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## Virus: 745 patients stable, showing signs of recovery: Mirza

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Health Services Dr Zafar Mirza on Sunday said that 745 confirmed COVID-19 patients admitted in various hospitals across the country were stable and showing signs of recovery.

"They were in mild to moderate condition and soon they will be discharged from the hospitals," Dr Mirza said in a routine televised media briefing on prevailing corona situation in the country.

He said that out of total 756 hospitalized corona patients, only 11 were in critical condition and they were being treated at isolation rooms while some of them were on ventilators.

He said that 294 patients were hospitalized in Sindh, 247 in Punjab, 60 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), 130 in Balochistan, 12 in Gilgit Baltistan (GB), two in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and 11 in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). He said the coronavirus caseload in Pakistan had 1,562 with addition of 121 new cases during last 24 hours. He added 28 patients had been recovered completely while total 13 deaths had been reported from the disease so far included five from Punjab, four from KP, two from Sindh, one each from Balochistan and GB. He added out of 13 total death two were reported during last 24 hours included one from Karachi and one from Lower Dir.

Dr Mirza said that total 8,066 people

## Pak Army assisting civil admin nationwide: ISPR

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: According to Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Army troops are assisting civil administration across the country. According to ISPR, the Federal and Provincial Administration is hard at work protecting the public from the coronavirus and law enforcement agencies including Pak Army are monitoring various entry and exit points within the country. According to the statement issued by ISPR, soldiers in Balochistan are stationed in 9 districts, namely, Ivan, Chaghi, Lasbela, Kalat, Gwadar, Sibbi, Khuzdar and Nushki.

Pak Army troops are stationed in cities of Kotli, Bhimber, Mirpur, Muzaffarabad, Bagh, Rawlakot, Kail and Barnala in Azad Kashmir.

In Gilgit-Baltistan, quarantine centers have also been set up in 10 districts and Pak Army helicopters were used to transport medical equipment and supplies including five ventilators, masks and testing kits from China.

In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Soldiers of Pak Army are also deployed in 26 districts where all four International border terminals are being constantly monitored.

were living in different quarantine in provinces out of which PCR test of 4,365 people had been conducted with corona positive ratio of 20 percent as 869 people had COVID positive.

He added in total 1,527 confirmed corona patients, 857 patients (58%) had travel history of Iran, 191 patients (13%) had travel history of other countries and 420 patients (29%) had received virus in local transmission.

He said that during last 24 hours total 1,006 suspected cases were registered while total suspected cases were 3,324 out of which 1526 were confirmed pa-

tients included 558 cases from Punjab, 481 from Sindh, 188 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 138 from Balochistan, 116 from GB, two from AJK and 43 from ICT. He said the government has provided one month stock of personal protection equipment (PPE) kits to the administrations of ICT, AJK and GB for their health professionals, medical and para medical staff and doctors. He added the government will ensure further supply of all such items for these areas in coming period while provinces were in touch with the federal government for provision of quality PPE kits.



RAWALPINDI: PAF IL-78 aircraft carries relief goods from China arrives at the PAF Base Nur Khan. —Online

## Govt to ensure ration, food supplies to deserving families, says Firdous

From Our Special Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting, Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan Sunday said that the Prime Minister has renewed his pledge of ensuring delivery of ration and food supplies to deserving poor families across the country at their doorsteps.

Briefing media persons about Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf Core Committee meeting chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan, she said that PM has trust in youth and wants to use the potential youth force volunteers in ensuring supply of food items to deserving people.

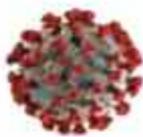
The SAPM said the Prime Minister

will personally announce a comprehensive road map tomorrow to ensure uninterrupted food supplies across Pakistan.

She said that the Prime Minister informed the committee that the country was passing through a difficult time and there was need of unity among the masses to overcome the challenge posed by this pandemic. She said Imran Khan urged the party leadership to stand by the people in testing times and play a proactive role in resolution of their problems. Dr Firdous said that due to ongoing lock down to prevent spread of coronavirus, national economy was being affected and chain of daily use items was slowed down. She said the prime minister advised Minister for National Food Security to ensure

availability of food items, including flour so that there should be no shortage of such items. The SAPM said that there was no shortage of edible items in the country and the committee expressed the resolve to treat hoarders and profiteers with an iron hand. Dr Firdous said that Punjab CM Buzdar, during the briefing, informed the meeting that his government has allocated Rs 10 billion to provide Rs 4000 financial assistance every month to 250,000 deserving people in the province through easy-paisa.

She said that the CM also informed the meeting that eight medical laboratories in the province would conduct coronavirus tests of 3200 persons daily and recruitment process of 10,000 doctors.



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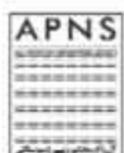
With the outbreak of COVID-19, people are afraid to touch anything that they don't know the source of. Let us be absolutely clear. COVID-19 cannot be transmitted from a printed newspaper, a printed magazine, a printed letter, or a printed package.

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## Pakistan calls for release of prisoners in IOK

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office Spokesperson Aisha Farooqui said that Pakistan is deeply concerned over continued restrictions in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IoJ&K), despite so many confirmed cases and two deaths due to COVID-19.

In a statement issued by the Foreign Office on Sunday she said that thousands of Kashmiri youth, members of civil society, journalists and Kashmiri leaders remain incarcerated in Indian prisons, many of them at undisclosed locations and away from their families, adding that the Indian forces continue to operate in the occupied territory with complete impunity under draconian laws such as Public Safety Act (PSA) and Armed Forces Special Power Act (AFSPA).

The spokesperson said that senior Hurriyat leadership is under detention at homes or in different prisons. Hurriyat leaders Yasin Malik, Asia Andrabi and others are languishing in Indian jails under fake charges

without a free or fair trial. Yasin Malik, already suffering from deteriorating health, has threatened an indefinite hunger strike to protest against a false charge sheet by the Indian government in a 30-year old case.

Farooqui went on to say that since the Indian illegal actions of 5 August 2019, all educational institutions in IoJ&K have almost remained closed, adding that the students are unable to continue virtual education due to continued restrictions on 4G Internet services.

While the world is fighting the worst global health emergency, over 900,000 Indian military and paramilitary occupation troops continue adding to the suffering of innocent Kashmiris.

"The international community, cognizant of the worst human rights violations and the atrocities being perpetrated by India in IoJ&K, must urgently demand from India the lifting of communication restrictions and allowing unfettered access to medical and other essential supplies," she said.

## Pakistan sets up labs for research to detect virus: Ata

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: In order to collect clinical and virological data of disease, Pakistan was establishing a laboratory in Karachi for research purpose detecting virus causing damage to human health. A well-known scientists and Former Science and Technology Minister, Dr Ata ur Rehman expressed these views while talking to private news channel programme.

A research center for detection of virus was going to be functional in Karachi university with the help of

German and Chinese experts, he revealed. Commenting on current virus Covid-19 threatening the global economy and human health, he said in scientific language, we have families in virus that had already appeared in different regions of the world and caused a severe damage to public health holding weak immune system. Shedding light on such virus, he said that Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), had already visible and posed threat to different people in many regions.

## German minister commits suicide after 'virus crisis worries'

The Business Report

FRANKFURT: Thomas Schaefer, the finance minister of Germany's Hesse state, has committed suicide apparently after becoming "deeply worried" over how to cope with the economic fallout from the coronavirus, state premier Volker Bouffier said Sunday.

Schaefer, 54, was found dead near a railway track on Saturday. The Wiesbaden prosecution office said they believe he died by suicide.

"We are in shock, we are in disbelief and above all we are immensely sad," Bouffier said in a recorded statement. Hesse is home to Germany's financial capital Frankfurt, where major lenders like Deutsche Bank and Commerzbank have their headquarters. The European Central Bank is also located in Frankfurt.

## Spanish princess dies from virus

The Business report

MADRID: Spanish Princess Maria Teresa became the first royal to pass away due to the coronavirus after news broke that the 86-year-old had passed away due to the pandemic which has affected more than 600,000 people around the globe.

The 86-year-old princess was the cousin of Spanish King Felipe VI. Her brother, the Duke of Aranjuez, announced her death via a Facebook post. Her funeral will be held on Friday in Madrid. "On this afternoon... our sister Maria Teresa de Borbon Parma and Borbon Busset, a victim of the coronavirus COVID-19, died in Paris at the age of eighty-six," read the post.

CORONAVIRUS IN PAKISTAN	
Confirmed cases:	1562
ICT:	43
Punjab:	570
Sindh:	502
KP:	188
Balochistan:	138
AJK:	06
GB:	116
Recovered:	28
Deaths:	15