

Covid restrictions to continue for next two weeks in Sindh

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI: The Provincial Task Force on coronavirus keeping in view the rising trend of new cases and increasing death rate has decided to continue the on-going restrictions for the next two weeks with strict Standard Operational Procedures (SOPs) across the Sindh province.

The meeting was presided over by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah here at CM House on Saturday. The provincial ministers Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho, Saeed Ghani, Advisor on Law Murtaza Wahab, Chief Secretary Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah, IGP Mushtaq Maher, PSCM Sajid Jamal Abro, Commissioner Karachi Naveed Shaikh, Adl. IG Karachi Imran Minhas, Dr. Abdul Bari, Dr. Faisal, Dr. Qaider Sajjad, Dr. Sara Khan of WHO, Secretary Finance Hassan Naqvi, Secretary School Education, Secretary Health Dr. Kazim Jatoti, VC Dow University Prof Saeed Qureshi, representatives of Corps -5 and Rangers attended the meeting.

The meeting was informed that the record number of 24,299 tests were conducted on May 21 against which 2,136 cases constituted 8.8 percent detection rate and 22 patients died only on May 21 which was termed a dangerous trend.

It was disclosed that 17,197 travelers landed at Jinnah Terminal from May 5 to 21, 2021 and their rapid antigen tests were conducted then and there, as result 38 or 0.22 percent of them came positive.

Reviewing the post Eidul Fitr scenario, it was revealed that on Eid Day- May 13, there were 1,232 cases which went on abnormally increasing to 2,136 on May 21, 2021.

At this the Chief Minister said that it means 904 cases increased within eight days of Eid. The meeting was informed that during the last seven days, from May 15 to 21, the number of cases in Karachi East has shown a 27 percent detection rate, South 15 percent, Central 13 percent, Korangi, West and Malir 10 percent. During the said week Hyderabad and Dadu have shown 11 percent detection rate.

The Chief Minister was further

informed that during the last 30 days 232 patients of COVID-19 died, of them 164 or 71 percent in hospitals on ventilators and 42 or 18 percent off ventilators and 26 or 11 percent at their homes.

On that the Chief Minister said that stemming from COVID-19 we had 154 deaths in April and during three weeks of 232 deaths have been reported. "It means the situation is worsening," he said.

The health department sharing the bed occupancy data with the Chief Minister, said that out of 664 ICU beds with ventilators 68 were occupied, of them 64 in Karachi, two each in Hyderabad and Shaheed Benazirabad. Similarly, out of 1,815 HDU beds 558 were occupied, including 441 in Karachi, 45 in Hyderabad, 36 in Sukkur, 17 Shaheed Benazirabad.

The meeting was told that so far the government has received 10,07,000 doses of Sinopharm vaccine, 47,000 Casino, 485,000 Sinovac and 107,500 AstraZeneca. In the first dose 725,587 vaccines and in the second dose 255,132 vaccines have been utilized.



MULTAN: Youngsters jump and bath in a canal to get relief from scorching hot weather.

Coronavirus claims 25 more lives in KP

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PESHAWAR: Coronavirus claimed 25 more lives in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last 24 hours, raising the death toll to 3,900 in the province, the official of health department said in a briefing here on Saturday.

He said, another 550 people recovered from corona virus in KP in 24 hours and the number of recovering corona patients in the province has reached 118,323. He said, 452 people have been infected with coronavirus during the last 24 hours and the total number of corona cases in the province has reached 129,013.

He said the number of active cases in KP is 6,790. The health department across the province has conducted 8,471 diagnostic tests in one day in the province. In the last 24 hours, he said, 97 new cases were reported in Peshawar, 38 in Lower Dir, 35 in Abbottabad, 31 in Mardan and 28 in Buner. The number of corona patients in LRH has gradually decreased to 202 with 18 patients being admitted in ICU. The Oxygen capacity has been increased by another 10,000 liters, now the total capacity has reached 25,000, he informed. He said, the reduction in Corona patients does not mean that Corona is gone. He appealed to people to follow the corona SOPs issued by the provincial government. Services regarding Lady Reading Hospital Corona are not declining at present.

About the Khyber Teaching Hospital, he said, it has 106 beds for Corona patients and Corona patients are admitted to 77 beds. The hospital has 25 ventilators for Corona patients with 25 patients in intensive care at the

hospital. There are currently 20 patients being treated at HDU and 25 patients are being treated for low Oxygen levels, he informed. He said two patients have been confirmed dead due to coronary heart disease today with 3 more corona patients being admitted on Saturday.

Corona virus continues to decrease in severity in KP

The coronavirus has continued decreasing in severity in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the rate of positive cases of corona is 15.3% across the province, an official of the Health Department said here on Saturday.

The rate of positive cases in Peshawar and Mardan in the last 7 days is 12.12% and the rate of corona positive cases in Bajaur and Shangla during a week is 10.10% while the rate of positive cases in 11 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is less than 10%, the official of the Health Department disclosed.

Anti-Dengue Day observed in Kasur

Following the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar, Dengue Prevention Day was observed here on Saturday.

In this regard, a meeting was held at DC office, which was attended by officers from departments concerned.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Asia Gull said that along with implementation of Corona Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), it was also important to curb the breeding of dengue mosquitoes. She said that special measures should be adopted for the prevention of dengue along with cleanliness in all government offices. She appealed to the people to take special care of cleanliness in their homes and surroundings and

Over 93,000 baby calves saved under PMI for livestock projects

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ISLAMABAD: Livestock and Dairy Development Board, under Prime Minister Initiative for Livestock Project has saved more than 93,000 baby calves during last two year that helped in significant increase in local meat output, besides increasing the income of farmers, particularly small scale growers in the country.

Prime Minister Initiative Projects for improving livestock businesses was aimed at to increase the quality beef and mutton production in the country, besides capacity building of livestock farmers on calf rearing and

feedlot business to reduce the mortality in baby calves. The other objectives was to strengthening backyard poultry to address protein deficiency and malnutrition throughout the country which also reflects the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan. The Save the Calf Project was initiated with a total cost of Rs3,401.699 million having the federal share of Rs1,103.382 million, whereas provincial governments contribution was Rs2,298.320 million, said Project Manager PMI Save the Calf Dr Muhammad Mohsin Kiani. In a meeting held here to review the progress on Prime Minister Initiative for livestock Project, he said that so far the project has uti-

lized 23 percent of the total allocated resources and successfully achieving its targets, adding that significant growth in meat including beef, mutton and chicken.

During two years of the projects about 55, 451 farmers were benefited to save more than 93,000 baby calves resulting an increase of 5,060 metric tons of meat in the country, adding that in addition to this, capacity building of more than 15,000 farmers on calf rearing business has also been done. He apprised that the Calf Feedlot Fattening Project has been also initiated with total cost of Rs 2,385.139 million with federal share of Rs 680.410 million while provincial share was Rs1,704.729

Biden has 'no illusions' on difficulty of North Korea denuclearisation

WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden acknowledged there is no easy path to getting North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons but reaffirmed his "iron-clad" commitment to the US alliance with South Korea after talks with President Moon Jae-in.

"We're under no illusions how difficult this is - none whatsoever. The past four administrations have not achieved the objective. It's an incredibly difficult objective," Biden told reporters at a press conference with his South Korean counterpart at the White House.

The US leader also announced he had named veteran diplomat Sung Kim, the former US ambassador to Seoul, as his special envoy for North Korea.

Facing a nuclear-armed North Korea and an increasingly assertive China, Biden stressed his faith in traditional US alliances.

Biden called the US-South Korean partnership "the linchpin of peace, security" and promised a "shared approach" to the stand-off with North Korea.

He said that during their talks at the White House he and Moon discussed "freedom of navigation" for interna-



tional shipping in the South China Sea, as well as "peace and stability" around Taiwan, which has been subjected to growing Chinese sabre-rattling.

Moon called denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula "the most urgent common task". US relations with historic allies in Asia and Europe suffered turbulence under Donald Trump, who recast long-standing partners as cut-throat business competitors and freeloaders. Biden has worked quickly to restore the previous balance, with an eye on the challenge from China. —AFP

German cyber security chief fears hackers could target hospitals

BERLIN: German hospitals may be at increased risk from hackers, the head of the country's cyber security agency said on Saturday, following two high-profile digital attacks this month on the Irish health service and a US fuel pipeline. —AFP

COVID-19: Canada extends ban on India flights

OTTAWA: Canada has extended its ban on passenger flights from India and Pakistan by 30 days to Jun 21 as part of a campaign to fight COVID-19, Transport Minister Omar Alghabra said.

Alghabra said Canada had seen "a significant reduction" in coronavirus infections among arriving airline passengers since Ottawa first announced the bans on Apr 22 as the number of cases in India soared. The move does not affect cargo flights.

"These ongoing measures will remain in place to help protect Canadians and to manage the elevated risk of imported cases of COVID-19 and variants of concern," he told a briefing. As vaccinations pick up across Canada, the number of daily new cases has dropped by 25 per cent since last week and it now averages around 5,000, deputy chief public health officer Howard Njoo told the briefing. The central province of Manitoba has been badly hit by a third wave of the virus, recording the highest rate of infections in all of Canada in the past seven days.

Pallister said Trudeau indicated he would provide all the support he could. Canada has so far recorded a total of 25,111 deaths from COVID-19 and more than 1.3 million cases overall. The ban on Indian and Pakistani flights is part of a series of restrictions Canada has imposed to lower the transmission of the virus, including curbs on non-essential travel across the long land border with the United States.

Canada said on Thursday that the measure, first applied in March 2020, would be extended by another month to June 21. Government officials said they were in no hurry to open up travel across the border, citing the need to protect public health. —AFP

CORRECTION OF FATHER'S NAME



I MUHAMMAD AMIR have passed the Secondary School Annual/Supply Examination 2020 under Roll No 315704 from B.I.S.E Lahore My Father's Name is AMANAT ALI where on certificate my Father's name has been mentioned as MUHAMMAD AMANAT Which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's name from M U H A M M A D AMANAT to AMANAT ALI. If any person/organization/agency has any objection, then the same may be intimated in writing to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, 86-Mozang

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Under Rule 7 of the Punjab Tax on Properties other than Agriculture Land abutting to National/ Provincial Highways and within the area of Motorways outside the rating areas Rules 2020 It is for the public at large, particularly owners, occupiers, residents living on rent, leasers, houses, shops, workshops etc, properties immovable or moveable ect, commercial areas, on road or highways, rating areas included Sahiwal, Pakpattan road, Sahiwal, Multan Road, Sahiwal, Multan Road, Sahiwal, Lahore Road, Sahiwal, Arifwala Road, Chichawatn, Burewala Road, (Chichawatni from Bypass to Ghaziabad), Chichawatni, Burewala Road (From Ghaziabad to Khushak Biyas), Sahiwal, Multan Road (From Harappa to No Bomby), Sahiwal, Multan Road (Dad Fityana to Chichawatni Bypass), Sahiwal Multan Road (From Kasowal to PSO Petrol Pump Chak 6/14 L) being informed that re-evaluation survey of properties in these areas under Act of Under Rule 7 of the Punjab Tax on Properties other than Agriculture Land abutting to National/ Provincial Highways and within the area of Motorways outside the rating areas Rules 2020 for the Tax purposes for the Year 2020-2022 to 2025- 2026 has been completed. All owners, occupiers, rental residents and leasers has been requested that all the draft of evaluation list is available in the undersigned office, in which evaluation of your properties can be conducted, if you have any objection in this connection, then under the Act of 8, you can again approach for the evaluation of yours properties within 30 days. After the given time no objection would be accepted.

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