the city. The shortage of vaccine had forced the authorities to close two centres in Lahore. According to a news release, vaccination was resumed at different camps established at the Expo Centre, Lahore Press Club and the PKLI. The government had a stock of 55,000 jabs of Sinopharm, 10,000

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Punjab to strictly implement corona SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

LAHORE - Punjab government on Wednesday decided to strictly implement corona standard operating procedures (SOPs) across the province. Decision was taken at a meeting held here with Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid in the chair. Chief Secretary Punjab, Additional Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary Home, Secretary Primary and Secondary Healthcare, Director-General Public Relations and.....

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Punjab starts provision of Pfizer vaccine

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

LAHORE - On instructions of NCOC, Punjab Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Department has started supplying Pfizer vaccine at vaccination centres in four big cities including Lahore. Chairing a meeting here Wednesday, SHME Secretary Nabeel Aawan said that vaccination centres in PKLI Lahore, Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital Lahore, Allied Hospital Faisalabad, Holy Family Hospital Rawalpi.....

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Religious minorities, women faced tough time in 2020: HRCP

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

MULTAN: The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) 2020 report says the religious minorities and women experienced a tough time also in Punjab while the COVID-19 pandemic exposed health infrastructure, facilities and patients' access to health services in the province during 2020. Addressing a press conference at Multan Press Club on Thursday, HRCP vice chairperson Raja Ashraf, council

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Covid vaccination halted at some centres

Source: [Anadolu Agency](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

LAHORE: Coronavirus vaccination at several centres in different districts of Punjab has been affected allegedly due to shortage or insufficient distribution of the vaccines, The Express Tribune has learnt. According to sources, Punjab Health Department is struggling to maintain the supply of the vaccines to the 677 inoculation centres amid reports of short-age from some areas. Besides the facilities.....

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429,677 people get Covid jabs in Faisalabad

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

FAISALABAD: As many as 429,677 people have so far been vaccinated against COVID-19 in Faisalabad district. District health officer said on Thursday that 326,126 citizens had been given the first dose while 65,670 were administered the second dose of vaccine. He said that 24,300 health workers were also given the first dose while 13,581 received the second dose of vaccine. He said that sufficient supplies.....

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Corona positivity rate declines; Punjab starts supplying Pfizer vaccine to centres

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

LAHORE: While the Punjab health department has started supplying Pfizer vaccine at vaccination centres established in four big cities including Lahore, the corona positivity rate in the province has declined to 1.71%. Out of 7,619 Covid-19 tests conducted during the last 24 hours, as many as 131 fresh virus cases and 19 fatalities were reported across the province during the last 24 hours, tallying.....

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Corona SOPs at educational institute reviewed

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-18

LAHORE - Deputy Commissioner Mudassar Riaz on Thursday visited Ali Public School on Wahdat Road to review coronavirus related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). According to a spokesperson for the district administration, Assistant Commissioner Model Town Ibrahim Arbab, the chief executive officer Education and other officers were also present. The DC visited classes, talked with students and.....

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Shortage of Covid vaccine persists in Punjab

Source: [Asif Chaudhry](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

LAHORE: Shortage of Covid vaccine in Punjab persists dealing a blow to the vital campaign. Reports say very few of the 677 centres established across the province are functioning and the situation has left the citizens at the mercy of 'misgovernance'. It is not different in Lahore where only three out of 57 centres are administering vaccine to the citizens. The functional centres are.....

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UAF signs MoU with NGO for rabies vaccination

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

FAISALABAD: The University of Agriculture Faisalabad (UAF), in collaboration with a non-government organisation (NGO), will launch a mass rabies vaccination in Faisalabad. The UAF and the Tahira Animal Welfare Foundation (TAWF) inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to execute the project on Friday. The MoU was signed by UAF Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Anas Sarwar Qureshi and the foundation chairman.....

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Seven labs shut down for violating directions, SOPs

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

LAHORE - The Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) has shut down seven lab collection centres and issued notices to 16 others for violating directions and standard operating procedures (SOPs). During the last two days, the PHC special enforcement teams visited the premises of 25 labs and collection centres in different parts of the city. Those functioning without registrations, pathologists and oth.....

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Enraged visitors break open Lahore Expo Centre's gate for being denied jabs

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

LAHORE: Scores of people on Saturday broke open the main gate of Expo Centre and entered it's premises after the administration stopped inoculation due to shortage of vaccine and made them wait outside the building for hours in the scorching heat. The charged people also broke the windowpanes of the Expo hall, to vent their anger for being denied vaccination and the government mismanagement.....

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Two vaccination centres closed in Pindi after running short of vaccines

Source: [Munawer Azeem](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

RAWALPINDI: Two vaccination centres in Rawalpindi have been closed till Monday due to shortage of Covid-19 vaccines while the other three are providing only the second dose. The vaccination centres at Jan Marriage Hall and Wapda Hospital were closed after they ran short of vaccines. Many people complained that vaccines were not available even at the Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), Red Cre.....

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Multan gets 3,500 Covid vials for expats

Source: [Staff Correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

MULTAN: The District Health Authority has received 3,500 doses of AstraZeneca [Covid] vaccine for overseas Pakistanis amid reports of shortage. District Health Officer Dr Ali Mehdi told the media on Saturday that AstraZeneca vaccine is being administered to overseas Pakistanis on a priority basis while Pfizer jabs are specified for patients having Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), cancer and or.....

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Vaccination grinds to halt at most centres

Source: [Adnan Lodhi](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

LAHORE: Vaccination of people against Covid-19 has been suspended almost across Punjab due to delay in supply of the vaccines from the federal government, triggering a protest at Expo Centre on Saturday. Besides other cities, the service at Lahore's main vaccination centres was suspended, while the hospitals also ran out of vaccine stock. At some vaccination centres, the jabs were reportedly a.....

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Corona vaccination process halted in Lahore due to shortage

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

LAHORE: The health authority has temporarily halted the coronavirus vaccination process at different vaccination centres in the provincial metropolis amid its shortage. On Saturday, a large number of people thronged the Expo Center after shortage of the vaccine was reported at different other centres. The officials at the center stopped the process of vaccination and closed the counters after.....

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302 more coronavirus patients recover

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

LAHORE - As many as 302 coronavirus patients recovered on Saturday, according to the Health Department. According to the data shared by the department, 302,706 coronavirus patients have recovered altogether so far in public sector hospitals across the province. The Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department sources said that 7,465 beds were reserved in all government owned hospitals f.....

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Call for free technology transfer to produce Covid vaccine

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

LAHORE: The Progressive International has called for speeding up Covid vaccination by removing patents and transferring free-of-cost technology to produce vaccines across the world. The call was made at an online summit of the forum that works to unite progressive forces across the world. The summit brought together the Global South governments, political leaders, healthcare workers and vaccine m.....

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PML-N flays govt for vaccine shortage

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Punjab spokesperson Azma Bukhari lashed out at the government for running out of coronavirus vaccine in the province. She said in a statement here on Sunday that the government had begun administering the vaccine in the provincial capital on March 10 donated by China and the World Health Organisation as charity. She said recently the provincial govern.....

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18 Covid fatalities in Punjab with 171 new cases

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

LAHORE: As many as 18 people died of Covid on Sunday and the death toll reached 10,633 in Punjab while 171 tested positive for the virus during the last 24 hours. Of them, 91 cases were reported from Lahore and the rest from Nankana Sahib, Sheikhupura, Rawalpindi, Chakwal, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Gujrat, Multan, Layyah, Vehari, Faisalabad, Jhang, Rahim Yar Khan, Sargodha, Mianwali, Khushab, Bahawalp.....

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Speakers pay tribute to COVID-19 frontline heroes

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-21

Islamabad:Speakers at an august gathering paid tributes to the selfless and relentless services rendered by the frontline health workers against the deadliest enemy of human beings during COVID-19. The ceremony was held at the Rawalpindi Medical College (RMC) to inaugurate the Rawalpindi chapter of Pakistan Society of Internal Medicine on Sunday with Ex-Head of Medicine Department, RMC, Professor.....

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Covid-19 claims 18 more lives in Punjab

Source: [APP](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-21

LAHORE: Thecoronaviruspandemic has claimed 18 more lives across theprovinceover the past 24 hours. According to the data shared by the spokesperson of Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), 171 fresh infections were reported in Punjab after which the number of coronavirus cases swelled across 344,970. The total recoveries were 324,530 and total deaths reached in Punjab

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Sindh

COVID-19 claims 13 more lives

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

KARACHI - As many as 13 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 5,196 and 675 new cases emerged when 13,245 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Thursday. He added that 13 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,196 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate. Mr.....

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Sindh devising 'transparent' plan for using 12,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine

Source: [Faiza Ilyas](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

KARACHI: While the demand for Pfizer vaccine is building up across the country, authorities in Sindh are yet to start its administration, sources told Dawn. They said this particular Covid-19 vaccine was high in demand because some countries, such as Saudi Arabia, where a significant number of Pakistanis worked, were not accepting the Chinese vaccines widely being used in Pakistan and it's

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24 Covid deaths overnight

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

KARACHI: As many as 24 more patients of coronavirus died overnight and 608 new cases emerged when 11,458 tests were conducted, said a statement issued by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Friday. He said that the death of 24 more patients during the past 24 hours lifted the death toll to 5,220 constituting 1.6 per cent death rate.

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Covid claims 24 more lives in Sindh

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-12

KARACHI: Another 24 persons succumbed to the coronavirus in Sindh, lifting the provincial death toll to 5,220. According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's House on Friday, 608 new cases were diagnosed when 11,458 tests were conducted. As many as 327,004 coronavirus cases have been reported in the province thus far, said CM Syed Murad Ali Shah. Of these 298,344 persons have re-.....

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Sindh health minister sounds alarm over 'fourth wave'

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

KARACHI: Fearing that the country might face a fourth wave of coronavirus due to emerging Covid-19 variants, Sindh Minister for Health and Population Welfare Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho at a meeting held on Saturday directed all district administrations to expedite the Covid-19 vaccination drive. "There is a fear of fourth wave," the statement issued after the meeting quoted the minister as.....

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Health minister reviews Covid and polio vaccination drives

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

KARACHI: Provincial Minister of Sindh Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho addressed on Saturday a meeting, regarding the province-wide anti-polio virus drive and situation of coronavirus vaccination, at Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). The minister stressed in her address that the scale of anti-Covid inoculation should be expanded while keeping in view the delta variant of the virus. She directed the concer.....

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16 corona deaths, 583 fresh cases reported in Sindh

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

KARACHI: As many as 16 more patients of coronavirus died on Saturday lifting the death toll to 5,236 and 583 new cases emerged when 12,376 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Saturday. He added that 16 more patients of Covid-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,236 that constituted 1.6 percent death ra.....

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COVID-19 inoculation commences at PR Karachi

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-13

KARACHI - Pakistan Railways (PR) Karachi division has established COVID-19 inoculation facility at its Hassan hospital and vaccination to railways' officials and their families has commenced on Saturday. The set-up has been arranged with the help of DHO (South) and all the pre-requisites needed for that have been fully provided in the hospital. The vaccination centre shall operate daily, exc.....

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No testing on Karachi's doorways

Source: [Aamir Khan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

KARACHI: The lack of testing facilities on entry and exit points of Karachi, has left the throbbing metropolis unable to ascertain viral cases among intercity commuters traveling to or from the city. Where the Sindh government had tightened restrictions in the past to curb the spread of Covid-19 within the province, absence of rapid testing mechanisms on city borders, has left Karachi prone to an.....

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Seven more succumb to Covid-19, 580 new cases emerge

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

KARACHI: At least 7 more patients of Coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 5,243 and 580 new cases emerged when 12,825 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Sunday. He added that 7 more patients of Covid-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,243 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate.

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COVID claims seven more lives

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-14

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COVID-19 claims 13 more lives

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Frontier Post](#), 2021-06-15

KARACHI - As many as 13 more patients of coronavirus died in last 24 hours lifting the death toll to 5,256 whereas 479 new cases reported from the city. Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Monday said around 12,382 tests were conducted during this time period. He said 12,382 samples were tested which detected 479 cases that constituted 3.9 percent current de.....

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Sindh allows 6 to 8 grades classes from today

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

KARACHI - Sindh government has decided to allow on-campus academic activities of classes six to eight with a 50 percent attendance at a time from Tuesday (today), Sindh Education Minister Saeed Ghani said. Taking to Twitter after a meeting of the COVID Task Force headed by Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah, Saeed Ghani said that the classes of sixth to eighth grade would resume from Tue.....

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COVID-19 vaccination centres established in five hospitals of KMC

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

KARACHI - Administrator Karachi Laeeq Ahmed on Tuesday said that COVID-19 vaccination centres have been set up in five hospitals of KMC, asking the citizens to come to these centres with their original identity cards and get vaccinated immediately. The hospitals in Karachi where these centres have been set up included Sarfraz Rafiqi Shaheed Hospital New Chali, Abbasi Shaheed Hospital Nazimaba.....

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COVID claims 17 more lives

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

KARACHI - As many as 17 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 5,273 and 616 new cases emerged when 13,992 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Tuesday. He added that 17 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,273 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate. Sha.....

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Shanghai Electric begins major vaccination drive in Thar Block-1

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

KARACHI: Shanghai Electric, at the helm of a mega-project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, has started a massive drive to vaccinate thousands of its Pakistani employees in Thar Block-1. According to a top official of Shanghai Electric, which is currently developing coal mines and a major power plant in Thar Block-1, more than 5,000 employees who are associated with the CPEC projects a.....

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Rs10bn to be disbursed among Covid-hit people

Source: [Rizwan Bhatti](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

KARACHI: The government of Sindh, in its budget for the fiscal year 2020-21, has proposed Rs 10 billion for cash transfers to individuals affected by Covid-19 under the social protection pro-poor & sustainable development measures. A strategy to encourage community-driven economic activities, focusing on supporting home-based businesses, small and medium enterprises, a social protection a.....

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Govt allows AstraZeneca shot for under 40s

Source: [Reuters](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-16

KARACHI: Pakistan has lifted a rule barring the use of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine for people below 40 years old, in a bid to help inoculate people who need to travel for education or jobs abroad, particularly Saudi Arabia, a health official said. "From today, we have lifted the restriction for use of AstraZeneca for below 40 years," Sultan told private news channel Geo tel.....

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Ban lifted on inter-provincial public transport

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

KARACHI: The Sindh government has lifted the two[1]day ban on inter-provincial public transport and has increased the occupancy of all public transport vehicles from 50 per cent to 70 per cent in light of decreasing coronavirus infections. In a letter issued by the provincial transport secretary, deputy commissioners and SSPs were informed that all public transport vehicles may resume services with.....

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COVID claims 19 more lives

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

KARACHI - As many as 19 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 5,292 and 668 new cases emerged when 13,755 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued on Wednesday. He added that 19 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,292 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate. Shah s.....

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Sindh to fire public, private employees refusing COVID-19 vaccination

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

KARACHI - People not getting vaccinated for the novel coronavirus in Sindh will be fired from their jobs, Sindh Information and Technology Minister Taimur Talpur warned Wednesday. "Not only the mobile SIM cards of those not getting inoculated will be blocked but show-cause notices will be issued to these people as well," said the minister. Talpur clarified the government has not announ.....

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AIGP, DIGP initiate door step vaccination facility for policemen, families

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-17

KARACHI - On the directives of Additional Inspector General of Police (AIGP) Karachi Imran Yaqoob Minhas and Deputy IGP Security and Emergency Services Division Maqsood Ahmed, a door step facility for police officers and their families has been initiated to administer COVID-19 vaccines at their homes. The decision has been made for the convenience of police officers and personnel's families s.....

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SBP caps feeless interbank fund transfer at Rs25,000 per month

Source: [Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-17

KARACHI: The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Wednesday directed banks to continue providing free of cost digital fund transfer services to individual customers for up to Rs25,000 per month per account/wallet. However, banks may choose to set this aggregate limit at a higher amount as well. "This would allow individual customers to make as many free fund transfer transactions remaining with.....

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COVID-19 vaccination underway at Karachi's vaccination centres

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-18

KARACHI - COVID-19 vaccination has been underway at over 50 vaccination centres in Karachi, health officials informed on Thursday. The first and second dose of Sinovac being administered to the citizens at the largest vaccination center at Karachi Expo Center, Sindh health department officials said. The citizens also being inoculated with second dose of China's Sinopharm due to limited stock

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14 more patients die of Covid-19 in Sindh

Source: [Our Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-19

KARACHI - As many as 14 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 5,306 and 605 new cases emerged when 14,221 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Thursday. He added that 14 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,306 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate. Mr Shah.....

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Ministers discuss steps to remove hurdle in vaccine procurement

Source: [Imran Ayub](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-19

KARACHI: Just a few days after rejecting claims about shortage of Covid-19 vaccine, the federal government admitted on Friday that it was facing challenge in procurement of fresh consignments of the jabs citing "pressure to make immediate payments" from the international suppliers. The situation has slowed down the crucial vaccination programme across the country with Sindh alone cutt.....

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Murad seeks WB help for oxygen plant, procuring Covid-19 material

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-19

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Friday urged the World Bank to allow the provincial government to utilise \$11 million saved from different projects for installation of an oxygen plant and procurement of other Covid-19 related equipment. This he said in his meeting with a Bank delegation led by country director Najy Benhassine. The chief minister said the coronavirus pandemic.....

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Primary schools to resume classes from June 21 in Sindh

Source: [Hafeez Tunio](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

KARACHI: The Sindh government announced on Saturday that classes for primary schools (Grade V and lower) will resume Monday, June 21, as Covid-19 cases decline in the province. The decision to open resume classes for primary grades was taken during a meeting of the province's Covid-19 task force. The meeting, chaired by Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah, also decided to reopen shrines, amusement

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Abu Dhabi group in talks on supply of Covid-19 vaccines

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

KARACHI: As shortage of anti-Covid-19 vaccines are being reported in various cities of the country, an international group based in Abu Dhabi has shown its interest in making uninterrupted supply of vaccines through their end-to-end value chains and innovative systems. Speaking at a virtual press roundtable the other day, officials of HOPE Consortium, an Abu Dhabi group, said that they were i.....

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CM Murad seeks WB help to install oxygen plant, procure vent

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SU to withhold salary of unvaccinated employees

Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

DADU: The Sindh University administration has warned that it will withhold salaries of the employees who will not get inoculated against coronavirus as per guidelines of Sindh government after the already announced deadline is over. The university had advised all employees to get vaccinated before the deadline after receiving directives from chief minister regarding vaccination for all employees

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COVID claims 13 more lives

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

KARACHI - At least 13 more people died of COVID-19 during the past 24 hours in Sindh, said Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali in a statement on Saturday. In a daily statement on the coronavirus situation, Murad Ali Shah said that 565 more cases of COVID-19 have been reported during the same period in the province when 10,825 cases were conducted. The chief minister said that of the 565 new c.....

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Vaccination against coronavirus in full swing

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-20

SUKKUR - District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Jamil Ahmed Mahar on Saturday said that COVID-19 vaccination campaign was in full swing at all vaccination centres across the district. He expressed these views during his visit to the COVID-19 vaccination centre set up at the Gulam Muhammad Mahar Medical College Hospital Sukkur, where people aged 30 and above were being vaccinated against corona. He

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SU to seize employees' salaries if not vaccinated

Source: [Correspondent](#) , [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-20

SUKKUR: The Sindh University has decided to seize the employees' salaries after the deadline is over, saying if any of the employees, who will not get vaccinated as per Sindh government's guidelines. Reports said the SU has directed all its employees to get vaccinated within the deadline given by the government; otherwise, the university may seize their salaries until the compliance o.....

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14 Covid-19 patients die

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-21

KARACHI: As many as 14 more patients of coronavirus died overnight and 595 new cases emerged when 13,985 tests were conducted in Sindh. In a statement issued here on Sunday, Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said the death of 14 more Covid-19 patients during the past 24 hours lifted the death toll to 5,341 in the province, constituting 1.6 per cent death rate. He said that 13,985 samples were te.....

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Covid-19 restrictions spur illegitimate beggary business

Source: [Naseer Ahmad](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2021-06-21

KARACHI: A woman vlogger impersonating as a beggar shows how she has collected a few thousand rupees in a short time. In the video, she also narrates how other beggars were irked by an alien's joining their ranks and tried to drive her out of their jurisdiction. Although she says she is going to pay the collected money to some charity, who knows she may have a change of heart! She might eve.....

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COVID-19: Education most-affected area in Sindh, says Ghani

Source: [M Waqar Bhatti](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-20

NAUSHAHRO FEROZE: Sindh Education and Labour Minister Saeed Ghani on Sunday said COVID-19 caused irreparable loss to education in the province. The minister said millions of children suffered as they could not go to their schools. The minister hoped to compensate the educational loss of students in the months ahead with the help of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Speaking at a foundation-s.....

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Partying youths defy Paris police for third night running; Moscow announces raffle to boost vaccination

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-14

MOSCOW: Moscow mayor Sergei Sobyenin said on Sunday that residents of the Russian capital who get their first coronavirus jab will now take part in a lottery to win a car. The move comes as authorities seek to speed up Russia's vaccination drive that has stagnated while new infections in Moscow and across the country are on the rise. "From June 14 until July 11, 2021, citizens who get[more >>](#)

Saudi allows 60,000 vaccinated residents for Hajj

Source: [Mariana Baabar](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia announced Saturday it will allow 60,000 residents vaccinated against Covid to perform this year's Hajj, but Muslims from abroad will be barred for a second straight year. The Hajj typically packs millions of pilgrims into congested religious sites and could be a major source of contagion amid the coronavirus pandemic. This year it would be "open for nationals and res.....[more >>](#)

G7 leaders take on China and plan to stop new pandemics

Source: [App](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

CARBIS BAY, United Kingdom: The G7 on Saturday unveiled US-led plans to counter China in infrastructure funding for poorer nations, and a new accord to prevent future pandemics, as the elite group sought to showcase Western unity at its first in-person summit since 2019. Promising to "collectively catalyse" hundreds of billions of infrastructure investment for low- and middle-income cou.....[more >>](#)

Moscow announces 'non-working week' as virus surges

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

MOSCOW: Moscow mayor Sergei Sobyenin on Saturday announced a "non-working" week in the Russian capital, with non-essential workers told to stay home, as Covid-19 cases hit a six-month high. The decision marks a change of tone for Russian authorities, with President Vladimir Putin repeatedly insisting that Russia has handled the pandemic better than most countries. "During the past.....[more >>](#)

Virus quicker than vaccines, says WHO; Britain set to delay full lifting of virus restrictions

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-15

LONDON: Britain was on Monday widely expected to delay the full lifting of coronavirus restrictions due to a surge of infections caused by the Delta variant. Prime Minister Boris Johnson is due to announce the government's next step of its roadmap out of stay-at-home measures, after easing began in March. He is expected to announce a delay at a news conference on Monday evening, as media re.....[more >>](#)

Chinese scientist refutes lab-leak theory

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-16

WASHINGTON: The Chinese scientist at the center of theories that the coronavirus pandemic originated with a leak from her specialized lab in the city of Wuhan has denied her institution was to blame for the health disaster. "How on earth can I offer up evidence for something where there is no evidence?" Dr Shi Zhengli told The New York Times in rare comments to the media. "I don't.....[more >>](#)

Covid crisis worsened corruption in EU: watchdog

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-16

Berlin: The pandemic has worsened corruption across the European Union, Transparency International said Tuesday, with citizens at times needing personal connections to get medical care and some governments using the crisis for their own gain. The anti-graft watchdog surveyed more than 40,000 people in the EU's 27 member states between October and December 2020. On average, it found that 29

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AstraZeneca hits snag in Covid drug trial

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-16

LONDON: Covid vaccine-maker AstraZeneca on Tuesday revealed it had hit a setback in trials of a treatment for the coronavirus. The drug, made from a combination of two antibodies, failed its main goal to treat Covid-19 symptoms in exposed patients, AstraZeneca said in a statement. The treatment has been undergoing phase 3 or final clinical trials to assess its safety and efficacy. AstraZeneca s.....

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World needs G7 to invest in all our futures

Source: [Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus/Patricia Scotland](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

As we look around the globe at the impact of the pandemic, one thing is clear: we are all in the same storm, even if we aren't all in the same boat. While more affluent nations are now rolling out second vaccine doses, health workers across the world, from the Pacific to Africa, and the Caribbean and Latin America to Asia, are still awaiting their first doses, have inadequate testing capaci.....

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'Pandemic-related trade barriers are rising'

Source: [Reuters](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

GENEVA: The head of the World Trade Organization (WTO) said on Monday that trade barriers related to medical supplies used against Covid-19 had risen and urged member states to drop them, as it intensified efforts to reach a deal on vaccine-sharing. "The trend is going in the wrong direction," WTO Director General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala told a virtual UN forum, referring to barriers on

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The change we need

Source: [Nick Dearden](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-17

Vaccines dominated this G7, unsurprisingly given the stark inequality in the vaccine rollout globally. While G7 nations are vaccinating their citizens at a rate of 4.6 million people a day, low-income countries can only manage 63,000. The G7 will have vaccinated almost all of its citizens by the end of the year while, at current rates, low-income countries would be waiting 57 years. That is why th.....

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European Union moves to pre-Covid times; Coronavirus cases spike in Moscow

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-17

Brussels: The EU on Wednesday agreed to lift coronavirus restrictions for US travellers as Western countries moved toward a return to pre-Covid life, but in a stark reminder that the global pandemic was far from over, Moscow ordered mandatory jabs over a "dramatic" rise in infections. The United States was among eight countries and territories added to a European Union white list, exemp.....

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Republicans introduce bill to fire Fauci, face of US Covid response

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-17

Washington: Several Republican lawmakers, eager to blame a US government official for the response to the coronavirus pandemic, introduced a bill Tuesday to fire Anthony Fauci, the face of American efforts to combat Covid-19. Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene led a handful of colleagues in announcing the so-called Fire Fauci Act, which would reduce the famed infectious disease expert's g.....

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Over half of cardiovascular disease deaths worldwide occur in Asia

Source: [Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

LONDON: The number of people dying from cardiovascular disease (CVD) in Asia is increasing rapidly, with over half of all CVD deaths globally in 2019 occurring in Asian countries, according to a state-of-the-art review paper published in the inaugural issue of JACC: Asia, foreign media reported. The data demonstrates an urgent need to understand the burdens and epidemiological features of CVD in

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Japan ending Tokyo's coronavirus emergency; Over 11,000 Covid cases hit UK in a single day

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-18

London: Britain on Thursday recorded 11,007 new daily coronavirus cases, with the emergence of the Delta variant pushing the figure above 10,000 for the first time since late February. The government on Monday announced it was delaying steps to lift restrictions due to concern over the spread of the new strain, first detected in India. The government said a four-week delay would give it time to f.....

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Pakistan, UN chief seek debt suspension for mid-income nations

Source: [Anwar Iqbal](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-19

UNITED NATIONS: Pakistan has strongly supported UN Secretary General António Guterres' suggestion that middle-income countries should have their debts suspended to cope with the social and economic impact of the coronavirus. "It is important that we recognise the multiple dimensions of the vulnerabilities of middle-income countries in the criteria for accessing concessional res.....

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Moscow records pandemic high for Covid cases second day running

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-20

MOSCOW: Russia's capital Moscow on Saturday registered 9,120 new coronavirus infections in 24 hours, a second consecutive high, according to government figures. Saturday's record topped the previous day's total of 9,056 new infections, according to the government's coronavirus tally, ballooning from 3,000 daily just two weeks ago. The new cases are being driven by the hig.....

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Indians throng markets weeks after Covid surge; Britain allows outdoor weddings

Source: [AFP](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-21

London: The British government said on Sunday it will permit outdoor non-religious wedding ceremonies in England and Wales for the first time, boosting a sector hard-hit by the pandemic. Up to now, England and Wales have only allowed Jewish and Quaker weddings outdoors, while others have to marry in a room or a fixed permanent structure. Scotland does allow outdoor weddings. Justice Minister Rob.....

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Donors News

COVID spreading faster than global distribution of vaccines: WHO

Source: [News Report](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-16

LONDON: The global spread of COVID-19 is moving faster than the global distribution of vaccines, World Health Organization officials said the other day, foreign media reported. They attributed transmission rates to new variants, such as Alpha and Delta, which have been shown to be more contagious. "That means the risks have increased for people who are not protected, which is most of the wo.....

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UN agencies praise Pakistan's efforts to eradicate polio

Source: [App](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-06-16

UNICEF and World Health Organization (WHO) have applauded the Government of Pakistan's continued efforts to eradicate polio from the country. The UN agencies commended the concerted efforts made to make sure vaccination programmes continued even during COVID-19 surges in the country. Both agencies urged for greater solidarity and more investment to sustain the momentum and reach every chil.....

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SDPI, Shah Abdul Latif University sign MoU for joint research

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-06-15

ISLAMABAD - Shah Abdul Latif University (SALU), Khairpur, Sindh, and the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to work together engaging academia in policy sphere on socioeconomic development issues. The MoU was signed by Prof Dr Khalil Ahmed Ibupoto, SALU Vice-Chancellor and Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, SDPI Executive Director, in t.....[more >>](#)

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Webinar News

Speakers term role of local govt vital for sustainable development

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-20

Islamabad : Local governments play a vital role in the sustainable development with effective participation of the people. However, this tier of the governance must be strengthened and empowered including fiscal resources to perform and deliver effectively. The speakers from diverse background of expertise on governance systems said this while sharing their views with the participants during t.....[more >>](#)

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Source: [DNA News](#), [Dunya News](#), 2021-06-20

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Local government, challenges, strategies, & the Way Forward Speakers call for administrative, financial powers to local govt for sustainable growth

Source: [News Desk](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2021-06-21

Participants of a webinar on “Local government, challenges, strategies, & the Way Forward” termed administrative, financial powers to local governments of vital importance to achieve sustainable growth. The webinar was organized by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI). Addressing on the occasion Joint Executive Director of SDPI Dr Vaqar Ahmed said, “We have move.....

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Researchers Articles

Skimming through Budget 2021-22

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-12

In the given circumstances, Budget 2021-22 presented yesterday by Shaukat Tarin could not have been better. Let me explain why: the art of preparing a budget in Pakistan is balancing needs with resources. I classify our needs in four Ds: debt servicing, defence, day-to-day administration, and development. Resources are generated from two streams: federal revenues (tax collection and non-tax inc.....[more >>](#)

Of farmers and middlemen

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [Daily Times](#), 2021-06-13

The middleman is an evil and responsible for all ills of agriculture and farmers' miseries. This is the prevailing narrative in government circles these days. We can find many government officials and advisors, busy preaching the need to eliminate the role of middleman. It is good that the government has realised middleman are the exploitative link in whole supply chain and that they need to.....[more >>](#)

What the budget may not deliver

Source: [Dr Vaqar Ahmed](#), [The News, International](#), 2021-06-13

Given the hype that the government and opposition create days before the budget, some citizens start expecting a little too much from this exercise. They are often disappointed to learn when informed that the budget exercise may do well in keeping government operations running but will do little to create a dent in structural ills facing the socio-economy. For the vast majority of population, bud.....

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Cooperation of all nations, not rivalries, needed now

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [China Daily](#), 2021-06-17

The world's huge infrastructure gap is widening with every passing year by about \$350 billion, with the total gap projected to hit \$5.3 trillion by 2030, according to the McKinsey Global Institute. The projected gap will triple to around \$15.9 trillion if the needs of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals are included. In 2020, the Global Infrastructure Hub, a G20 initiative,[more >>](#)

Uncertainty around the budget

Source: [Dr Sajid amin Javed](#), [The News, International](#) , 2021-06-20

The first and foremost challenge following the budget is the uncertainty about negotiations with the IMF While much has been said on the character of the budget, including revenue targets, growth and size of public spending, it is good to review the underlying foundations upon which these estimates have been built. While the budget has a feel-
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General impact

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Historically, budgets in Pakistan have been interpreted differently by different stakeholders. All governments claim the budgets presented by them are pro-people and pro-growth. The opposition parties always find these budgets to be “anti-poor.” The masses complain that the expenses that pinch them the most (i.e., electricity tariffs, petroleum prices, cost of living, cost of transport.....

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The B3W plan and Pakistan

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The Group of Seven (G-7) recently announced a plan to launch a \$40 trillion programme —Build Back a Better World (B3W). It has presented an infrastructure development initiative. The G-7 has defined the core principles of B3W as: 1) value driven, 2) good governance and strong standards, 3) climate friendly, 4) strong strategic partnership, 5) mobilising private capital through development fi.....

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