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Blue Area, Islamabad. Pakistan,
Tel: +92.51. 2278134, Fax: 2278135,
### Door-to-door jab
THE Punjab government’s move to take its coronavirus vaccination drive to the doorsteps of people in five high-risk districts of the province is a commendable initiative given the significant public hesitation against inoculation. The campaign launched on Monday aims to vaccinate at least 40pc of the population above 18 in the four districts — Lahore, Faisalabad, Gujranwala and Multan. more >>

### Door-to-door Vaccinations
Source: EDITORIAL, *Daily Times*, 2021-07-28
The Punjab government seems to have hit the nail on the head with its program to launch a door-to-door coronavirus vaccination campaign in five of the province’s biggest cities in order to meet the August 14 target set by the National Command and Operations Centre (NCOC); which requires 40 percent of the above-18 population of Lahore, Faisalabad, Gujranwala and Multan and 70 percent of Rawalp.... more >>

### MP – how much will be accommodated?
The policy rate is maintained at 7 percent. Forward guidance is of accommodating monetary policy; but the degree of accommodation can be altered. Given the current account vulnerabilities and possible fiscal slippages from budgeted number, SBP may reduce the degree of accommodation in the next monetary policy. SBP may be cautious in its actions as COVID’s fourth wave is emerging. Also, the p.....more >>

### How the Delta variant upends assumptions about the coronavirus
The Delta variant is the fastest, fittest and most formidable version of the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 the world has encountered, and it is upending assumptions about the disease even as nations loosen restrictions and open their economies, according to virologists and epidemiologists. Vaccine protection remains very strong against severe disease and hospitalisations caused by any version. more >>

### Policy of Intervention: COVID-19, Central Banks and Asset Bubbles
Source: Saad Masood, *Daily Times*, 2021-07-29
No one could imagine the past four weeks to have happened in Afghanistan. The revival of the Taliban; the US and NATO scrambling for an exit; the Kabul Government in mental paralysis; the Afghan National Army in total disarray and the poor common Afghan in utter shock; unable to grasp what is to unfold. This is a sad story all over again. Panic is real and heavy. Anyone associated in any manner or.....more >>

### A Bright Moon on the Horizon
Source: Scarlett Stevens, *Daily Times*, 2021-07-29
Where can we find “unity in diversity?” This question is on the minds of many in today’s tumultuous network of political, cultural, and religious rivalries, which made the recent lecture all the more essential. On the evening of July 8 in Washington, D.C., the Institute for International and Area Studies (IIAS) at arguably China’s premier University, Tsinghua University, Be.....more >>
An approaching catastrophe
Pakistan is still reporting, officially, around 2,300 Covid cases a day. Whether or not these figures are entirely accurate is hard to say, given the extremely limited testing being carried out, with anecdotal evidence suggesting the number could be considerably higher. We must after all remember the Indian statistical disaster with millions of new deaths emerging even now, having remained hidden.....
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Covid: Karachi on the brink
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
The fourth wave is well and truly here. And it could well just be the beginning. The country already has more active cases than it had at the peak of second wave. The national positivity rate at 6 percent is starting to look alarming but is not even close to the previous peak. But national positivity is not necessarily the way you should look at the threat of the spread, as it can often lead to a ..... 
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Covid diaries
Source: Zara Maqbool, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
Ever since Covid-19 sneaked into our lives like a burglar at night, life has never been the same. There were those who immediately locked themselves in before smart lockdowns and complete lockdowns were announced. There were also those who called it a western conspiracy and did not believe that this virus is real. And then there were believers who shared every piece of information they could grab ..... 
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Climate disasters, vaccine inequality and global economic recovery
Source: Dr Omer Javed, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
‘Six years ago, in Paris, the countries of the world committed themselves to avoiding the worst of that nightmare by eliminating net greenhouse-gas emissions quickly enough to hold the temperature rise below 2°C. Their progress towards that end remains woefully inadequate. Yet even if their efforts increased dramatically enough to meet the 2°C goal, it would not stop forests from bur.....
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Roots
Roots can be defined in multiple ways by multiple people. If you ask a botanist, they will tell you that roots are the organs of a plant that constantly provide water and minerals to the stem and leaves. If you ask a mathematician, they will say that roots are the solution to a specific equation. However, to me, the most important definition of roots is the place where we all come from. It could ..... 
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Lethal wave
As the positivity rate for Covid-19 rises across the country to nearly 8, and has been recorded at nearly 24 percent in Karachi, the NCOC and the Sindh government have decided that desperate actions are needed to stop the virus before it overcomes the country. Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has said the vast majority of cases have been identified as the extremely fast-spreading Delta variant......
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COVID-19: tougher curbs in Sindh
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
The rampaging Delta variant of the coronavirus has forced the Sindh government to toughen the restrictions on activities across the province, with particular focus on Karachi where the Covid-positivity rate has swelled to 25% which is nearly three times the national Covid-positivity rate of 7.7%. The situation in Hyderabad, with a positivity rate of 9%, is not under control either. Thus the entire.....
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Imposing Lockdowns
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
Karachi has surpassed Pakistan’s national positivity rate of 7.53 percent by reporting an average of 23 percent these past few weeks. This is especially concerning since now, all cases are reported to be the Delta variant. With matters evidently getting out of hand, the Sindh government imposed a complete lockdown until August 8 despite Asad Umar’s open rejection of the idea. While it.....
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Coping with Covid perils
Source: Abbas Nasir, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
COVID-19 has changed the world in no uncertain terms and, despite a voracious reading of all the scientific information that is in the public domain, it is pretty much impossible to say when and if we can revert to what was normal till Christmas Eve 2019. That was around the time accounts of what was happening in Yuhan were surfacing in, or being leaked to, the outside world. Before the full real.....
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Necessary lockdown
Source: Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
AS the countrywide positivity ratio of Covid-19 infections crossed 8pc, Sindh imposed anine-day lockdowneffective from Saturday. The decision came as nearly 5,000 new coronavirus cases were recorded across the country on July 30, and as oxygen beds and Covid-19 units in Karachi’s hospitals began to fill up. The province’s chief minister said the lockdown from July 31 to Aug 8 was a &l.....
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Travel curbs and students
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
Thousands of Pakistanis studying in Afghanistan’s universities have been left stranded because of the Covid-related closure of Torkham border since June 17. However, Afghan students pursuing education in Pakistani universities have been allowed to return to this country. This seems to smack of double standards. Relevant authorities have not permitted students to go back to Afghanistan even t.....
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Lockdown Disagreements
Source: Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
After vaccination programmes rolled out, a new far more infectious strand has emerged, the Delta variant, which spreads far more easily from person to person, increasing infections and hospitalisations among the unvaccinated. When the world thought the time of lockdowns was over, cases, particularly of the Delta strain, have increased, calling for improvisations of an approach towards the pandemic.....
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<td>The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a global health crisis of unprecedented nature. Millions of lives have been lost in the battle against the deadly virus, which began spreading in late 2019. Healthcare systems worldwide are in tatters, and the only way to prevent further loss of life is to achieve herd immunity through vaccination. However, many people are still struggling with misinformation and .....</td>
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<td>Last year, American billionaire philanthropist and Microsoft founder, Bill Gates, was roundly condemned by many for peddling racist stereotypes of African helplessness after he warned that the coronavirus pandemic could overwhelm public health services within the continent and lead to 10 million deaths. And as the pandemic seemed to bypass the continent, Western media puzzlement over why Africans .....</td>
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<td>Some universities around the globe had put in place strategic plans to capitalise on ICT and make a gradual shift to online education prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Back then, they had planned to capture the untapped remote markets by following the first-mover strategy. But now it has become a new fad thanks to the global pandemic and breakthrough innovations in IoT (Internet of things). This, h.....</td>
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<td>The speed of Covid-19 inoculation is swinging GDPs growth across the globe. The IMF has revised its forecast – higher for advanced economies and lower for emerging economies – primarily based on the varying density of vaccinated population. The business hub of Pakistan – Karachi, is currently battling with the growing Delta variant. A lockdown is currently imposed across the city.....</td>
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<td>Vaccine nationalism, conspiracy theories, reluctance and lethargy, inertia and a disregard to change behaviour — they all make individual pieces of a bigger story that is blazing across the global headlines: A pandemic that is on the upswing again. In cities and countries across the world, the data is unmistakably clear. The rates of infection and mortality are going in the wrong direction &amp;.....</td>
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Pandemic woes: Thousands go hungry as almonries shut doors
Source: Aamir Khan, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI: Under the façade of a raging urban metropolis, spirituality has always remained a vital part of Karachi’s social fabric. The coastal city, which is home to more than 20 million people, houses over 341 registered and unregistered shrines; including the eternal resting place of one of Sindh’s earliest saints. These sanctums, which until March of 2020, were be thronged by t.....
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Policy of Intervention: COVID-19, Central Banks and Asset Bubbles
Source: Saad Masood, Daily Times, 2021-07-31
Using the US and UK as reference points, consider the numbers after the financial crisis 2007 – 2008. US: a loss of $8 trillion, borne by the stock market and a 10 per cent peak of unemployment in 2009. $9.8 trillion were lost by Americans because of plummeting house values and a decrease in the worth of retirement accounts. UK: The eventual cost of bailing out the banking industry stood a.....
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Wrong Way of Doing the Right Thing
Source: Editorial, Daily Times, 2021-08-01
That the Delta variant of the coronavirus has ravaged Sindh, especially Karachi, more than the rest of the country, and that something extraordinary needs to be done about it, is not in dispute. But perhaps, just shutting everything down as a reflex action might not be the best way. It could, in fact, even be said that such steps signify a failure of sorts on part of authorities to successfully im.....
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Source: Prof Dr Zia Ahmed, Daily Times, 2021-08-03
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The right kind of lockdown
Source: Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
The global debate about the right kind of lockdown is now as old as the pandemic itself. First, when the bad news initially broke out of Wuhan, China like a bad dream that nobody could shake away, it seemed natural to shut literally everything and hunker down till the storm passed. But each time things got better and people got out and economies started to move again, there was yet another ‘.....
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Health inequality
According to a July 15 World Health Organization (WHO) report, an estimated “23 million children missed out on basic vaccines through routine immunization services in 2020 -- 3.7 million more than in 2019.” It should be no surprise that much of these ongoing health crises are occurring in the southern hemisphere. India, for example, which has experienced a devastatingly high number of.....
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To build a community of health for all
Source: Nong Rong, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
The once-in-a-century Covid-19 pandemic is still wreaking havoc, posing a great threat to the lives and health of people all over the world, and a big challenge to global public health. In the face of this common crisis for mankind, the international community needs solidarity and cooperation more than ever. Regrettably, an unhealthy trend of politicisation of the origin-tracing of the coronavirus.....
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Overwhelmed vaccine centres
Source: Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
Even though there have been more than a few hiccups along the way, Pakistan has finally managed to cross the 30 million vaccination mark. It seems that the government has finally found a cunning solution to the hesitancy problem. Tell people that they and their family members might die after contracting the deadly coronavirus and no one bats an eye, but threaten to block their mobile sim cards al.....
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Covid-19: No rest for the wicked
Source: BR Research, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
The vaccination program in Pakistan has hit a new milestone this week—30 million doses have been administered across the country and daily vaccine offtake is now crossing 1 million doses which is more than three times the average daily jabs that were being given during June. This is an astonishing pace for the country. In fact, most major cities in Pakistan will fully meet their target popul.....
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Infections at alarming proportions
Source: Malik Muhammad Ashraf, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
The pandemic situation in the country looked satisfactory after wading through the first three waves, but has taken a turn for the worse as the rate of infections has again gone on a higher trajectory. It has risen to 7.1 percent as of Wednesday August 4 from 1.69 percent in June 2021. It is surely an indication of the fact that infections had assumed alarming proportions. The onslaught of the fou.....
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Two years of lockdown
Source: S A Khan, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
For many of us, coronavirus, lockdowns and the ‘new normal’ have changed our lives in more ways than one. But while life in Pakistan has resumed to a degree—even with the consistent threat of a rise in infections—there is a place, where a permanent lockdown has been a nightmarish reality for 8 million residents. Indian Illegally Occupied Kashmir (IIOK) continues to suffer u.....
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## National News

### Balochistan

**Balochistan bans entry in offices without Covid-19 vaccination**  
Source: [news Desk, Daily Times](https://www.dailytimes.com.pk), 2021-07-28  
Balochistan will impose ban on entry in key government offices without vaccination from August, a private TV channel reported on Tuesday. Provincial government’s spokesman Liaquat Shahwani in a media briefing here said that the entry in offices without vaccination, will be banned from August 1st. The hospitals have been under stress owing to spike in COVID-19 cases in the fourth wave of the.....more >>

**Balochistan considers ‘tough decisions’**  
Source: [Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](https://www.expresstribune.com.pk), 2021-08-03  
QUETTA: Balochistan government spokesman Liaquat Shahwani on Monday hinted at taking ‘tough decisions’ in order to curb the resurgence of the coronavirus in the province. About 94 new cases of Covid-19 were reported over the past 24 hours and as many as 946,540 people were screened, according to the daily situation report of the government. Moreover, the province reported a positivity.....more >>

**Corona positivity rate rises to 58pc in Gwadar**  
Source: [INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad](https://www.businessrecorder.com.pk), 2021-08-05  
GWADAR: Balochistan government on Wednesday declared Gwadar, the worst district affected due to Covid-19 outbreak as the positivity rate has soared to 58 percent in the area. Province’s Health department said that the pandemic positivity rate has reached an alarming situation as 58 percent of the tests are coming positive for the Covid-19 in Gwadar. As many as 164 people are quarantined.....more >>

### Gilgit Baltistan

**98pc Upper Chitral people vaccinated against Covid**  
Source: [The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad](https://www.dawn.com), 2021-08-05  
CHITRAL: Ninety-eight per cent of the targeted population in the Upper Chitral district has been fully vaccinated against Covid-19, a senior official claimed on Wednesday. Upper Chitral district health officer Dr Rahmat Aman told Dawn that out of the targeted population of 94,000, 90,000 people had got the second jab. He said maximum people above 18 years of age had been inoculated in the far-fl.....more >>
Positivity ratio crosses 11pc in Pakistan amid violation of SOPs
Source: Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD: The outcome of unnoticed violation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) during Eidul Azha finally starts appearing as the national positivity ratio has swelled to 11.88 per cent, with the highest number of Covid-19 cases reported in a day since May 21. The number of daily cases, which stood at 2,500 before Eidul Azha, reached 3,752, taking the number of active cases to 57,799. Karac...more >>

Covid-19 cases surge
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD: Covid-19 cases surged to 261 in the federal capital, highest single day rise since March 10 on Monday. Officials of capital administration said during the last 24 hours 2,383 tests were conducted which detected the virus in 149 men and 112 women and the positivity rate stood at 10.95pc. They said 60 cases were reported in the age group of 30-39 followed by 53 in 20-29, 39 from 40-49, .....more >>

Public Accounts Committee questions ministries over undue Covid package spending
Source: Malik Asad, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD: While expressing its concerns over undue spending of billions of rupees out of Rs1.240 trillion economic stimulus package announced by the prime minister to shield the masses against the fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Monday sought a detailed briefing from the ministries concerned. Presiding over the meeting, PAC chairman Rana Tanveer Hussain q.....more >>

PAC detects disparity in Covid funds’ utilisation
Source: Rizwan Shehzad / Saqib Vik, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD: Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman Rana Tanvir Ahmed on Monday conjectured that the money allocated for fighting the Covid-19 pandemic was “misused” as the government not only gave Rs70 billion tax refunds but also provided a subsidy of Rs150 billion to Panagahs, Rs100 billion to the Power Division, Rs50 billion to utility stores, among other things. Throughout the meet.....more >>

Pandemic situation aggravates post-Eid
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
The coronavirus pandemic situation is getting worse days after Eidul Azha as the national positivity ratio hit the highest level in more than two months on the back of over 10% rate in at least 6 most populous districts of thecountry, data showed on Monday. The single-day tally of the fresh Covid cases topped 3,500 after many weeks, pushing the number of active cases in the country close to 58,00......more >>

Emergency relief services; PAC seeks details of Rs1,240bn set aside to combat Covid-19 pandemic
Source: Zulfiqar Ahmad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of Parliament, on Monday, sought details of Rs1,240 billion (USD $7.5 billion) set aside by the federal government for emergency relief services to combat Covid-19 pandemic in the country. The meeting, which was held here with Rana Tanveer Hussain in the chair took stock of the coronavirus package, directed the authorities to present the details .....more >>
Pakistan receives 3m doses of Moderna vaccine under Covax
Source: NNI, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday received another batch of 3 million doses of Moderna coronavirus vaccine under the United Nation's Covax programme. So far, Pakistan has received five consignments of various coronavirus vaccines under the COVAX programme. They include shipments of the Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccine.—
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Pakistan Covid positivity rate rises to 7.51pc
ISLAMABAD - The country’s Covid-19 positivity rate on Monday jumped to 7.51 percent as 3,752 new cases of the deadly virus and 32 deaths due to the infection were reported during the last 24 hours. The new reported cases in the country are the highest in number since third week of May when 4,007 infections were reported. At time when the health experts and government functionaries are ..... more >>

Health secy refuses to share Covid-19 vaccine procurement data with PAC
Source: Muhammad Asad Chaudhry, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD - Secretary National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Aamir Ashraf Khawaja on Monday refused to share specific details i.e. price regarding procurement of COVID-19 vaccine with the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). A PAC meeting was held under the chairmanship of MNA Rana Tanveer Hussain at Parliament House and was attended by MNAs Noor Alam Khattak, Shaikh Rohail Asgha..... more >>

Over 50pc corona beds at PIMS filled
Source: Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
ISLAMABAD - Above 50 percent novel coronavirus (COVID-19) designated beds at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) were filled with infected patients on Monday. As the virus positivity ratio in the capital has surged to 10 percent, the number of patients being admitted to PIMS has also increased. According to the District Health Office (DHO) data, 2,383 COVID-19 tests were conducted ..... more >>

Political storm brewing: PAC raises questions over fate of global Covid-19 aid
ISLAMABAD: The Public Accounts Committee was surprised on putting every expenditure made by the federal ministries in the name of Corona Relief Package as it was found that subsidies on Utility Stores and even the funding for the Panaghas were made from the Corona relief package of over Rs1,240 billion. The Public Accounts Committee also asked to submit the details of international aid received f..... more >>

Karachi’s positivity rate surges to all-time high
Source: Mohammad Asghar | Ikram Junaidi, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: As the government pursues the strategy of linking various facilities to vaccination, beginning with the air travel bar from next week and a warning related to restriction on mobile phone use, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Health Dr Faisal Sultan on Tuesday urged the people to get their jabs at the earliest to avoid harsh measures, announcing that the authorities were..... more >>
### Six succumb to Covid-19 in capital, Pindi district
Source: Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-07-28

ISLAMABAD: Six patients lost their struggle against Covid-19 in the federal capital and Rawalpindi district on Tuesday as the infection ratio in Islamabad dropped. As many as 167 people were found infected by the virus, with the positivity rate calculated at 6.9pc, a decline from the previous day’s 10.9pc. According to officials of the capital administration, a female (30-39) and two males.....

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### Finance ministry declines funds for Covid jabs
Source: Shahbaz Rana, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-07-28

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Finance has declined to provide $393 million to the health ministry from the budget to procure Covid-19 vaccines, advising it to arrange foreign loans in order to avoid pressure on exchange rate and also ensure transparency in deals. The finance ministry’s refusal came 10 days before the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is set to approve a $500 million loan for procu.....

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### ‘Delta variant outbreak likely more prevalent than data shows’

ISLAMABAD: In a televised interview Sunday, Dr Scott Gottlieb, a former commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, warned COVID-19's resurgence in the United States is likely more pervasive than reported data suggests due to undocumente cases, but said that may actually mean the nation is close to “turning the corner” on the new Delta variant outbreak in the coming weeks&.....

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### Corona mortality rate on the rise

ISLAMABAD: The corona mortality rate is on the rise in Pakistan as the national tally of total active COVID-19 cases was recorded as 57,799 on Monday with 3,752 more people testing positive for the deadly virus and 1,641 people recovering from the disease during the last 24 hours. 32 corona patients have died during the past 24 hours, 31 of whom were under treatment in the hospitals and one of th.....

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### System accepts one COVID-19 vaccine for one CNIC

Islamabad:If a person gets vaccinated with one type of COVID-19 vaccine, he or she is unable to get the other type as the healthcare system in Pakistan accepts only one vaccine against one Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC). The individuals who work abroad and have been vaccinated with Chinese vaccine while on holidays in Pakistan cannot be administered any other type of vaccine by the go.....

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### 3 corona deaths, 343 cases from twin cities

Rawalpindi:Over 340 patients have been tested positive for coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district in a day after May 9 showing the spread of the virus is getting much faster while the virus has claimed another three lives from the region. After confirmation of 343 COVID-19 cases from the region, the total number of patients so far reported from the .....
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Over 3,000 corona cases for 2nd straight day
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan on Tuesday reported 3,262 coronavirus cases, down from 3,752 reported a day earlier. Further, another 39 fatalities were also reported during last 24 hours. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 49,412 tests were conducted and 3262 returned positive. The total number of cases has now risen to 1,011,708 and the death toll is 23,087. The positivity ......
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Maryam Nawaz tests positive for Covid-19
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz tested positive for Covid-19 on Wednesday, confirmed party spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb. “Pakistan Muslim League (N) Vice President Maryam Nawaz has tested positive for Covid-19 after which she has self-quarantined,” Aurangzeb said on Twitter. She further urged the public to pray for the health of the PML-N l.....
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Daily Covid-19 case count crosses 4,000 for first time in two months
Source: news Desk, Daily Times, 2021-07-29
Pakistan’s daily Covid-19 case count crossed 4,000 for the first time in two months Wednesday after the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) reported 4,119 fresh infections. The national tally of total active Covid-19 cases was recorded at 56,952 on Wednesday as 4,119 more people tested positive for the deadly virus and 7,020 people recovered from the disease. Forty-four patients di.....
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Negative propaganda on Covid-19 far more lethal than virus itself: report
Source: Inp, Daily Times, 2021-07-29
Politicisation and negative propaganda on the Covid-19 pandemic and its origin without relying on objective truth revealed by science is far more lethal and infectious than the virus itself. According to a report carried by Gwadar Pro, the ongoing tense and slander campaign against China at the global scale is despicable and distressing to the core. As a sovereign country, China has all the due r.....
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Infection rate in Islamabad rises again
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: The federal capital and Rawalpindi district reported over 400 Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, with Islamabad’s positivity rate rising once again compared to the previous day. On the other hand, one patient succumbed to the virus in the garrison city with no casualty reported in the capital. According to data, 279 people got infected in the federal capital with th.....
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Maryam Nawaz tests positive for COVID-19
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) Vice President Maryam Nawaz has tested positive for coronavirus, the party’s spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb confirmed Wednesday. Maryam has gone into self-quarantine after testing positive, Aurangzeb said as she appealed people to pray for the PMLN leader and other people infected with the virus. Notable Pakistani politicians, including Prime.....
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Spike in virus cases despite vaccine rollout
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
ISLAMABAD: The fourth wave of coronavirus showed no signs of abating as the single-day tally of new cases surpassed the 4,000 level for the first time in two months, while the authorities came close to achieving an ambitious target of administering one million vaccine doses in a day. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the nerve centre of the government’s synchro.....
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WHO stresses improved coverage of Hepatitis B birth dose vaccination
Islamabad: Emphasising the need for urgency of efforts to eliminate viral Hepatitis as a public health problem by 2030, the World Health Organization has recommended efforts to overcome low coverage of Hepatitis B birth dose vaccination—a key intervention to prevent mother-to-child transmission of Hepatitis B virus. In a message released on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day here Tuesday.....
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Unutilised Stimulus Package amount; Rs352bn to be used on vaccine procurement
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet on Wednesday decided that unutilised Rs352 billion of Rs1,240 billion stimulus package would be used for procurement of vaccines for COVID-19 (during the ongoing fourth wave) in fiscal year 2021-22. The ECC meeting presided over by Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin (through a video link) was presented a summary by the Finance Di.....
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Covid-19 case tally crosses 4,000-mark for first time in over 2 months
Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's daily Covid-19 case tally, Wednesday, crossed 4,000 mark for the first time in over two months as the country reported 4,119 cases in the past 24 hours and 44 deaths taking the cases tally to 1,015,827 and death tally to 23,133 since the outbreak of coronavirus. LatestCovid-19 data released by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) revealed that the count.....
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Pakistan reports 4,119 Covid cases, 7.8pc positivity ratio in 24 hours
The COVID-19 has claimed 44 more lives across Pakistan in the last 24 hours, taking the death toll from the disease to 23,133. According to the latest National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) updates, as many as 4,119 new cases of Covid-19 emerged when 52,291 samples were tested. The positivity rate of infections was recorded at 7.8 per cent, it said. Pakistan’s caseload climbed to.....
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Covid-19 situation worsens as country reports over 4,000 cases
Source: Tahir Niaz, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
ISLAMABAD - After a gap of two months, Pakistan’s daily Covid-19 case count once again crossed 4,000 mark on Wednesday after the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) reported 4,119 fresh infections during the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, NCOC chief and Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Asad Umar, has said The country last recorded more than 4,000 .....
NCOC gives Aug 31 deadline to service sector for vaccination
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar has said that individuals from the service sector should be vaccinated by August 31, or will not be permitted to work. The minister, who also heads the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), mandated these directives during a press conference on Thursday. He was joined by Special Assistant to the Prime Ministe.....
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Pakistan reports over 4,000 new Covid-19 cases for second day
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2021-07-30
For the second consecutive day, Pakistan reported more than 4,000 new Covid-19 cases on Thursday, data from the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) showed. The national tally of total active Covid-19 cases was recorded at 59761 with 4,497 more people testing positive for the deadly virus on Thursday. At least 76 patients died on Thursday, of whom 70 were under treatment in hospitals and ..... more >>

Streets in several areas of Islamabad sealed due to rising Covid-19 cases
Source: Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
ISLAMABAD: Streets in several areas of the capital were sealed here on Thursday due to increasing number of Covid-19 cases reported there, Dawn has learnt. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Hamza Shafqaat told Dawn that 10 streets in different sectors were sealed due to increase in the number of virus cases there. The positivity rate of the virus in the capital is increasing too and it has been decided to..... more >>

Centre to ramp up critical care capacity in Karachi as Delta spreads
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
ISLAMABAD: The federal government will be ramping up critical care capacity in Karachi as the Delta variant continued to spread unabated in the city, announced the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Friday. In a tweet, the NCOC stated that it “critically reviewed” the rapid spread of the virus in the city and decided to assist the Sindh government through all possible meas..... more >>

Govt to ban public sector, education, malls for unvaccinated
Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday reported 76 Covid-19 deaths, which is the highest number after June 9, 2021. The country also reported 4,497 new Covid-19 infections, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) said. Following the emergence of 76 Covid-19 deaths total death tally has reached 23,209 since the pandemic outbreak, and case tally has reached 1,020,324 after emergence of 4,497 ..... more >>

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No provincial govt can take unilateral decisions and bypass NCOC orders, says Fawad
Source: Dawn.com, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Fawad Chaudhry on Saturday emphasised that no provincial government could take unilateral decisions and bypass the orders of the federal government and the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) [for containing the coronavirus spread]. Speaking to media in Lahore, Chaudhry specifically referred to the Sindh government, and asked it to &ldquo;....
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Google contributes $7.5m for corona relief efforts in South Asia
Islamabad: With Pakistan and other Southeast Asian countries currently grappling with a surge in COVID-19 cases, Google Friday announced a total commitment of $7.5 million in new grant funding and other support to help alleviate the current pandemic crisis, a press release issued by UNIC states. As part of this new commitment, Google.org, Google's philanthropic arm, is providing a US $ 1......
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Schools allowed 50pc attendance, no entry for unvaccinated staff
Islamabad: The federal education ministry has announced that the students across Islamabad will resume in-person learning in their respective educational institutions on August 2 under strict enforcement of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the prevention and control of coronavirus. “All private educational institutions in Islamabad shall be re-opened with effect from August 2 after......
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Active Covid-19 cases in country cross 60,000 mark
Source: Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
RAWALPINDI: The number of active Covid-19 cases in the country crossed the 60,000 mark on Friday as 4,537 more people tested positive for the deadly virus while 86 patients died during the last 24 hours in the country. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Friday decided to take all possible measures to assist the government in combating spread of the disease. According to an updat.....
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President credits smart lockdown strategy for economic growth
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday said that the government’s policy of smart lockdowns against the spread of Covid-19 played a major role in the country’s economic survival and realisation of around four per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth despite various challenges. “Improvement in all micro and macro-economic indicators endorsed the numbers of GDP gr......
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Pakistan reports 4,537 more cases, 86 deaths
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan recorded 4,537 more cases of Coronavirus in a day, taking the tally for confirmed nationwide cases to 1,024,861. Another 86 patients succumbed to the deadly infection during the same period, raising the death toll to 23,295. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 58,203 tests were conducted during the past 24 hours out of which 4,537 returned positive. ......
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Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani tests positive for COVID-19
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
ISLAMABAD - The judge of Islamabad High Court (IHC) Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani Friday tested positive for COVID-19. The officials said that after positive report of his test for COVID-19, the judge has quarantined himself. Besides the judge, his staff members including the Reader, naib court and peon have also become infected. The court authorities have locked the court room No 3 after the.....

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Covid-19 claims seven lives in Pindi, Islamabad
Source: Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
ISLAMABAD: Five patients died of Covid-19 in Rawalpindi district while two succumbed to the virus in the federal capital as over 500 new cases surfaced in the two districts on Saturday. Officials of the capital administration said the death toll from coronavirus had risen to 801 after the latest casualties. They said a man in the age group of 60-69 and a woman in her 70s were the latest victims.....

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Pakistan crosses 30 million vaccinations mark, says Umar
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
ISLAMABAD: National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) chief Asad Umar informed that Pakistan had crossed over 30 million vaccinations as of Sunday. The federal planning and development minister announced the latest statistics on Covid vaccinations via his Twitter account. According to Umar, the country’s vaccination rate proliferated exponentially. The first 10 million vaccinations took 113.....

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Sindh lockdown doesn’t apply to sectors in Centre’s domain: NCOC
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
As the coronavirus-induced lockdown came into effect in Sindh on Saturday, the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) has announced that the federally-administered sectors will continue to operate in line with Covid-19 SOPs in the province. “In addition to the exemption given to some sectors in the notification issued by the Sindh government, the following federally administered sectors w.....

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Justice Isa hospitalised a week after testing positive for Covid-19
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court's Justice Qazi Faez Isa, who tested positive for coronavirus last week along with his wife Sarina Isa, has been admitted to a hospital on the advice of his doctors. Sources told The Express Tribune that Justice Isa is in good health and was moved to the hospital for better treatment. They said that the Supreme Court judge has a mild cough and media reports regarding h.....

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Fawad slams Modi govt over spread of Delta Variant of Covid-19
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
ISLAMABAD - Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain on Saturday lashed out at Narendra Modi-led Indian government for failure to take effective steps to control coronavirus. The minister said at a time when mankind was on the verge of defeating the coronavirus, the actions of the extremist government of India have once again brought the mankind back to the square one,.....

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Pakistan’s corona positivity rate jumps to 8.64 percent
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
ISLAMABAD - The coronavirus situation in Pakistan is worsening day by day amid the fourth wave of the pandemic as the country recorded a positivity rate of 8.64 percent on Saturday morning. According to the latest statistics shared by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 4,950 fresh infections were recorded over the last 24 hours after 58,479 Covid-19 tests were conducted across......

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32 streets sealed in capital as Covid-19 cases mount
Source: Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
ISLAMABAD: With no let-up in Covid-19 cases, 32 streets in the capital were sealed on Sunday while health authorities recommended smart lockdowns in 17 areas of Rawalpindi district. As many as 555 people were found infected by the virus in both districts, with the positivity rate in the capital touching 10.6pc. On the other hand, while violation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) continued.....

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Muharram processions to be held as per Covid SOPs
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
RAWALPINDI: Allama Raja Nasir Abbas Jafari, central general secretary Majlis Wahdat-i-Muslimeen, on Sunday said that Muharram processions will be held in the country as per Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) issued by the government and restrictions on Azadari (mourning) will not be tolerated. “It is the right of the government to ensure implementation of SOPs to avoid spread of.....

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'You can't keep hungry people under lockdown': PM Imran shows displeasure at Sindh govt’s decision
Source: Dawn.com, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday criticised the partial coronavirus lockdown imposed by the Sindh government against the federal government’s wishes, explaining that doing so would break the back of the common man. He expressed his views on the issue while conversing with the people of Pakistan in alive question-and-answer session via telephone. The premier began the session by thanking the.....

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Sindh, Centre again lock horns over lockdown
KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: The federation and the Sindh government have again locked their horns over the complete lockdown announced by the latter with both sides jealously sticking to their viewpoints and throwing barbs at each other. The major reaction came from Governor Sindh Imran Ismail who advised Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah to ensure strict enforcement of SOPs to deal with the situation r.....

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Govt mulls over vaccinating people under 18
ISLAMABAD: The government is considering vaccinating adolescents under 18 years of age, sources said Saturday, as it aims to inoculate 70 percent of the population by year’s end. Sources in the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination said the National Institute of Health, Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, and other institutions were deliberating over the matter......

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Corona kills 65 countrywide
ISLAMABAD: The national tally of active COVID-19 cases was Saturday recorded 66,287 with 4,950 more people testing positive and 1,321 people recovering during the 24 hours. Sixty-five corona patients died during the 24 hours out of which 59 were under treatment in hospitals and six in their respective quarantines or homes, according to the latest update issued by the National command and Operation.....
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Pakistan mulls over vaccinating teenagers
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Blocking SIMs of unvaccinated only option?
ISLAMABAD: The government has again warned the unvaccinated of blocking mobile SIMs. If the government seems serious about penalising individuals for their negligence, it should not cause a harm to any major sector contributing a lot to the economy rather it should take measures disincentivise specific individuals. The best option could be suspension of Computerized National Identity Cards (CNIC.....
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Chinese ZF2001, Moderna vaccines effective against Delta variant: UHS VC
ISLAMABAD: Principal investigator of the vaccine trials in Pakistan and University of Health Sciences (UHS) Vice-Chancellor Prof Javed Akram has said preliminary results from phase-III clinical trials of triple-dose Chinese vaccine ZF2001 show promise against the Delta variant of the SARS-Cov-2, which has wreaked havoc in the entire world, including Pakistan. Preliminary results of the trials are.....
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Smart lockdown imposed in Rawalpindi, Islamabad
Source: Muhammad Anis & Khaild Iqbal, The News, International, 2021-08-02
Islamabad/Rawalpindi : The administrations of twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad have issued orders for smart lockdown in different sectors of Islamabad and areas in Rawalpindi to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Islamabad Cay Territory (ICT) administration has issued orders for certain restrictions and controlled movement in different sectors of Islamabad to prevent the spread of COVID-1.....
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Twin cities continue to defy coronavirus SOPs
Source: Ibne Ahmad, The News, International, 2021-08-02
People continue socializing with family members and friends in the Rawalpindi city and Islamabad disregarding the coronavirus SOPs even though the city recorded a regular rise in the new variants of Coronavirus Pandemic like Delta virus. There is nothing exceptional about following Coronavirus SOPs as people are seen in all streets, roads and markets of the city moving without emergency reasons w.....
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Rawalpindi: In the last 24 hours, as many as two patients suffering from coronavirus illness, COVID-19 from Islamabad Capital Territory died of the illness while the virus did not claim any life from Rawalpindi district though another 555 patients were reported from the twin cities showing the fourth wave of the outbreak got much intense. It is much alarming that the average positivity rate of C.....

Corona cases’ daily count crosses 5,000 mark

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) Sunday reported 5,026 fresh infections in the country for the first time in five months. According to the Centre, 56,965 tests were conducted during the 24 hours out of which 5,026 turned out to be positive. The virus cases reported on Sunday have been the highest since April 4, reports Geo News. At present, the COVID-19 positivity rate.....

Centre working against lockdown in Sindh: PPP

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan People’s Party has asked its parliamentary party in Azad Kashmir to join hands with other parties for strong opposition. PPP Secretary General Syed Nayyar Hussain Bukhari and Central Information Secretary Faisal Karim Kundi said this while addressing a press conference here on Sunday. The PPP leaders said the most important issue of the country was the growing numbe.....

Coronavirus crisis only getting worse

The national tally on Saturday of total active Covid-19 cases was recorded at 66,287 as 4,950 more people tested positive for the deadly virus. Sixty-five patients died on Saturday, 59 of whom were under treatment in hospitals and six perished in their respective quarantines or homes, according to the latest update issued by the National command and Operation Centre (NCOC). Most of the deaths oc.....

'Do more' to loosen Covid curbs

Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Asad Umar on Saturday appreciated the Sindh government’s move to loosen coronavirus restrictions but maintained they were not enough. “The decisions made on Friday, especially those pertaining to industries and transport, need to be reviewed. We put forth our point of view based on which a partial amendment has been anno.....

Covid-19: govt mulls targeted lockdowns in urban centres

Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar on Monday indicated that to control spread of Indian variant of Covid-19, the government might impose lockdown in selected sectors of the country’s urban centres. The decision in this regard would be made in a meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday (today). “We will present recommendation to the prime minis.....
PM schools Sindh govt on Covid-19 lockdown
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2021-08-02
Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday said that enforcing lockdown was a good decision as it would reduce spread of Covid-19 but the issue which should be considered is whether such a decision can save the country, its people and economy. "Imposing complete lockdown would increase hunger. Never go for lockdown unless you have answers for these issues," he said while conversing with the ...... more >>

Pakistan reports over 5,000 cases in a day for first time since April
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2021-08-02
The fourth wave of Covid-19 pandemic continued its upward trajectory as Pakistan reported 5,026 fresh cases on Sunday – the highest number of daily cases in the country since April 29 when 5,112 infections were reported. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the new cases were detected against 56,965 tests and took the overall national tally to 1,034,837. The positi...... more >>

Health condition of Covid-infected Justice Isa improving
Source: INP, Daily Times, 2021-08-02
An improvement has been witnessed in the health condition of Supreme Court (SC) judge Justice Qazi Faez Isa on Sunday, who, along with his wife Sarina Isa, is suffering from Covid-19 after the former was shifted to a hospital a day before. According to details, the oxygen saturation level of Justice Qazi Faez Isa has improved and reached 96 percent while his cough situation has also witnessed an ...... more >>

Vaccination must for domestic air travellers
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2021-08-02
The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Airports Security Force (ASF) on Sunday came into action regarding the checking of Covid-19 vaccination certificates of passengers at all airports including Jinnah International Airport, Islamabad. The Civil Aviation Authority has made Covid-19 vaccination certificates compulsory for all passengers of 18 years of age and above. In its notification, the aviat...... more >>

Islamabad Covid positivity ratio rises to 10.66%
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2021-08-02
With the coronavirus positivity rate hitting 10.66 percent on Sunday, the district health department has recommended that smart lockdowns be imposed in the capital's high-risk areas. District Health Officer Dr Zaeem Zia sent a letter to the deputy commissioner Islamabad, stating that there are certain sectors in Islamabad where a higher number of coronavirus cases have been found. Movement ...... more >>

NCOC revises SOPs as Covid-19's fourth wave gathers strength
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the nerve centre of the country’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic, has revised its guidelines for a number of cities as the fourth wave of the pandemic gains strength. Announcing the revised guidelines, NCOC chief and federal minister Asad Umar said that the government is taking "targeted and staggered" decisions to curb the spread...... more >>
Targeted lockdown likely in urban centres: Umar
Source: Naveed Butt, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning and Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar has urged the people to strictly follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and get vaccinated at the earliest to contain the spread of the Indian variant of Covid-19. Addressing a news conference along with Special Assistant on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination Dr Faisal Sultan in Isl.....
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PM opposes lockdown, citing economic reasons
Source: Maqbool Malik, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
Speaking to public on phone, Imran Khan says complete lockdown will increase hunger | Asks Sindh govt ‘never go for lockdown unless you have answers’ | Suggests schools should not be reopened unless all students, teachers are vaccinated Pakistan should not take part in other’s war for money: PM Khan Ruling elite destroys countries through their teeming corruption I.....
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Over 50 streets sealed in Islamabad as Covid-19 cases resurges
Source: Agencies, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad Capital Territory Administration has sealed over 50 streets in different sectors of the Capital city due to increase in the number of coronavirus cases. The Federal Capital police and the officials of civil administration had cordoned off the areas while all houses with positive cases were being quarantined, said Deputy Commissioner Islamabad, Hamza Shafqaat in a new.....
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ICT admin puts 27 streets under smart lockdown
Source: Tahir Niaz, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
ISLAMABAD -Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration has sealed 27 streets of the city with all the people having been quarantined so as to check spread of the Coronavirus. Three separate notifications were issued on July 26, July 29, and July 31, 2021 by the District Magistrate Islamabad. The step has been taken on the recommendations of the District Health Officer and on the basis of.....
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Islamabad records over 12pc infection rate
Source: Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
ISLAMABAD: The Covid-19 positivity rate in the capital surfaced to 12.8pc on Monday with 394 more people diagnosed with the disease and six deaths reported in Rawalpindi district. Officials of the capital administration said that a 2.1pc increase was seen in the positivity rate as on Sunday, the ratio of positive cases was 10.6pc. As many as 124 patients also reportedly recovered from the disease. .....
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<td>Parliamentary Secretary for National Health Services Dr Nausheen Hamid Monday said that the government has fixed the target to vaccinate more than 70% of eligible population by the end of the year 2021. She said that the government has already administered coronavirus vaccine to over 3 crore people. The government is “absolutely confident of being able to meet this target by December.&amp;rdqu....</td>
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‘Two-thirds of eligible people to be vaccinated by year end’
Islamabad: Around two-thirds of the eligible population will be vaccinated against coronavirus by the end of the current year, says Parliamentary Secretary for National Health Services Dr Nausheen Hamid. According to her, the government has administered a coronavirus vaccine to over 30 million people and will ensure the vaccination of more than 70 per cent of the eligible population by next Decemb.....
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Board exams begin under SOPs
Islamabad: The annual examinations for grades 9 and 11 under the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) began on Monday under strict standard operating procedures against novel coronavirus. According to the FBISE, the exams are held across the country and abroad as well. Earlier, the FBISE had organised the examinations for grades 10 and 12. The students had reported to thei.....
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IMF approves $650b aid to fight corona
ISLAMABAD: International Monetary Fund (IMF) Tuesday approved the biggest resource injection in the Fund’s history, with $650 billion meant to help countries deal with mounting debt and the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, foreign media reported. The creation of the reserve assets — known as special drawing rights — is the first since the $250 billion issued just after the gi.....
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WB reallocates Pakistan Rs24.27b to buy vaccines
ISLAMABAD: The World Bank has reallocated $150 million (Rs24.27) for Pakistan to procure COVID-19 vaccines, South Asia Regional Vice President (SARVP) World Bank Hartwig Schafer said on Tuesday. Talking to Minister for Finance Shaukat Tarin here, Schafer said, “The WB is fully committed to providing assistance to the developing countries for procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and for the purpo.....
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UAE visa holders, including Pakistanis, get travel exemption
ISLAMABAD: More UAE residents stranded in six countries from where passenger entry is suspended can return to the emirates, authorities announced on Tuesday. Expats with valid residency visas who have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in the UAE are among the new categories that will be allowed to travel to the UAE from tomorrow (Thursday). They must have received the second vaccine dose .....
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Sarwar wants status of expats with varying vaccine jabs upgraded
LAHORE: While identifying an anomaly that prevents issuance of completed vaccine certificates to people required to travel abroad, Punjab Governor Chaudhry Sarwar has requested the National Command Operation Center (NCOC) to instruct National Database & Registration Authority (NADRA) to upgrade records of people with varying vaccine jabs. Many expatriate Pakistanis and foreigners, who had com.....
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IPEMC to review SOPs’ implementation in educational institutions
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2021-08-04
The Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) has been called on Wednesday keeping in view the rising trend in coronavirus cases. According to sources, the IPEMC meeting will be chaired by the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Shafqat Mahmood. The Forum will exchange views regarding implementation of Standards Operating Procedures (SOPs) in the educational inst.....
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Covid-19 claims four lives in Islamabad, Rawalpindi
Source: Aamir Yasin | Munawer Azeem, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
ISLAMABAD: Four people lost their lives to Covid-19 as Islamabad and Rawalpindi district saw a total of 587 people getting infected on Wednesday. The positivity rate in the capital was calculated at 8.3pc whereas it was 18pc in Rawalpindi. Officials of the capital administration said both deceased were female patients (40-69), residents of G-8 and E-8. During the last 24 hours 3,953 tests were c.....
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98pc Upper Chitral people vaccinated against Covid
Source: The Newspaper’s correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
CHITRAL: Ninety-eight per cent of the targeted population in the Upper Chitral district has been fully vaccinated against Covid-19, a senior official claimed on Wednesday. Upper Chitral district health officer Dr Rahmat Aman told Dawn that out of the targeted population of 94,000, 90,000 people had got the second jab. He said maximum people above 18 years of age had been inoculated in the far-fl.....
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Covid positivity ratio tops 8%
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the nerve centre of the government’s unified strategy against coronavirus pandemic, has logged 4,722 Covid cases over the past 24 hours, depicting a positivity ratio of 8.22%. The forum said in its daily update of the disease on Wednesday that 46 infected people died in last 24 hours, raising the nationwide death toll from the di.....
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COVID positivity ratio hovering over 8pc
ISLAMABAD: National tally of COVID-19 on Wednesday recorded national positivity ratio during 24 hours at 8.22 percent. The COVID positivity ratio is the percentage of actual positive cases appearing in every 100 tests performed to identify infected individuals. The nerve center of the country on its official Twitter handle wrote the daily statistics of the disease indicators. There were a total .....
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Delta-plus more transmissible than original variant
ISLAMABAD: South Korea’s Disease Control and Prevention Agency said Tuesday that it had recorded at least two cases of the new coronavirus delta-plus variant, which some experts believe to be more transmissible than the original delta variant that was first detected in India and has since thwarted plans for returning to life before the pandemic. But what do we know about “delta plus,&.....
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Open all hospitals to treat corona patients: Justice Isa
Source: Sohail Khan, The News, International, 2021-08-05
ISLAMABAD: Justice Qazi Faez Isa, senior judge of the Supreme Court, has stressed that all public sector hospitals, including combined military hospitals and other armed forces hospitals, should be opened immediately to serve the people in the pandemic. In a letter written from the Quaid-i-Azam International Hospital, Islamabad, where he is being treated for COVID-19, Justice Isa said that this l......
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Schools to remain open across Pakistan, except for Sindh: Shafqat
ISLAMABAD: The Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) has decided to keep educational institutions across the country open, with the exception of Sindh, where they will remain closed till at least August 8, Federal Minister for Education Shafqat Mehmood said Wednesday. Mehmood said Sindh Education Minister Saeed Ghani had informed the IPEMC the province would review the coronavir......
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4,722 fresh cases reported; Nationwide corona positivity ratio jumps to 8.46pc
Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
ISLAMABAD: The nationwide coronavirus positivity ratio has continued spiking as Pakistan on Wednesday, reported another 4,722 fresh cases after 57,398 tests were conducted countrywide with a positivity ratio of 8.46 percent. With the surge in Covid-19 cases, the active cases in the country have jumped up to 78,595. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the countr......
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‘5pc extra marks for compulsory subjects’
Islamabad: Federal education minister Shafqat Mahmood on Wednesday announced that the students of matriculation and intermediate classes would get five per cent extra marks for compulsory subjects in exams in addition to the electives. "The marks acquired by students in elective subjects will proportionately be given in compulsory subjects along with an addition of five per cent," the .....
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‘Educational institutions to reopen with vaccinated staff’
Islamabad: Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Shafqat Mahmood on Wednesday announced that the educational institutions across the country, except Sindh will be reopened in staggered manners and with vaccinated staff. Addressing a press conference after chairing Inter-Provincial Education Ministers Conference (IPEMC) Meeting at National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), S......
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Amid Covid upsurge, govt decides to keep schools open
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Pakistan seeks exit from UK’s ‘red list’
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2021-08-06
Pakistan has asked the British government to remove its name from England’s “red” list, Pakistan High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Moazzam Ahmed Khan said Thursday, following the latest review by Britain of its travel curbs, a private TV channel reported. The envoy said the coronavirus situation is better in Pakistan, except for Karachi, “and our government has done ..... more >>

Corona positivity ratio crosses 9pc
Source: Corona positivity ratio crosses 9pc, The News, International, 2021-08-06
ISLAMABAD: The positivity ratio of coronavirus cases during past 24 hours in the country stood at 9.06 percent which is the highest ever since the onset of the pandemic’s fourth wave. The NCOC on its Twitter handle wrote the daily statistics of the disease indicators according to which a total of 62,462 tests carried out for detecting the contagious disease among the masses in the country d..... more >>

Country records highest number of Covid-19 cases
Source: Abdul Rasheed Azad, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has reported the highest number of Covid-19 cases of the fourth coronavirus wave with the highest positivity ratio as in the past 24 hours nationwide 5,661 coronavirus cases were reported with a positivity rate of 9.06 percent. Last time the country reported 5,908 cases was on April 23, 2021. The last time the country reported a similarly high positivity rate was on M..... more >>

Pakistan reports 4,745 coronavirus cases in one day
Source: Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
Pakistan has reported 4,745 new COVID-19 cases during the past 24 hours, the National Command and Operation Center (NCOC) said on Friday. The NCOC said that the country’s number of overall confirmed cases has risen to 1,058,405, including 954,711 recoveries, adding that the positivity rate of infections was recorded at 8.18 per cent. The COVID-19 claimed 67 more lives across Pakistan i..... more >>

Pakistan reports 5,661 Covid-19 cases, highest since April 23
Source: Tahir Niaz, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan has reported 5,661 new coronavirus cases in a single day, the highest number of cases since April 23 when 5,908 cases were reported. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), 62,462 tests were conducted during the last 24 hours while 60 persons were found infected with the virus. The total number of cases has increased to 1,053,660 and the death toll ..... more >>

Finance Division asks health ministry to justify list for grant of Covid-19 allowance
Source: Rahul Basharat, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
ISLAMABAD - The Finance Division has asked the Ministry of National Health Services to justify the names of healthcare workers (HCWs) in the list provided for the grant of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) risk allowance, The Nation learnt on Thursday. The Finance Division has also said that the number of HCWs in the list provided in the month of April was 3432, which has now become 12132 and it n..... more >>
Garhi Habibullah area under lockdown over Covid cases
Source: The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
MANSEHRA: The administration on Monday sealed Bandi Syedain area of Garhi Habibullah town after scores of residents tested positive for coronavirus. The cases were shifted to health facilities. “We have imposed a smart lockdown in Bandi Syedain area and started a disinfection activity after the detection of dozens of Covid-19 cases,” assistant commissioner Hasrat Khan told reporters ...
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Medics lauded for saving people from pandemic
Source: The Newspaper's correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
LAKKI MARWAT: Pakistan Peoples Party parliamentary leader in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly MPA Haji Sher Azam Wazir has said that doctors and paramedics have played the role of frontline force against coronavirus to save people from the pandemic during the last two years. “The members of medical community were subjected to face torture and baton charge when they raised voice for acceptance of.....
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QMC to strictly follow SOPs during mourning processions
PESHAWAR: While keeping in view the possible outbreak of the fourth wave of the novel corona virus, Qaumi Muharram Committee (QMC) on Monday announced to strictly follow Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) during the mourning processions and Majlis throughout the holy month of Muharram. The announcement was made by head of QMC Muhammad Akhunzada Mujahid Ali Akbar while chairing a meeting rega.....
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Door-to-door vaccination drive launched in K-P
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
PESHAWAR: A door-to-door Covid-19 vaccination drive has been launched in five most affected districts of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) on Wednesday. The campaign has started in Peshawar, Mardan, Swat, Mansehra and Abbottabad and will continue till August 10. The health department had sent written directives to the five districts and a deputy director was assigned the task to monitor the whole pr.....
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KP records nine Covid deaths, 414 cases
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa recorded nine more deaths from Covid-19 and 414 new infections as the door-to-door vaccination drive began in five districts on Thursday. Four persons died in Swat and one each in Dera Ismail Khan, Abbottabad, Bajaur, Mardan and Peshawar, according to the health department's daily report. The provincial tally of mortalities from the virus has reached 4,444, wit.....
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Vaccination hampered by LHWs' strike
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
PESHAWAR: The door-to-door Covid-19 vaccination drive in five districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa(K-P) has been badly impacted due to the strike call by lady health workers (LHW). Lady health workers are demanding a service structure and in most union councils of Peshawar district, they refused to take part in the vaccination campaign due to the strike. Same is the situation in other districts, where.....
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Fourth wave of Covid-19 12 die of coronavirus in KP
PESHAWAR: The fourth wave of coronavirus is becoming deadly as it claimed 12 lives in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and infected another 460 people on Friday. Health Minister Taimur Jhagra said the fourth wave of Covid-19 had become deadly worldwide, saying they had a better strategy to handle it and minimise its impact. He said the government had stressed vaccination against the infectious diseases, sayin.....

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Covid claims six lives
Source: Bureau Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
PESHAWAR: Covid-19 claimed six more lives and infected 591 people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Saturday as positivity rate soared to 12.7 per cent in Peshawar. According to a health department’s report, Peshawar recorded two deaths and Mardan, Swat, Karak and Tank one each. The fresh infections have taken the tally to 144,264 in the province. Of the infected people, 136,107 (94 per cent), incl.....

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Nearly 1m inoculated against Covid in K-P
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
PESHAWAR: Around 949,121 people have been vaccinated successfully against Covid-19 in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) so far. The province has crossed the threshold of vaccinating 100,000 people daily. According to a report released by the K-P Health Department, 325,143 people have been administered the second dose of Sinopharm vaccine. Similarly, around 712,730 people have received the first dose of S.....

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Passengers offloaded from flight for lacking vaccination certificates
Source: Javed Aziz Khan, The News, International, 2021-08-02
PESHAWAR: As many as 27 passengers were offloaded Sunday from a domestic flight at the Bacha Khan International Airport for not having the Covid vaccination certificates. An official said that screening of passengers was started at the Bacha Khan International Airport and only the passengers having vaccination certificates were allowed to board a Karachi-bound flight. “As many as 27 passen.....

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## Bajaur villagers end vaccination boycott
Source: A Correspondent, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-03

BAJAURO: Residents of Arang Bado area of Utmankhel tehsil here on Monday agreed to the immunisation of their children after ending boycott of the ongoing five-day anti-polio drive following talks with the officials. A statement issued from the deputy commissioner’s office said the residents had declined vaccination of their children in protest against authorities’ alleged indifference ......

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## Nine more die of coronavirus
Source: Bureau Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-03

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa recorded nine more deaths caused by Covid-19, 458 new cases and 207 recoveries on Monday. The situation report issued by the health department said that the deaths were reported from different parts of the province, including five from Peshawar and two each from Abbottabad and Swat. The report said that of the total cases, 215 were reported from the provincial capita.....

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## 10 more die of Covid as KP records 556 new cases
Source: Ashfaq Yusufzai, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-04

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa recorded 10 more mortalities and 556 new infections on Tuesday as a report showed that of the total Covid-19 patients reported since onset of the pandemic in the province, 28 per cent had fever, 23 per cent dry cough and 12.6 per cent suffered from shortness of breathing. The report compiled by World Health Organisation, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa sub-office, said that 18 per.....

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## Vaccination a must for attending majalis
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-08-04

PESHAWAR: The Home and Tribal Affairs Department has issued Covid-19 related Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Muharram as vaccination has been made compulsory for the participants of the mourning processions. In a notification, the department stated that after Karachi, there is a serious threat of the spread of Delta variant inKP-Pand that is why the mourners have to strictly follow the C.....

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## Covid claims 12 more lives
Source: Bureau Report, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-06

PESHAWAR: The Covid-19 claimed 12 more lives and infected 541 people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Thursday as positivity in Peshawar swelled to 16.6 per cent. Seven persons passed away in Peshawar, two in Swat, one each in Chitral Lower, Bajaur and Bannu district, according to a report released by health department. Peshawar, the hardest-hit district of the province, also detected 221 of the new inf.....

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## Isolated Torghar records 50% positivity ratio
Source: Our Correspondent, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-08-06

PESHAWAR: TheCovid-19positivity ratio has reached an alarming 50 per cent in the far-flung Torghar district ofKhyber-Pakhtunkhwa(K-P). Officials of the health department told The Express Tribune that the positivity ratio in the isolated mountainous district of Torghar had reached 50 per cent, followed by 23 per cent in Upper Chitral. Similarly, this ratio is 15 per cent in Peshawar, 14 per cent .....
**Punjab**

**Door-to-door vaccination drive starts**
Source: Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27
LAHORE: The Punjab government on Monday kicked off a door-to-door vaccination campaign in five major high-risk districts of the province -- Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan and Gujranwala. Health teams and the volunteers have been assigned the task to convince and vaccinate 40 per cent population of four districts, including Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan and Gujranwala, and 70 per cent of Rawal.....
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**Infection rate reaches 8.48% in Pindi**
Source: Jamil Mirza, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27
RAWALPINDI: Citizens started getting vaccinated against the coronavirus as part of a campaign launched by the Primary and Secondary Health Department Punjab as the number of cases continued to rise in the Rawalpindi district. Like other provincial districts, the door-to-door vaccination drive will continue in Rawalpindi till August 10 given the steady increase in the number of coronavirus cases ..... more >>

**Drive in full swing across province; Punjab govt to vaccinate 5m people by Aug 14**
LAHORE: While special vaccination drive in cities of Lahore, Rawalpindi, Multan, Gujranwala and Faisalabad is underway at fast pace, the Punjab government has set a target to vaccinate five million population by August 14. The overall corona positivity rate in Punjab remained 3.13 percent, as out of total 17,751 coronavirus tests conducted during the last 24 hours, as many as 556 fresh cases ..... more >>

**Steps to curb 4th coronavirus wave brainstormed**
Source: Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27
LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat on Monday to review steps for dealing with the fourth coronavirus wave. He was briefed about the special vaccination drive in five cities and was told that five million people of Lahore, Rawalpindi, Multan, Gujranwala and Faisalabad would be vaccinated by August 14. The chief minister ordered for further expe..... more >>

**Coronavirus door to door vaccination campaign begins**
Source: Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27
LAHORE - Punjab Health Minister Dr Yasmin Rashid and Lahore Commissioner Captain (retd) Usman Younis inaugurated the door-to-door vaccination campaign in Punjab at Shah Jamal EPI Center here on Monday. Lahore Deputy Commissioner Mudassar Riaz Malik and other officials were present on the occasion. Campaign’s objective is to vaccinate maximum people, says Dr Yasmin The Health Minister ..... more >>

**2 persons die of coronavirus in Pindi**
Source: Israr Ahmad, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27
RAWALPINDI - Two patients died of coronavirus in Holy Family Hospital here on Monday, informed sources. The deceased have been identified as Noor Muhammad (60) and Mumtaz Ahmed (55), they said. According to sources, a patient namely Noor Muhammad was brought to HFH Coronavirus Ward by the family from Dhoke Masta of Wah Cantt. Whereas, the second patient Mumtaz Ahmed was shifted to HFH from Ne..... more >>
No treatment for unvaccinated patients
Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
MUZAFFARGARH: The health department along with city administration has decided on Tuesday to stop treatment of general patients at hospitals who had not been vaccinated against the coronavirus disease. Only those patients would be allowed to enter the hospitals who had been vaccinated against Covid-19. Muzaffargarh District Hospital medical superintendent (MS) said that in line with the special ..... more >>

20 more succumb to Covid across Punjab
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
LAHORE: A surge is being witnessed in coronavirus cases in Punjab after Eid holidays. Official statistics indicate that 457 new coronavirus cases were surfaced and 20 citizens lost battle against the deadly virus in Punjab during past 24 hours. Official data issued by the Punjab Primary and Secondary Health Department (P&SHD) showed that six coronavirus related deaths were also reported in ..... more >>

Difficult times ahead as debt servicing to go up 35pc: Pasha
LAHORE: Former finance minister of Pakistan, Dr Hafeez Pasha on Tuesday warned of the difficult times ahead, as the country witnessed the highest single-month import figure of $6.3 billion in June 2020, while the current account deficit remained $1.3 billion in this period. Addressing an economic session on “Pakistan Economy-Challenges and Solution” organised by the Pakistan Industria..... more >>

Punjab reports 20 deaths, 457 fresh corona cases
LAHORE: Out of total 18,432 coronavirus tests conducted during the last 24 hours, as many as 457 fresh cases and 20 fatalities were reported in Punjab taking the provincial tally of cases to 353,695 and death toll to 10,966. With the recovery of 33 corona positive patients, the total number of recovered patients in Punjab has reached to 331,222. On the other hand, as many as 1,123 coronavirus..... more >>

Maryam Nawaz tests positive for Covid-19
Source: news Desk, Daily Times, 2021-07-29
PML-N Vice-President Maryam Nawaz has tested positive for coronavirus, the party’s spokesperson Marriyum Aurangzeb confirmed Wednesday, as fears of a fourth coronavirus wave loom large. Maryam has gone into self-quarantine after testing positive, the Aurangzeb said, as she appealed people to pray for the PML-N leader and other people infected with the virus. Later, the PML-N vice-president, ..... more >>

Positivity rate reaches 7.1pc in Lahore
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
LAHORE: With a sharp increase in Covid cases, Punjab reported 12 deaths and 617 new infections during the last 24 hours. In an alarming situation, the positivity rate in Lahore has reached 7.1 per cent, the highest one since Delta variant surfaced in the city. Bahawalpur city reported 4.1pc, Multan 2.9 and Faisalabad district 7.2pc infectivity rate during the last 24 hours. Of the new positive ..... more >>
MKRMS seminar: Early diagnosis, timely treatment key to saving lives from hepatitis
LAHORE: Veteran doctors and physicians speaking at a seminar warned against the fast growing cases of hepatitis in the country which, statistics say, was taking a life every fifteen minutes. Early diagnosis is extremely vital for timely treatment and saving lives, they said while addressing the seminar titled ‘Hepatitis Can’t Wait’ under the aegis of Mir Khallilur Rehman Memorial.....
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SNGPL organises vaccination camps
LAHORE: In view of the directives of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL) organised corona vaccination camps for general public in Islamabad, Peshawar and Dera Ismail Khan. The camps were organised in collaboration with DHO Islamabad, Khyber Medical University Peshawar and DHQ Hospital Dera Ismail Khan. A large number of people benefited from the ca.....
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One dies of COVID-19 from Pindi, 409 new cases
Rawalpindi : Another patient suffering from coronavirus illness, COVID-19 belonging to Rawalpindi district died of the illness in the last 24 hours while as many as 409 new patients have been tested positive from Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi district which is the highest number of cases reported in a day from the twin cities since the fourth wave hit the population in the region. It.....
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Over 62k Covid jabs administered during Multan drive
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
MULTAN: More than 62,000 people were vaccinated against coronavirus during the first two days of a door-to-door campaign in Multan district. The campaign continued on Wednesday and will enter the fourth day on Thursday. According to officials sources, the government had set a target of vaccinating 40 per cent of people over the age of 18 in five districts of the province, including Multan, by Augu.....
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Private schools get vacation notices
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) has issued final notices to 229 private schools operating in the residential areas to vacate their premises before the end of the year. According to RCB officials, the notices have been served in the light of the Supreme Court order, according to which private schools were supposed to shift their establishments from residential to commercial areas......
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COVID in Faisalabad crosses 1m
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
FAISALABAD: Coronavirus vaccination in Faisalabad district exceeded one million after more than 40,900 persons were inoculated against the contagion on Saturday. District Health Officer Dr Bilal Ahmed stated that till now, 1,034,557 general public as well as health care workers had been administered coronavirus vaccine at 37 centres and camps and during special door to door campaign. He further s.....

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Punjab reports 22 deaths, 728 new cases; Overall corona positivity rate surges to 3.92pc
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
LAHORE: Punjab has reported 728 new corona virus cases during the last 24 hours, the first time the province detected more than 700 infections in a day in over two months. Earlier, the province had confirmed 702 cases on May 27. With 728 fresh infections, the tally of corona virus cases has reached 356,211. With 22 fresh fatalities; the death toll in the province has reached 11,041. As m.....

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Coronavirus claims 22 more lives; 728 new cases reported in Punjab
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
LAHORE - The coronavirus claimed 22 more lives and 728 new cases were also reported in Punjab during the last 24 hours. According to the data shared by the spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) here on Saturday, death toll has reached 11,039. The total cases are 356,211 in the province while the number of recoveries is 332,429. As per the data pr.....

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Punjab govt announces revised SOPs instructions from Aug 1st
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
LAHORE - The Punjab government has announced revised standard operating procedures (SOPs) and recommendations for lockdown in the province from August 1. According to Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) Secretary Sarah Aslam, under the extension of lockdown orders the lockdown will be implemented immediately. The initial instructions will remain effective until further ins.....

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PA speaker for strict adherence to Covid SOPs
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
LAHORE - Minister for Mines and Minerals Hafiz Ammar Yasir, Punjab Education Foundation Chairman Sardar Aftab Akbar, and Malik Abdul Manan called on Punjab Assembly Speaker Ch Parvez Elahi on Saturday. During the meeting, an action plan was formulated for resolving the issues of NA-65, PP-23 and PP-24. Ch Parvez Elahi said that the new wave of coronavirus was really dangerous, stressing the n.....

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Airlines start checking vaccination certificates of passengers
Source: Mohammad Asghar, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
RAWALPINDI: The airlines staff, including that of the national flag carrier Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), started checking vaccination certificates of passengers on all flights from Sunday before boarding in the light of guidelines of the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). The NCOC has made the vaccine certificate mandatory for air travel, with effect from August 1, as part of.....

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Separate entrance, exit points for COVID patients at LGH
LAHORE: In view of the rapid spread of the 4th wave of coronavirus, the administration of Lahore General Hospital (LGH) has taken a special step as a precautionary measure and allocated separate entrances and exits in the Outdoor Department to the hospital to protect the people. Duties have also been assigned to the medical staff to guide the patients to their respective departments while the pa.....
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Covid vaccination of police personnel underway in Punjab
Source: News Desk, Daily Times, 2021-08-02
Inspector General of Police Punjab, Inam Ghani said on Sunday that Punjab police were performing its duties as a front-line worker for the protection of lives and property of people during the corona pandemic and several officers of the police force and many officers/officials have lost lives to coronavirus. According to press release issued by Punjab police, he said the fourth wave of corona was.....
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Vaccine fraud: Fake certificates put inoculation drive in jeopardy
Source: Muhammad Ilyas/Tufail Ahmed/Umer Farooq, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
LAHORE/KARACHI/PESHAWAR: After surviving three successive waves of the novel coronavirus, the fourth spell, harbingering the highly transmissible Delta variant, has left the government scrambling to maintain stricter viral protocols. This includes an emergency escalation of the nationwide inoculation campaign, where immediate vaccination has been made mandatory for all public and private secto.....
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Majalis and Imambargahs; Mobile vaccination camps at entry, exit points
Source: Abdullah Mughal, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
LAHORE: As the holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram is approaching fast amid uptick in Covid-19 cases, the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department has decided to set up mobile vaccination camps at entry and exit points of Majalis and Imambargahs and other places where religious activities are expected to be held in large numbers across Punjab. A senior official of the health departme.....
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Smart lockdown again if Covid-19 cases continue to rise: CM
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar has said that the Punjab government is taking all possible steps to protect citizens from the fourth wave of coronavirus. In a statement issued on Sunday, he said that adherence to the Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) was in the best interest of citizens. “People will not only protect themselves by observing the SOPs but al.....
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Covid vaccination of policemen underway across Punjab
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
LAHORE - Punjab Inspector General of Police (IGP) Inam Ghani said on Sunday that Punjab Police were performing their duties as a frontline worker for the protection of lives and property of people during the coronavirus pandemic and several officers of the police force had lost lives to coronavirus. According to the statement issued by Punjab Police, the IGP said that the fourth wave of coron.....
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### Adjuvant therapy showing promising results in COVID-19 patients

**Source:** Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-08-02

LAHORE - Adjuvant therapy with Scotmann’s Sunny-D Stat softgel (Vitamin D3 200000 IU) showed promising results in COVID-19 patients whose initial inflammatory cytokine signatures were predicting potential development of cytokine storm. “This has been observed under the landmark Vicctori trial on the role of Vitamin D in COVID-19,” said Prof Dr Javed Akram in the second inter.....

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### Coronavirus claims 18 more lives in Punjab; 709 new cases reported

**Source:** Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-08-02

LAHORE - The coronavirus claimed 18 more lives in Punjab province and 709 new cases were reported during the last 24 hours. According to the data released by spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD) here on Sunday, the death toll has reached 11,057 and the total cases are 356,920. The total recoveries are 332,830 in the province. Currently, as many a......

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### Traders reject Covid curbs

**Source:** Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-03

LAHORE: Traders on Monday rejected the restrictions imposed by the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in Lahore and other major cities. “We think that both the PM and the NCOC are not on a same page on the issue of lockdown, restrictions etc. If they are on the same page, why is the PM is opposing the lockdown restrictions in Sindh province,” All Pakistan Anjuman Tajiran Gen.....

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### Critical Covid patients constitute 63pc of total admissions to Punjab hospitals

**Source:** Asif Chaudhry, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-03

LAHORE: The burden of critical patients of Covid-19 is increasing fast in public and private hospitals of Punjab after the highly infectious and deadly Delta variant visibly dominated other strains. The official figures showed that the number of critical patients of Covid-19 has increased to 840 in both the government and private hospitals of Punjab. Presently, total 1,332 Covid patients are und.....

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### Covid costs Punjab 100 lives in six days

**Source:** Adnan Lodhi, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-08-03

LAHORE: Coronavirus claimed 279 lives in Punjab during the past month, while 10,049 new patients of the pandemic were confirmed as it resurged after a brief period of relief. Official data shows that the situation became alarming in the last week of the month with 100 deaths caused by the pandemic and 3,529 new patients confirmed in six days. The most alarming development for the health departmen.....

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### Scholars urged to ask people to get vaccinated ahead of Muharram

**Source:** Recorder Report, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2021-08-03

LAHORE: With nearly a week left for the start of holy month of Muharram-ul-Haram amid fears of steep rise in Covid-19 cases, Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Ghulam Mahmood Dogar has said that the Lahore police have requested religious scholars belonging to the Shia community to convince believers, who intending to participate in religious gatherings or congregations, to get themselves vaccinate.....

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Punjab reports 815 fresh Covid-19 cases, 8 deaths
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2021-08-03
LAHORE: In the wake of 4th wave of Covid-19 pandemic in the province, the Punjab government has decided to prepare contingency plan to deal with the challenging situation. “During the last one and half year, public sector hospitals utilized all available resources to save precious lives and doctors and paramedical staff also sacrificed their lives while protecting the patients,” s.....
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Rise in corona cases; APAT rejects NCOC’s latest restriction
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad , 2021-08-03
LAHORE: Reacting to the latest restriction imposed by the National Command and Control Centre (NCOC) in the wake of uptick in Covid-19 cases, All Pakistan Anjuman-e-Tajran (APAT) Central Secretary General Naeem Mir has called upon the government to explain how the coronavirus could be contained by reduction of two hours of business timings. “Why we (traders) are being pushed towards the.....
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10pc fine on unvaccinated PR passengers from Sept 1
Source: Khalid Hasnain, Dawn, Islamabad , 2021-08-04
LAHORE: Pakistan Railways (PR) has decided to impose 10 per cent Covid surcharge [on each ticket] from Sept 1 on all unvaccinated passengers. There will also be a complete ban on travelling of all unvaccinated passengers from April next year,Dawnhas learnt. According to an internal letter issued by the PR headquarters, the senior officials concerned at the head office and all divisional offices ..... 
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Punjab govt issues guidelines for businesses, private offices amid Delta wave
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad , 2021-08-04
LAHORE: While administering vaccine to a record 581,044 people in a day, the Punjab government on Tuesday issued fresh guidelines for the business community, the public, private offices and Muharram processions to stop transmission of the highly infectious Delta virus. The guidelines were issued particularly for Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad and Rawalpindi where the Punjab government had imposed com.....
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No commercial activity on Saturday, Sunday
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad , 2021-08-04
RAWALPINDI/ISLAMABAD: In a bid to curtail the spread of coronavirus in the wake of the fourth wave of the pandemic, the Punjab Primary and Secondary Health Care Commission on Tuesday issued new standard operating procedures (SOPs) for bazaars and public places in four cities of the province, includingRawalpindi. According to the notification shared by the commissioner's office, it will remai.....
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4 die of COVID-19 from Pindi, 470 new cases
Rawalpindi:As many as 470 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 four more lives from the region, all from Rawalpindi district that has taken death toll from the twin cities to 1,839. It is important that the number of active cases from the twin cities is reg.....
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### Boosters for health workers: Covid reinfection in vaccinated people on the rise in Punjab

**Source:** Asif Chaudhry, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-06

LAHORE: Data shows that 10 per cent of the 140 Covid-19 patients in Punjab have been reinfected with the virus despite being vaccinated. Most of the reinfected vaccinated people are front-line healthcare workers of the public sector hospitals of the province. The worrisome data was shared at a meeting of the Corona Experts Advisory Group (CEAG) on Thursday. The meeting was attended by CEAG Chair.....

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### Punjab reports highest number of daily virus cases

**Source:** Recorder Report, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2021-08-06

LAHORE: With 1173 fresh infections and 18 more coronavirus related fatalities during the last 24 hours, Punjab has reported the highest number of daily virus cases since May 19, when it reported 1189 cases. The Punjab government has also notified reduction in attendance in government offices and notified to ensure 50 percent presence of staff in all government offices. The decision will be ap.....

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### Minister for NAP, SOPs implementation

**Source:** Our Staff Reporter, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2021-08-06

LAHORE - Punjab Law Minister Basharat Raja while issuing instructions in a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Law and Order chaired by him on Thursday here said that the district administration across the province should fully implement the National Action Plan (NAP) and Covid-19 SOPs during Muharram. He also directed the administration to take a stern action against terrorist facilitators a.....

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### Sindh

#### Clerics promise to follow SOPs, govt to ensure foolproof security during Muharram

**Source:** Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27

KARACHI: The government and clerics on Monday agreed to observe the upcoming Muharramul Haram with all due standard operating procedures (SOPs) amid the growing number of coronavirus cases with assurance from the authorities to provide all possible assistance and security to mourning processions and majalis. In a meeting chaired by Sindh Information Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah and adviser to......

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#### Man arrested for ‘illegally’ vaccinating people in Saddar homes

**Source:** Imtiaz Ali, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27

KARACHI: The Preedy police arrested a man on the complaint of a health official on charges of “illegally” administering vaccine against Covid at homes in Saddar in return for monetary gains, said SSP South Zubair Nazeer Shaikh on Monday. The suspect had allegedly pilfered the vaccines from a Covid vaccination centre. The senior officer hinted that more suspects might be involved in t.....

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#### Alarming surge in Covid cases forces Civil Hospital Karachi to shut OPDs, cancel surgeries

**Source:** Imran Ayub, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-07-27

KARACHI: Amid growing number of Covid-19 cases mainly in the city, the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi on Monday halted all its key functions, shut outpatient departments (OPDs) and suspended surgeries till further orders, as a doctors’ body warned that the highly transmissible Delta variant accounted for almost 100 per cent of the cases in the city. The two developments came as a grim .....
Stocks falter as Covid curbs spook investors
Source: Our Equities Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
KARACHI: The stock market opened on a positive note on Monday as investors started to accumulate stocks that had dropped to attractive valuations. Buying was witnessed in early hours in the construction, exploration & production and banks that investors thought would come up with healthy results as the later part of the week would witness financial results in full bloom. However, the sentiment....

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Fourth wave weighs heavily on govt hospitals
Source: Tufail Ahmed, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
KARACHI: Despite several alerts issued by the government, sprawling negligence during Eidul Azha season has pushed the province in the mouth of yet another coronavirus crisis. The National Command and Control Centre (NCOC) had warned of an impending delta-variant outbreak the past month, urging the population to limit congregational activities and maintain SOPs. However, the rampant flouting of.....

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Unvaccinated over-18s barred from domestic air travel
KARACHI: No citizen above 18 years will be allowed to undertake domestic air travel without vaccination by August 1, 2021. According to the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), the federal government has decided that with effect from 1 Aug 2021, no citizen of age 18 years and above will be allowed to undertake domestic air travel without vaccination. Furthermore, it said that th.....

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‘Covid-19 delivers hammer blow to people seeking jobs overseas’
KARACHI: Chairman of National Business Group Pakistan and President of Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum (PBIF), Mian Zahid Hussain has said that Covid-19 pandemic has delivered a hammer blow to overseas employment promoters and the people seeking jobs overseas. It has also damaged the business of overseas employment promoters bankrupting majority of the promoters therefore governm.....

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Doctors, paramedics to be given a month’s additional salary
KARACHI: Administrator Karachi Laeeq Ahmed on Monday said doctors and paramedical staff of Covid-19 ward of Abbasi Shaheed Hospital would be given one-month additional salary and Covid allowance as announced by the Sindh government. Ahmad was presiding over a meeting here. In the meeting it was decided that Dr Nadeem Rajput who was serving as Additional Medical Superintendent at Sarfraz Rafee.....

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FPCCI demands uniform policy on Covid-19
KARACHI: The President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Mian Nasser Hyatt Maggo, has demanded of the government to announce a uniform policy on Covid-19 as different policies for different cities are discriminatory. He also objected to the new SOPs being enforced in Sindh from Monday and demanded that its nominees must be taken into Sindh’s COVID.....

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Sindh reports record high single-day Covid tally

Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-28

KARACHI: Over 2,517 coronavirus infections were confirmed in Sindh on Tuesday, the highest single-day tally since June 2020. According to the Chief Minister’s House, 2,517 people were diagnosed when 18,737 samples were tested for the contagion. The past 24-hours also saw 20 more deaths and 6,590 recoveries, said CM Syed Murad Ali Shah. The provincial pandemic tally rose to 371,745 while th.....

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SHC moved against mandatory Covid jabs

Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-28

KARACHI: A constitutional petition has been filed in the Sindh High Court (SHC) against the government's decision to make coronavirus vaccinations mandatory for all citizens. The petitioner, advocate Sohail Hameed, took the stance that people cannot be forced to get the Covid-19 vaccine without legislation approved by public representatives. The advocate contended that as per the Constituti.....

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Sindh moves to restrict unnecessary public movement after 6pm

Source: APP, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-28

KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: The Sindh government on Tuesday moved to restrict public movement in Karachi in the night-time in order to contain the rapid spread of coronavirus cases in the metropolis as the fourth wave of the pandemic hit the province very hard. The national command and operation centre (NCOC) – the nerve centre of the federal government’s unified effort to contain the Covid-19 .....

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KMC hospitals yet to shoulder pandemic burden

Source: Tufail Ahmed, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-28

KARACHI: The National Command and Operation Centre had been issuing alerts cautioning the residents of Karachi of a Covid-19 outbreak of devastating proportions. Unlike past spells, the fourth wave was projected to paralyse the local healthcare system with the Delta variant, which is known to be highly transmissible and is the dominating variant in several countries across the world. Warning of i.....

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Mohenjo Daro closed amid Covid restrictions

Source: INP, Daily Times, 2021-07-28

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Murad forms ministerial body to sensitize stakeholders on Covid-19

Source: App, Daily Times, 2021-07-28

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COVID detection rate touches 26.32pc in Karachi
Source: Abdullah Zafar, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
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20 more COVID patients die in Sindh
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that as many as 20 more patients of coronavirus died in Sindh overnight lifting the death toll to 5,860 and 2,517 new cases emerged when 18,737 tests were conducted. This he stated in a statement issued on Tuesday. He added that 20 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,860 that constituted 1.6 pe.....

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Mohenjo Daro closed amid COVID restrictions for tourist spots
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
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Sindh declares COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for entry into vegetable markets
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
KARACHI - Due to the fourth wave of coronavirus, the Sindh government has declared COVID-19 vaccination mandatory for entry in all vegetable markets of the province and said that entry in vegetable markets across Sindh will be banned without vaccine certificate and mask. Provincial Agriculture Minister Ismail Rahu said that without certificates and masks, citizens would not be allowed to enter.....

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Sindh Education dept orders WFH, 50pc staff due to surge in COVID cases
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-28
KARACHI - The School Education & Literacy Department of Sindh (Secretariat Side) shall function with 50 percent staff on rotation basis from July 26 and remaining 50 percent staff will work from home (WFH), in line with the directives of the Sindh Task force on coronavirus to contain the fourth wave of COVID-19. A circular is also issued on Tuesday to this effect in line with the Sindh Ho.....

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Sindh mulls lockdown amid Covid surge
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
KARACHI: The Sindh government has decided to impose further restrictions, particularly in the metropolis, as coronavirus cases balloon. On Wednesday, the province reported 2,672 fresh infections and 43 deaths - both record high figures with the former being the highest since June 30, 2020, when 2,701 cases were confirmed and the latter being reportedly the highest single-day death toll in recent mo.....

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Administrator sets up Covid-19 vigilance committee
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
KARACHI: Administrator Karachi Laiq Ahmed has set up a Covid-19 vigilance committee comprising five senior doctors at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital (ASH). Its members include Principal Karachi Medical and Dental College Dr Aftab Imtiaz, Convener Executive Committee MDC Dr Farhat Jaffer, Medical Superintendent Abbasi Shaheed Hospital Dr Nadeem Asif, Director Abbasi Shaheed Hospital Dr M Nadir Khan ..... more >>

Covid-19 vaccination; Hyderabad DC seeks social bodies’ help
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
HYDERABAD: Divisional Commissioner Hyderabad Muhammad Abbas Baloch has said that now we have fourth wave of coronavirus and we do not know that how many such waves we would face in coming days. He said that it is necessary to protect our people from a dangerous pandemic and to stop its spread. He said people should be vaccinated to increase their immunity against the pandemic. This he sa..... more >>

COVID claims 43 more lives
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-29
KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah has said that during the last 24 hours, stemming from COVID-19, we have 43 deaths, one of the highest numbers in the province, and 2,672 new cases. "This situation is enough to assess the severity of the pandemic in the fourth wave; therefore, we have to be alert to control the situation". In a statement issued from CM on We..... more >>

COVID-19 vigilance committee formed
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Centre disapproves of Karachi lockdown as Sindh mulls curbs
ISLAMABAD / KARACH: As the Covid-19 situation continues to deteriorate in Karachi, federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar on Thursday rejected the idea of closing entire cities to curb the spread of coronavirus. He said Sindh was having the lowest compliance of pandemic-related standard operating procedures (SOPs) along with Balochistan i.e. 33pc. Pakistan h..... more >>

MQM-P postpones July 31 rally due to rising Covid-19 cases
Source: Staff Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
HYDERABAD: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) deputy convener and parliamentary party leader in the Sindh Assembly Kanwar Naveed Jamil on Thursday announced postponement of its July 31 ‘Shehri Huqooq’ rally in view of increasing number of coronavirus cases in Sindh, like other parts of the country. Speaking at a press conference in the party’s local office, Mr Jamil said ..... more >>
Three remanded in case of stealing corona vaccines
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
KARACHI: A local court remanded in police custody on Thursday three suspects detained for allegedly stealing corona vaccines and administering them to the public for money in a Saddar locality. Retired Major Amanullah Sultan, owner of M/s Sultan Madad Private Limited, one of his employees and government vaccinator Mohammad Zeeshan were arrested for allegedly stealing the government vaccine and il.....

Lockdown imposed in Sindh till Aug 8 as Covid-19 cases surge
Source: Hafeez Tunio, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
KARACHI: A lockdown will be imposed in the province of Sindh from tomorrow (July 31) till August 8 as provincial authorities try to mitigate the spread of the deadly Delta variant of the pandemic. The decision was taken during a meeting of the Sindh government's Covid-19 task force in Karachi to mull further restrictions in the port city as the highly transmissible Delta variant of the virus f.....

Situation of coronavirus getting worse: ministers
KARACHI: Provincial Ministers Jam Ikramullah Dharejo and Syed Owais Shah have said that the situation of coronavirus positive cases is getting worse day by day. The business community is supposed to stand by the Sindh government in this difficult time. The situation in the corona emergency wards of hospitals is known to everyone, stated Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerc.....

‘Fourth wave is destroying business scenario’
KARACHI: The country is currently witnessing the fourth wave of the pandemic which is increasing the infection ratio to 26% in the city of Karachi and devastating the whole business scenario. The SBP kept the interest rate at 7% unchanged to support businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic, said Ateeq-ur-Rehman, advisor to the KCCI on banking and insurance. “The policy rate is revis.....

Precautionary measures needed to avoid coronavirus: Tharparkar DC
HYDERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Tharparkar Muhammad Nawaz Sohoo has said that in the fourth dangerous wave of Coronavirus, the number of positive cases of Coronavirus is continuously increasing. In this regard, precautionary measures issued by the Sindh government are urgently needed to avoid coronavirus. He issued a circular instructing the concerned departments to take precautionary measures.....

Six arrested for violating coronavirus SOPs
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
KARACHI - As many as six shopkeepers were arrested from Orangi area of the megalopolis on Thursday over violation of coronavirus Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). According to SSP West Suhail Aziz Talpur, arrested owners of shops were earlier warned to strictly follow SOPs issued by the government to break the chain of pandemic, however, they continued to violate the orders. A case no. 892/202.....
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<td>KARACHI - The health department of Sindh government on Thursday released the combined statistics on Covid immunization via Chinese origin Sinovac and Sinopharm vaccines saying a total of 5,107,024 doses had been dispensed to date. The department said there was a total of 1,719,418 vaccine doses of Sinopharm out of which well over one million were administered to masses as the first dose. In .....</td>
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<td>KARACHI - As many as 44 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 5,947 and 2,797 new cases emerged when 20,475 tests were conducted. This was stated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Thursday. He added that 44 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 5,947 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate. Mr Sh.....</td>
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<td>KARACHI: Police officials on Thursday revealed details about the alleged illegal sale of coronavirus vaccines by health department staff in the metropolis. According to the police, the suspect — identified as Zeeshan — was working as a nurse on a contractual basis at the district health office. He was allegedly involved in illegally selling Sinopharm, Sinovac, and Pfizer vaccines to p.....</td>
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# Opposition parties, traders’ bodies react sharply to imposition of lockdown
Source: Imran Ayub, **Dawn, Islamabad** , 2021-07-31

KARACHI: Sindh’s opposition parties and traders’ organisations have sharply reacted to provincial government’s decision to impose weeklong lockdown on Karachi, accusing Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) administration of shifting burden of its failure to poor population of the metropolis where hundreds of thousands of families depended on daily wages and small businesses. The province&.....

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# Lockdown mars bullish sentiments on stock market
Source: Our Equities Correspondent, **Dawn, Islamabad** , 2021-07-31

KARACHI: Heavy selling saw the KSE-100 index sink 257 points, or 0.54 per cent, and close the last day of the rollover week at 47,055. The trend of the stock market on Friday was the tale of two halves. The market had witnessed impressive rebound of 362 points on Thursday after Asad Umar, federal minister and the head of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC), said in no uncertain terms tha.....

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# Sindh questions Centre's criticism of lockdown, lifts ban on pillion riding
Source: Our Correspondent, **The Express Tribune, Islamabad** , 2021-07-31

KARACHI: The Sindh government on Saturday announced certain relaxations in the restrictions imposed a day earlier due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the province, especially in Karachi. Addressing the media in Karachi this afternoon, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Murtaza Wahab said the government was lifting the ban imposed on pillion riding in the province. “Shops, hotels, wed.....

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# Sindh’s daily Covid caseload nears 3,000
Source: Our Correspondent, **The Express Tribune, Islamabad** , 2021-07-31

KARACHI: Sindh logged its highest single-day tally for the third consecutive day on Friday. As many as 2,862 cases emerged when 21,578 tests were conducted, according to a statement issued by the Chief Minister’s House. Another 24 persons also succumbed to the virus between Thursday and Friday. “Merely a month ago, there were an average of 500 cases daily in Sindh by the end of June. And.....

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SHC disposes plea against mandatory Covid jabs
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) has rejected a petition against mandatory coronavirus vaccination and imposed a fine of Rs25,000 on the petitioner for filing a frivolous petition and wasting the court's time. A two-member bench comprising Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui and Justice Agha Faisal heard the petition against mandatory Covid jabs. The petitioner, advocate Sohail Hameed, took th.....
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Karachi to undergo ‘mild’ lockdown from today
Source: Mohammad Bilal Tahir, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, in view of aggravating fourth wave of the Coronavirus in the province, particularly in Karachi, has decided to impose a “mild” lockdown for nine days. The lockdown would begin from July 31 and to continue till August 8. Only export-oriented, food and healthcare-related industries, pharmacies, bakeries and other essential servi.....
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JI rejects Sindh govt’s Covid-19 lockdown
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Karachi on Friday rejected the Sindh government’s imposition of the fresh Covid-19 lockdown, calling the move as financial “massacre” of millions of daily wage labourers. In a response to the provincial government’s decision over lockdown, JI Karachi Chief, Engr Hafiz Naeemur Rehman feared the Sindh government’s imposition will leave.....
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‘Loose-lockdown’ enforced in Sindh as cases surge amid 4th wave
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-31
KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah Friday said that keeping in view the spike of fourth wave of coronavirus in the province, particularly deteriorating situation in Karachi it was decided to impose a lockdown for next nine days (July 31 to August 8) under which only export-oriented, food and health-related industries, pharmacies, bakeries and other essential services would operate......
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Sindh governor slams ‘curfew-like situation’ in Karachi
Source: Imran Ayub, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: The strained relations between the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) government in Sindh and the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf in the centre suffered another blow on Saturday when the provincial administration revised its coronavirus lockdown restrictions it had imposed a day earlier, but Islamabad still called the lockdown decision “defiance of the terms agreed between the two sides”, .....
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Covid vaccine centres overrun by people in Karachi
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: People are rushing for Covid-19 vaccination in large numbers following the government announcement that mobile phone SIMs of unvaccinated people would be blocked and they wouldn’t get their August salary, it emerged on Saturday. Sources said long queues were being seen at all vaccination centres across the province, particularly in Karachi, where the situation became serious when p.....
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Daily wagers worry about next meal during lockdown
Source: Sumaira Jajja, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: The announcement of a ‘partial complete’ lockdown in the city on Friday was perceived as mixed messaging on part of the Sindh government, with citizens expressing fears which ranged from loss of livelihoods to being fleeced by the police in the name of Covid-19 vaccination certificates. The most chaotic scenes were witnessed at the vaccination centre set up at the Expo Centre.....
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Difficult week at PSX closes with lockdown
Source: Our Equities Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: It was a dreadful week for the stock market as the index threatened to break the 47,000 barrier but managed to close at 47,055 points, representing a steep drop of 738 points or 1.54pc. The market witnessed massive selling in four of the five trading sessions. The tone of performance all through the outgoing week was set entirely by the Covid pandemic. The daily escalating cases of new i.....
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Delta variant fear rattles stock market
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: Bears dominated at the Pakistan stock market in the outgoing week with the benchmark KSE-100 index diving 738 points or 1.54% and settling at 47,055.29 points. Investors were spooked by the increase in Delta variant cases that was feared to lead to strict restrictions, which would cast a blow on the economy. With the upheavals caused by the previous lockdowns fresh in memory, investors .....
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Sindh, Centre lock horns on lockdown
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: The Sindh government and the federal government traded barbs on Saturday, the first day of a province-wide lockdown announced by the Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah to contain the fast-spreading fourth wave of Covid-19 pandemic. Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Sindh government spokesperson Murtaza Wahab hit back at the calls from federal ministers Fawad Chaud.....
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Lockdown kicks in
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: On the first day of the partial lockdown imposed in the city by the Sindh government, the roads were mostly deserted and silence prevailed. All business, commercial centres and markets remained closed. Grocery stores were also shut in most areas. A large number of citizens remained at home. Shutters were also down in Kharadar, Meethadar, Boulton Market, Jama Cloth, Saddar, Golimar, Naz.....
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People throng vaccination centres
Source: Mohammad Bilal Tahir, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: Amid fears of suspension of mobile and banking services, citizens thronged vaccination centers to get inoculated against Covid-19 while complete lockdown was witnessed in the city Saturday. However, the Sindh government also faced criticism from federal government as the latter opposed the lockdown in the city saying it was not a prerogative of the previous. In response to objec.....
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Vaccination suspended after chaos
Source: INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: The vaccination process was reportedly stopped at Karachi Expo Centre following chaos after people rushed to get themselves vaccinated against coronavirus. Long queues were witnessed outside Karachi Expo Centre on Saturday, the biggest vaccination centre in the city after the provincial government announced to block SIM cards of unvaccinated citizens. A glass door of vaccination.....
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Sindh governor advises CM to reconsider decision of lockdown
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: The Governor Sindh, Imran Ismail, on Saturday advised the Chief Minister to refrain from complete and curfew-like lockdown in the province and ensure enforcement of SOPs in letter and spirit instead of opting for the excessive measures. Addressing a press conference here at the Governor House, Imran Ismail made it clear that federation was against extreme steps to contain the pandemi.....
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MQM-P demands soft loans for traders to offset Covid fallouts
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) Saturday demanded the government to provide interest-free loans to business community of Karachi to offset the adverse impacts of Covid lockdown. MQM Coordinator Committee member Senator Faisal Subzwari, flanked by other leaders, addressing a press conference at their Bahadurabad office demanded to set up a ‘board’ comprising the ..... more >>

MQM-P terms lockdown anti-people
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
Karachi - Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) on Saturday rejected the lockdown imposed by Sindh government and termed it “anti-Karachi, anti-economy, anti-people and anti-traders”. Addressing a press conference at the party’s headquarter at Bahadurabad, MQM-P Rabita Committee member Senator Faisal Sabzwari demanded implementation of SOPs in letter and spirit instead of loc.....
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People throng to vaccination centres as 9-day lockdown begins
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI - Mismanagement of the authorities on the first day of the lockdown was witnessed after blockage of main thoroughfares by police led to massive traffic jams at the Shahra-e-Faisal, Shara-e-Pakistan and other key roads. Muhammad Ali, who had to reach his bank in Saddar, said it took him hours to reach his office after police blocked Shahra-e-Pakistan from Sohrab Goth. “I was carrying ..... more >>

Sindh announces 11 ‘mass Covid vaccination centres’ in Karachi to prevent overcrowding
Source: Imliaz Ali, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
The Sindh government on Sunday declared 11 Covid-19 vaccination centres in six districts of Karachi as "mass vaccination facilities" that will operate round-the-clock throughout the week to prevent overcrowding at two mega vaccination points — the Expo Centre and Khaliqdina Hall. The decision was notified after the vaccination centres at the Expo Centre and Khaliqdina Hall were ov.....
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Crowds crash in at Karachi vaccination centres
KARACHI: A chaotic situation occurred at the country’s biggest 24 hours vaccination center, Expo Center on Saturday when a crowd of people rushed inside the center, breaking the entrance door. The people rushed to the vaccination center, following warnings by the Sindh government and the National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC). Expo Centre — the biggest inoculation centre in Sind.....

Sindh, Centre again lock horns over lockdown
KARACHI/ISLAMABAD: The federation and the Sindh government have again locked their horns over the complete lockdown announced by the latter with both sides jealously sticking to their viewpoints and throwing barbs at each other. The major reaction came from Governor Sindh Imran Ismail who advised Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah to ensure strict enforcement of SOPs to deal with the situation r.....

Karachi records 2,200 more Covid cases as partial lockdown kicks off
A partial lockdown was observed in Karachi on Saturday, a day after the Government of Sindh had ordered restrictions to be imposed across the city until August 8 to curb the surge of Covid-19 cases, mainly due to the highly transmissible Delta variant. Police officials were seen erecting barricades and setting up checkpoints in different parts of Karachi. Passenger buses were also intercepted, wh.....

Sindh, Centre again lock horns over lockdown
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Sindh takes ‘U-turn’ on Covid lockdown
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2021-08-01
The Sindh government on Saturday announced to loosen certain restrictions imposed as part of the Covid-19 lockdown, which started on Saturday across the province. The Sindh government had on Friday decided to impose a lockdown in the province from July 31 till August 8 amid rising Covid-19 cases. According to the amended order issued on Saturday, the restriction of closing time for selected essen.....
11 mass vaccination centres set up in city after mismanagement, violence
Source: Imtiaz Ali, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
KARACHI: The Sindh government announced on Sunday setting up of 11 more mass vaccination centres in the metropolis while Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah is working on a proposal to make drive-through vaccination points on a major route to prevent incidents of mismanagement and violence, which were reported on a second consecutive day of the lockdown in the provincial capital, officials said. ..... more >>

SAI demands exemption for farm sector during lockdown
Source: Staff Correspondent, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
HYDERABAD: Sindh Abadgar Ittehad (SAI) president Nawab Zubair Talpur has expressed concern over the coronavirus restrictions announced for agriculture business. He said the agriculture sector should be exempted in those restrictions for the progress of the country. Speaking at a meeting of the SAI on Saturday, he said that pesticides businesses should be allowed to work. Only cotton crop would s..... more >>

JI censures Sindh govt over violations at vaccination centres
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami leader Hafiz Naeemur Rehman censured the Sindh government on Sunday over its mishandling of coronavirus vaccinations and failure to ensure compliance with standard operating procedures (SOPs). Visiting the vaccination centre at Expo Centre, Rehman accused the provincial government of taking measures without consideration. "On the one hand the Sindh government talks..... more >>

Eight passengers dislodge from flight having no vaccine certificates
Source: INP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
KARACHI: At least eight passengers were dislodged from their Islamabad-bound flight on Sunday by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for not having their proof of vaccination amid the rise of Covid-19 cases. With people still reluctant from getting themselves vaccinated against the global pandemic on the rise in its fourth Covid wave, the government has begun implementing its SOPs one of which..... more >>

DC Hyderabad for ensuring implementation of corona SOPs
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
HYDERABAD: Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad Fuad Ghaffar Soomro directed the concerned officers to ensure implementation on Corona SOPs issued by the Sindh government to prevent the spread of the fourth wave of Corona virus. He along with SSP Hyderabad Abdul Salam Shaikh was visiting different areas of Hyderabad to inspect the implementation on lockdown and Corona SOPs today. DC Hyderabad a..... more >>

Liaquat University Hospital
Source: APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-02
HYDERABAD: In view of increasing cases of Covid-19, the Liaquat University Hospital (LUH) administration has expressed concern over the situation that is worsening day by day and almost all beds in both hospitals had been occupied. Director Admn LUH Abdul Sattar Jatoi in a statement on Sunday, said that all isolation wards and intensive care units of both hospitals were going out of the capac..... more >>
### Vaccination centers operational 24/7 in Karachi
Source: Web Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02

The health department of Sindh has Monday made 10 large vaccination centers operational round the clock keeping in mind the rise in Covid cases as the pandemic launches into fourth wave and the resulting concern among masses and administrations alike for getting vaccinated. With the newly extended timings of 10 more vaccination centers, there are now 11 stops one can get their shot from, incl.....

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### 11 CVCs of Karachi declared as mass vaccination centres to work round-the-clock
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02

KARACHI - As many as 11 coronavirus vaccination centres (CVCs) in six districts of Karachi have been given status of Mass Vaccination Centres (MVCs) which will operate 24 hours. These views were expressed by Sindh Minister for Information and Local Government Syed Nasir Hussain Shah on Sunday during visit to Clifton Drive Through Corona Vaccination Facility. Provincial Parliamentary Secretary for .....  

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### Two shopkeepers arrested for violating lockdown order
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-02

LARKANA - A dispute between the Assistant Commissioner, Larkana, Ahmed Ali Soomro and Resham Gali shopkeepers took place on Sunday who had gone there to implement Sindh government’s lockdown notification and implementation of SOPs. Market police arrested three shopkeepers and locked them up at the police station and a case was registered against two of them. They include Bilawal Shaikh his b.....

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### COVID claims 20 more lives
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-03

KARACHI - As many as 20 more patients of coronavirus died overnight lifting the death toll to 6,021 while 2,549 new cases emerged when 18,618 tests were conducted in Sindh. Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement on Sunday said 20 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 6,021 that constituted 1.6 percent death rate. Shah said that 18,618 samp.....

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### Adults without CNICs allowed to get Covid vaccine in Sindh
Source: Imran Ayub, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-03

KARACHI: As a major move in the ongoing nationwide inoculation drive, the Sindh government has also allowed Covid-19 vaccination of adults not having computerised national identity cards (CNICs). Sources and officials said that the facility to allow vaccination to adults without CNICs was opened more than two weeks ago and over 2,000 people had already availed it. However, the offer has not been .....  

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No FIR be registered for violation of Covid SOPs: court
Source: Naeem Sahoutara, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI: A local court on Monday ordered that no FIR be registered under Section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) at any police station in East and Korangi districts for a violation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) of Covid-19. Judicial magistrate (East) Javed Ali Korejo passed this order when an investigating officer of the Gu.....
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Covid claims 36 more lives in Sindh, infects 1,847 others
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI: As many as 36 more patients of coronavirus died overnight, increasing the death toll to 6,057; however, 1,847 new cases emerged when 13,107 tests were conducted, said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement here Monday. He said that 36 more patients of Covid-19 lost their lives, raising the death toll to 6,057 that constitutes 1.6 percent death rate. He said that 1.....
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11 more vaccination centres set up in city: Wahab
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI: Spokesperson of Sindh Government and Advisor for Law, Environment & Coastal Development Barrister Murtaza Wahab has said that 11 more 24-hour vaccination centres have been set up in Karachi. Inaugurating vaccination centre at Federal B Area Association of trade and Industry (FBAATI) and talking to newsmen, he said mobile vaccination will be initiated from Tuesday. He said t.....
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Over 25pc of Karachi population vaccinated, claims Wahab
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
KARACHI - Sindh government spokesperson Murtaza Wahab on Monday shared data showing that 25 percent of Karachi population over the age of 18-year-old has been vaccinated against COVID-19. Taking to Twitter, Murtaza Wahab shared a chart with detailed figures of vaccination in the province, showing that 25.79 percent of Karachi population above the age of 18-year-old has been vaccinated after 3.6 mi.....
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Around 172,000 persons inoculated coronavirus vaccine in Shaheed Benazirabad
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
NAWABSHAH - More than 172,000 persons have so far been inoculated coronavirus vaccine in district Shaheed Benazirabad. According to the Corona Control Room set up at the office of Deputy Commissioner Shaheed Benazirabad, positive cases of corona remained at 6 percent while one corona patient died during the last 24 hours. The Control Room stated that at present 10 corona patients are under treatme.....
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Sindh empowers SHOs to take action over violations of COVID-19 restrictions
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI - The Sindh Home Department on Monday empowered the incharges of police stations to take legal action on any act in contravention of the orders of the Sindh government with regard to COVID-19 restrictions. This was notified through an amendment order issued on Monday in connection with the earlier directives of July 30, 2021. The order read that beside deputy commissioners, assistant commi.....
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District admin launches survey to collect details of unvaccinated population
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
HYDERABAD - The local administration on Monday started survey in the district to collect details of the unvaccinated population. On the directives of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Fuad Ghaffar Soomro, teams consisting of officials of Revenue, Health and Education departments were visiting door to door to collect details of the unvaccinated people so that camps could be organised for their mass vaccinat.....
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Mobile van COVID-19 vaccination centre inaugurated
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI - A mobile van equipped with necessary facilities and staffers for coronavirus vaccination (CVC) having capacity of around 1,500 vaccinations per day was inaugurated on Monday by Advisor to the Sindh Chief Minister Barrister Murtaza Wahab. The mobile van vaccination centre would visit different areas of Karachi to provide vaccination facility to the people. The Mass Vaccination Centre.....
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Four shops sealed in Larkana for violating lockdown
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI - Four shops of Resham Gali shopkeepers were sealed on the orders of the Assistant Commissioner (AC), Larkana, Ahmed Ali Soomro, on Monday for violating lockdown orders of the Sindh government to prevent spread of deadly Delta variant. AC Soomro visited various markets, including Resham Gali, Shahi Bazaar, Bunder Road, Pakistani Chowk, Royal Road, Station Road, Fish Market and others, and .....
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COVID claims 36 more lives
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Sindh begins Covid-19 vaccinations for people sans CNICs
Source: Our Correspondent/Sameer Mandhro, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-03
KARACHI: TheSindhgovernment on Tuesday started vaccinating people who are above the age of 18 but do not possess Computerised National Identity Cards (CNICs). According to the directives, those who don't have a CNIC can get vaccinated by presenting any other document proving their age. Individuals who do not have a CNICare now being vaccinated through registration on the biometric system. S.....
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Several govt facilities in Karachi have capacity to treat more Covid-19 patients, data shows
Source: Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
KARACHI: While the Covid-19 situation in the city continues to pose a serious threat to the health infrastructure, with sustained pressure on certain government health facilities being the ‘first choice’ of patients, several other facilities remain under-utilised, it emerged on Tuesday. The Aug 2 data of the health department showed that the Sindh Infectious Disease Hospital and Resea.....
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Another suspect in illegal Covid vaccination case remanded in police custody
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
KARACHI: A local court on Tuesday remanded in police custody a third suspect arrested in a case of illegally administering stolen Covid-19 vaccines to people at their homes and receiving money for it. Police claimed to have booked and arrested Abdul Samad, Tahir Bano and Waqas for allegedly stealing vaccines from government stocks and illegally administering them to people at their homes for mon.....
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Lockdown has been a game changer: Wahab
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
KARACHI: Sindh government spokesperson Murtaza Wahab has termed the lockdown in Karachi a `game changer`. Addressing a press conference at the Frere Hall on Tuesday, he urged citizens to not pay heed to the voices of political hypocrites. “It is due to the lockdown that nearly 225,000 people have received vaccinations in a single day, while we aim to reach a daily target of 250.....
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Karachi runs low on Sinovac vaccine
Source: Sameer Mandho, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
KARACHI: A shortage of the Sinovac vaccine was witnessed in the metropolis on Tuesday. The Sindh health department and several coronavirus vaccination centres confirmed to The Express Tribune that given limited doses of the Chinese vaccine, preference was being given to citizens coming for their second jab. However, the health department assured, there is enough stock available of the other corona.....
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12 more Covid deaths in Sindh
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
KARACHI: As many as 12 more patients of coronavirus died overnight soaring the death toll to 6,069 while 2,438 new cases emerged as 19,427 tests were conducted. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah in a statement issued here on Tuesday said 12 more patients of COVID-19 lost their lives lifting the death toll to 6,069 or 1.6 percent death rate. He said that 19,427 samples were tested ..... 
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KATI chief seeks role of Ulema for mass vaccination
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
KARACHI: President of Korangi association of Trade and industry (KATI), Saleem-uz-Zaman has said that at a time when the nation was facing an epidemic like Corona, the role of scholars and community elders is very important to urge the people to get vaccinated. He further said that more than 65,000 people had been vaccinated in Korangi industrial area. He said people should protect themselves.....
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DC Hyderabad for implementation of SOPs
Source: Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
HYDERabad: Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad Fuad Ghaffar Soomro has said that to prevent the spread of fourth wave of corona virus, we have to strictly implement SOPs and expedite the vaccination process. He said that 30 vaccination centers have been set up by the health department across the district while in mass vaccination center set up near Niaz Stadium; 24-hour vaccination is being carried.....
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PTI slams Sindh CM for lockdown decision
SUKKUR: The Leader of the Opposition in Sindh Assembly Haleem Adil Sheikh, has said the provincial government’s authorities were bound to obey the directions of the NCOC with regard to vaccination and lockdown to avoid further outspread of the deadly virus. Haleem Adil Sheikh suggested that it is a time to focus on the vaccination and make sure to get the SOPs followed by everyone, inste.....
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People don’t care about lives, more worried about their SIMs: Wahab
KARACHI: Sindh government spokesman Barrister Murtaza Wahab has expressed gratitude to the administration of Jamia Darul Uloom Karachi for allowing the establishment of a coronavirus vaccination centre on the seminary’s premises in Korangi. Wahab visited the vaccination centre set up at the Jamia Darul Uloom in Korangi on Tuesday to witness the inoculation of the seminary’s students, ..... more >>

Sindh govt to activate more mobile vaccination units: Wahab
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad , 2021-08-04
KARACHI - Spokesperson of Sindh government and Adviser for Law, Environment and Coastal Development Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that more vaccination centres would be set up along with activation of mobile units. He expressed these views while addressing a press conference at Ferrier Hall on Tuesday. For the purpose, he said, we had invited mobile units from other districts of Sindh to Kar..... more >>

Qaim Ali Shah contracts COVID-19, SHC told
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad , 2021-08-04
KARACHI - Former Sindh chief minister (CM) Syed Qaim Ali Shah has tested positive for the COVID-19. This was disclosed in a report submitted by Shah’s lawyer in the Sindh High Court (SHC) during the hearing of his bail plea in a case related to illegal appointments. Sharjeel Memon, who is co-accused in the case, appeared before the court in Tuesday’s hearing, while Syed Qaim Ali ..... more >>

Sindh allows vaccination without CNIC
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad , 2021-08-04
KARACHI - To boost the vaccine rollout, the Sindh authorities after getting the approval from Chief Minister (CM) Murad Ali Shah on Tuesday allowed inoculation for citizens without the mandatory condition of CNIC. Jinnah Hospital Karachi Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) Executive Director Dr Jamali said, “Citizens can bring birth certificates and parents’ CNIC and are bound to p..... more >>

Vaccinated person not to develop severe symptoms of coronavirus
Source: Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad , 2021-08-04
KARACHI - President Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) Sindh, Dr Mirza Ali Azhar has said that people should get vaccinated so that they would not develop severe symptoms of COVID-19 in case if they contracted with virus. Talking to media on Tuesday, he said that more than 90 percent of total patients admitted in hospitals were non-vaccinated, informing that the vaccinated persons would devel..... more >>
### MQM protests restrictions imposed in Karachi to prevent corona

Islamabad: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) parliamentarians on Tuesday registered protest in the National Assembly against the lockdown and certain restrictions imposed in Karachi to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Speaking on a point of order in the lower house of the parliament, MQM member Usama Qadri said the Sindh government is following different policies with regard to the lockdown in Karachi....

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### Sindh govt to activate more mobile units for Covid-19 vaccination
Source: APP, *Daily Times*, 2021-08-04

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### 125 vaccination centres in city
Source: Staff Reporter, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-05

Karachi: The city administration has established as many as 125 vaccination centres in seven districts of the city in view of spike in Covid-19 cases, it emerged on Wednesday. Informed sources told Dawn that the decision to increase vaccination centres was taken on Tuesday in a meeting chaired by Karachi Commissioner Navid Ahmed Shaikh. They said that the meeting participants reviewed the ongoing.....

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### Karachi’s insanitary conditions may aggravate Covid-19 health crisis, say experts
Source: Faiza Ilyas, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2021-08-05

Karachi: Expressing concern over the prevailing insanitary conditions in the city, health experts on Wednesday warned that this could complicate and aggravate the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis if immediate measures were not taken to improve the standard of hygiene and sanitation in the metropolis. They also called upon the government to educate the general public on how to safely dispose of sing.....

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### Lyari women get Covid jabs without CNICs
Source: Sameer Mandhro, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2021-08-05

Karachi: *Sana Farhan stood in line with scores of women at the mega vaccination centre at Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto (SMBB) Medical College in Lyari on Wednesday to receive her first Covid jab. “I do not have my own CNIC [computerised national identity card],” she smiled sheepishly. “I know other [women] who got vaccinated without it [CNIC] as well,” she hastened to.....

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### Barring Sindh, educational institutions to reopen in phases
Source: Sardar Sikander Shaheen, *Business Recorder, Islamabad*, 2021-08-05

Islamabad: Barring Sindh, educational institutions across the country, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) would be opened in a staggered manner, students and officials related to higher education are required to get vaccinated latest by August 31 and students of grades 9 to 12 will get five percent additional marks in compulsory subjects in proportionality to the marks obtained.....

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### HGH introduces Covid Variant Detection System
Source: Press Release, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2021-08-05
KARACHI: Hashmanis Group of Hospitals (HGH) announces that continuing its precedence of being leaders, HGH has introduced the Covid Variant Detection System through which Hashmanis Laboratory can now provide information of the Covid virus variant (Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta) for Covid positive patients that undergo the PCR test. The knowledge of Covid virus variant is very helpful for the p.....

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### Sindh govt to activate more mobile vaccination units: Wahab Says 222,000 people vaccinated in Sindh in a day
Source: Our Staff Reporter, [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2021-08-05
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### KSE-100 remains under pressure amid fast-spreading Delta variant
Source: correspondent, [Daily Times](#), 2021-08-06
KSE-100 again closed at a level of 47,760, gaining 149 points or 0.31pc after a continued fluctuation as the uncertainty remained at Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) on Thursday. KSE-100 started off on a positive note, gaining 106.51 points as the benchmark index touched an intra-day high of 47,896.39. However, the level of 48,000 continued to remain elusive as the index failed to sustain its gains......

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### Sindh confirms over 2,300 Covid infections
Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-08-06
KARACHI: Sindh reported over 2,300 coronavirus infections and 29 fatalities on Thursday. According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's House, 2,315 new cases were diagnosed when 16,953 samples were tested for the contagion. Another 992 persons also recovered from the infection overnight, said Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, bringing the number of recoveries in the province.....

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### Weddings ‘safehouse’ sealed for SOPs violations
Source: Our Correspondent, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-08-06
KARACHI: The East district administration sealed a house in Gulistan-e-Johar, where a marriage ceremony was being held in violation of coronavirus standard operating procedures (SOPs). Gulshan-e-Iqbal Assistant Commissioner Ghulam Mohiuddin said that he had received a complaint from the management of a housing society that a marriage ceremony was going on in a residential area during the lockdown.....

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### Thousands go hungry as almonries shut doors
Source: Aamir Khan, [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2021-08-06
KARACHI: Spirituality has always remained a vital part of Karachi’s social fabric. The coastal city, which is home to more than 20 million people, houses over 341 registered and unregistered shrines; including the eternal resting place of one of Sindh’s earliest saints. These sanctums, which until March of 2020 would be frequented by tens and thousands of devotees every day, also funct.....

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‘290,000 people inoculated in Sindh in last 24 hours’
KARACHI: The newly-appointed Karachi’s Administrator Barrister Murtaza Wahab has claimed that a record number of 290,000 people were vaccinated against coronavirus infection in Sindh in the last 24 hours. Barrister Wahab gave these figures while addressing a press conference in his capacity as Sindh Law and Environment Adviser on Thursday here at the Frere Hall. It was held before the Sindh.....
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CAA urges govt to take up issue of rapid PCR tests with UAE
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
KARACHI: The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) on Friday said that the country did not have resources to conduct rapid polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests and only rapid antigen testing was currently being used as a method of testing passengers for Covid-19 at the airports. In a letter written to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), the authority stated that the rapid PCR testing facility cannot.....
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<td>Sungai Buloh, Malaysia: Hundreds of junior doctors at state-run Malaysian hospitals staged walkouts Monday demanding better conditions as the country faces its worst coronavirus outbreak yet. Dressed in black and holding signs with slogans including &quot;equal pay, equal rights, equal opportunity&quot; and &quot;we are your future specialists&quot;, they protested at medical facilities nationwid.....</td>
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US will not lift travel restrictions, citing Delta variant: White House
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2021-07-28
The United States will not lift any existing travel restrictions “at this point” due to concerns over the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant and the rising number of US coronavirus cases, the White House confirmed on Monday. The decision, which was first reported by Reuters, comes after a senior level White House meeting late on Friday. It means that the long-running travel r.....
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Negative propaganda on COVID-19 far more lethal than virus itself
BEIJING: Politicisation and negative propaganda on the COVID-19 pandemic and its origin without relying on objective truth revealed by science is far more lethal and infectious than the virus itself. According to a report carried by Gwadar Pro, the ongoing tense and slander campaign against China at the global scale is despicable and distressing to the core. As a sovereign country, China has all.....
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Record virus cases in Tokyo as more regions weigh emergency ; Sydney lockdown extended by four weeks
Sydney: Millions of Sydney residents will spend another month in lockdown, authorities announced on Wednesday, citing a still-fast-growing coronavirus outbreak and stubbornly low vaccination rates. Australia’s biggest city had been due to exit five weeks of lockdown on July 30, but the restrictions will now remain in place until August 28 as case numbers continued to climb. “I apprecia.....
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Moot on ‘COVID-19 origin tracing’: Corona neither lab nor man-made: Chinese experts
BEIJING: The Chinese experts gave comprehensive and clear cut answers on the origin of COVID-19 during a conference held in Beijing by the State Council Information Office (SCIO) a couple of days ago. The experts included Xu Nanping, Zeng Yixin, Wang Chen, Liang Wannian and others gave replies to the questions regarding the origin of coronavirus. At the start Zeng Yixin said China had organised ..... 
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Canada gifts 162 mobile ventilators to Pakistan
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2021-07-30
The Canadian government on Thursday gifted 162 mobile medical ventilators to Pakistan in an effort to help fight COVID-19 pandemic in a better way. Speaking on the occasion, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman, Lieutenant General Akhtar Nawaz Satti on behalf of people and the government of Pakistan thanked the Canadian government for donation of ventilators and said that COVID-.....
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Delta variant drives virus spread to three China provinces
BEIJING: China Thursday reported small coronavirus outbreaks driven by the Delta variant in three provinces as a cluster linked to an eastern airport spreads despite mass testing and a vaccination drive. The flare-up, which began after nine workers at the Nanjing airport tested positive on July 20, has seen 171 cases detected in Jiangsu province, while infections have spread to at least four othe.....
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4 billion anti-Covid shots injected worldwide: Vaccine hesitancy gives way to jabs in Iraq
Baghdad: A soldier exposes his shoulder and awaits a jab to the amusement of fellow troops, a familiar scene in Iraq where a Covid spike is prompting more vaccinations despite widespread hesitancy. At a Baghdad hospital administering the Pfizer/BioNTech jab, chaos reigns as dozens of men and women of all ages stream into an inoculation centre where doctors are unaccustomed to seeing such crowds. ...... more >>

Risk of vaccine-resistant variants highest when most jabbed: Flawed scientific papers fuelling misinformation
Washington: Scientific studies with poor methodology and inaccurate findings are exacerbating a Covid-19 misinformation crisis that is discouraging vaccination and putting lives at risk. The intense public interest in the pandemic and divisive debate in the United States over how to address it facilitates the spread of faulty research papers online, including by vaccine opponents. And even if a s...... more >>

Broadway mandates vaccines
New York: Broadway will require audiences to be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all shows, New York’s theatre industry announced on Friday, as the US steps up mandatory vaccinations. All performers, backstage crew and theatre staff will also have to be vaccinated, the Broadway League said in a statement. The rules will be in place through October and will apply to all of Broadway’s ...... more >>

If infected with Delta variant: Vaccinated people can transmit virus, says study
ATLANTA: A new study of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show the Delta variant produced similar amounts of virus in vaccinated and unvaccinated people if they get infected. The study, published by the CDC on Friday, focused on 469 Covid-19 cases identified among Massachusetts residents who had travelled to Barnstable County, a summer vacation destination, during July 3 to ...... more >>

After completing quarantine in Doha, Tashkent…: Permanent visa holder Pakistanis start arriving in Dubai
DUBAI: Around 1,000 overseas Pakistanis, permanent visa holders of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) reached Dubai after completing their quarantine in Doha and Tashkent. Direct passenger flights from Pakistan to the United Arab Emirates have been suspended due to pandemic situation since the last week of April but now UAE visa holders, stranded in Pakistan, have started arriving in Dubai via Tashke..... more >>

Millions of Americans at risk of losing homes as virus cases spike
Washington: Millions of Americans could find themselves homeless starting Sunday when a nationwide ban on evictions expires, even as billions in government funds meant to help them go untapped. The wave of evictions would come as the fast-spreading Delta variant has taken hold in the country and rental housing is in high demand in the hot real estate market. US President Joe Biden on Thursday ur...... more >>
Covid sceptics defy protest ban in Berlin
Berlin: Hundreds of anti-lockdown demonstrators defied a court-ordered protest ban on Sunday and gathered illegally in the streets of Berlin, resulting in scuffles with police. Police said some protesters had "harassed and attacked" officers in the capital’s western Charlottenburg district and ignored roadblocks. "They tried to break through the police chain and pull out our ..... more >>

Israeli developing an oral Covid vaccine
Imagine a Covid-19 vaccine that came as a pill: no needles, no medical professionals required to administer it, potentially delivered directly to people’s homes. Israeli pharmaceutical Oramed is attempting to accomplish just that, and is poised to start its first clinical trial in early August, CEO Nadav Kidron told AFP in an interview. With just 15 percent of the world’s population f..... more >>

China races to curb Delta fuelled COVID outbreak
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2021-08-01
Provinces across China have imposed tougher restrictions in an effort to racing to contain the country’s worst coronavirus outbreak in months, with health officials attributing the surge in COVID-19 infections to the highly contagious Delta variant. Authorities reported 328 symptomatic infections in July – almost equal to the total number of local cases from February to June. “..... more >>

Cambodia lowers growth forecast to 2.5pc this year due to COVID-19
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2021-08-02
Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen on Sunday lowered the kingdom’s economic growth forecast to 2.5 percent in 2021 from its earlier projection of 4.1 percent, due to the COVID-19. The economy in the Southeast Asian nation is mainly driven by garment and footwear exports, tourism, real estate and construction, and agriculture. “Due to disruption caused by the COVID-19, our g..... more >>

Heineken net profits surge as Covid restrictions ease
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2021-08-03
Heineken posted on Monday about the strong earnings in the first half of the year as countries lifted Covid-19 restrictions, but the pandemic continues to affect the Dutch brewer in key markets. Net profit rose to one billion euros ($1.2 billion) in the first six months of 2021 after the company suffered 297 million euros in losses during the same period last year. But Heineken said it expects its..... more >>

French insurer Axa profits soar above pre-Covid-19 level
Source: Agencies, Daily Times, 2021-08-03
French insurance giant Axa, which faces hundreds of lawsuits over Covid-19 claims, reported on Monday a huge surge in net profits in the first half of 2021, well above pre-pandemic levels. The company posted four billion euros ($4.75 billion) in net profit in the first six months of the year, up 71 percent from the same period in 2019 and nearly triple from last year. Axa’s earnings for 202..... more >>
Families reunited as travel rules eased in England; China battles Delta outbreak; Macron takes to Tik Tok to push Covid vaccines
Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday took to TikTok and Instagram to try counter misinformation about vaccines following a third weekend of demonstrations over a controversial Covid health pass. Macron discarded his customary dark suit and tie for a black t-shirt in a short video from the presidency's holiday residence in southern France, in which he repeated that vaccines wer.....

Global Covid-19 cases surpass 200m as Delta variant spreads
Source: Reuters, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-04
Coronavirus cases worldwide surpassed 200 million on Wednesday, according to a Reuters tally, as the more-infectious Delta variant threatens areas with low vaccination rates and strains healthcare systems. The global surge in cases is highlighting the widening gap in inoculation rates between wealthy and poor nations. Cases are rising in about one-third of the world's countries, many of which h.....

Masks return in French coastal resorts as new wave bites; Spain extends virus aid until end of October
Madrid: Spain's cabinet approved on Tuesday the extension of measures to protect the most vulnerable from economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic, including a moratorium on home evictions until November. Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's coalition government first approved the package of social measures in March 2020 during the height of the first wave of the pandemic in S.....

US vaccines
Washington: The United States has now donated more than 100 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine to other countries, the White House said Tuesday. It said this is more than that donated by all other countries combined and marks "just the beginning" of President Joe Biden's efforts to ship the live-saving medicine around the world. .....more >>

Morocco virus
Rabat: Morocco on Tuesday increased its curfew hours and stepped-up travel restrictions to three major cities in a bid to slow surging coronavirus cases. .....more >>

China restricts overseas travel to curb Covid outbreak; Macau orders virus testing after first cases in months
Hong Kong: Macau ordered compulsory coronavirus testing for all residents on Wednesday after a family of four was found to be carrying the Delta variant, breaking the city's record of over 16 months virus-free. Over the next three days authorities plan to test all 680,000 residents at 41 testing centres, the government said. The testing is one of a host of new measures announced after the g.....

UK MPs castigate govt for keeping Pakistan on 'red list', moving India to amber
Source: News Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-05
LONDON: British parliamentarians criticised their government's "callous" move to keep Pakistan on its travel "red list" while moving India to the "amber list", despite the Covid situation in the latter being more serious following the Delta variant's emergence in the country. The United Kingdom maintains a traffic system regarding the international travel, rat.....
Asian markets swing as traders digest Delta, US data
Source: APP, Daily Times, 2021-08-06
Markets fluctuated in Asia on Thursday following a tepid Wall Street lead as traders contemplated mixed US data, concerns about the fast-spreading Delta variant and indications that the Federal Reserve could begin winding back its ultra-loose monetary policy by the end of the year. The broad view is that the recovery is still on track while the volatility that gripped the world last week has died.....more >>

India has second highest corona cases after US
ISLAMABAD: More than 200 million cases of COVID-19 have now been registered worldwide since the novel coronavirus emerged in China in December 2019. According to international media reports, US currently has the highest number of corona cases, followed by India and Brazil. Pakistan comes on 31st number in this regard. On the other hand, US has the highest death toll followed by Brazil and India. ......more >>

Pakistan asks UK for removal from red list
LONDON: Pakistan has asked the British government to remove its name from the “red” list, Pakistan’s High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Moazzam Ahmed Khan said Thursday, following the latest review by Britain of its travel curbs. The passengers on the red list require a costly 10-day hotel quarantine on arrival. Georgia, Mexico, and France’s Indian Ocean territories o.....more >>

WB to finance extra Covid jabs for poorer nations
Source: AFP, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2021-07-27
GENEVA: A new World Bank financing mechanism will allow developing countries to purchase Covid-19 vaccines collectively through the Covax facility, the scheme announced Monday. Covax was set up to ensure 92 developing territories could access coronavirus vaccines to fight the pandemic, with the cost covered by donors. The new mechanism will allow those countries to buy additional doses o......more >>

USA donates additional 3m doses of Moderna vaccine to Pakistan
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
LAHORE - The United States has donated additional three million doses of lifesaving Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to Pakistan for vaccination of the Pakistani people. These vaccines were delivered in partnership with the COVAX facility and UNICEF. The arrival of these 3 million doses is an addition to the 2.5 million doses the United States had donated earlier this month to the people of Pakistan. Acco.....more >>

NDMA receives 162 mobile ventilators as gift from govt of Canada
Source: Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad, 2021-07-30
Islamabad - The National Disaster and Management Authority (NDMA) on Thursday received 162 mobile ventilators as gift from Government of Canada. A statement issued by NDMA said that an event was organized here where 162 medical ventilators were gifted to Pakistan by the Canadian government to deal with Corona. A statement said that the event was attended by Chairman NDMA, Lt. Gen. Akhtar Nawaz, Ca.....more >>
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Consultation Gathering

**NEED FOR GREEN PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY CRISIS**
Source: DNA, [Centreline.com](https://www.centreline.com), 2021-08-06
Islamabad, AUG6 /DNA/ – To respond to growing challenges related to climate change and ever-increasing energy crisis, the formulation of a green parliamentary caucus is the urgent need of the hour. The platform would play much needed role in advancing discourse around the critical issues and thus, to contribute to the right policy actions. The parliamentarians and experts from environment an.....[more >>]

Webinar News

**Better Implementation On Laws Imperative To Stop Crimes Against Women: Speakers**
Source: Sumaira FH, [UrduPoint](https://www.urdupoint.com), 2021-08-03
The speakers at a webinar on Monday said there was no dearth of laws in Pakistan to respond to crimes against women but their implementation was a real challenge that needed to be addressed at every level ISLAMABAD, (UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 2nd Aug, 2021 ) :The speakers at a webinar on Monday said there was no dearth of laws in Pakistan to respond to c.....[more >>]

Researchers Articles

**Miyawaki Urban Forest spreading over 100 kanals to be inaugurated on 4th of August in Saggian, Lahore**
Source: Meezan Zahra Khwaja, [Daily Times](https://www.dailymorning.com), 2021-08-03
Dear Pakistanis: While it makes me happy that Prime Minister Imran Khan and PTI are thinking long term and have some – let me stress the word ‘some’ – vision in terms of the environment while inaugurating a 100 kanal forest, sadly, this is not the only change needed to save ‘Our Planet’ as David Attenborough or Greta Thunberg would inform you. ‘Our Planet.....[more >>]

**CTBCM: a possibility or a pipe dream?**
Source: Ahad Nazir, [Business Recorder, Islamabad](https://www.businessrecorder.com.pk), 2021-08-05
The electric power sector of Pakistan has been plagued by multiple issues since the late 90s entailing both availability and affordability of energy for sustainable development in Pakistan. The recent remarks by the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister (SAPM) for Power and Petroleum, Tabish Gauhar, and evidence produced by several eminent economists provide a detailed root cause analysis of the.....[more >>]

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**Pakistan: 2 killed as flooding hits parts of Islamabad**
Source: Sana Jamal, [Gulf News](https://www.gulfnews.com), 2021-07-29
Islamabad: A mother and her son were killed on Wednesday as several areas of Islamabad city were affected by urban flooding after heavy rainfall and cloudburst. Videos shared on social media showed cars in the E-11 neighbourhood being washed downstream amid a torrent of murky water after rainwater flooded the streets. At least 5 vehicles were damaged in the floods. Deputy .....[more >>]
Traders demand competitive policy rate
Source: Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-01
KARACHI: Businessmen have demanded a competitive interest rate in Pakistan that is at par with regional countries and criticised the central bank for maintaining policy rate at 7% despite a fall in inflation level to 8.9%. Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) former president Mian Anjum Nisar expressed concern that the State Bank of Pakistan kept interest rate unchang.....
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PM Imran to inaugurate ‘Asia’s largest’ Miyawaki urban forest on August 4
Source: Hassan Naqvi, BOL News, 2021-08-05
LAHORE: In an attempt to restore Pakistan’s forest cover, Prime Minister Imran Khan will inaugurate ‘Asia’s largest’ Miyawaki urban forest that will be spread over 100 kanals on Wednesday at Saggian in Lahore. Chairman Board of Directors Punjab Horticulture Authority (PHA) Syed Yasir Gillani told BOL News that the ‘biggest’ Miyawaki urban forest will be inaugurat.....
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Pakistan, Oman eager to cooperate in diverse sectors
Source: Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2021-08-06
KARACHI: Pakistan and Oman should cooperate in diverse sectors to enhance the bilateral economic and trade relations, said Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Redha bin Juma Al Saleh. At a webinar organised by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) on Thursday, he stressed the need for collaboration in the fields of chemicals, plastics, metals, minerals a.....
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