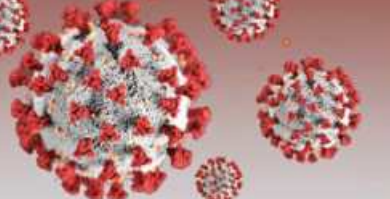


CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC  
LATEST UPDATES



NEARLY 239,000 DEATHS

More than 244,084 people have died worldwide since the epidemic surfaced in China in December, according to a Johns Hopkins University tally at 1100 GMT yesterday. In all, 3,444,236 cases have now been reported in 195 countries and territories. In the United States, which has the highest toll, 66,385 people have died. Italy is the second hardest-hit country, with 28,710 dead, followed by the United Kingdom with 28,205, Spain 25,264 and France 24,763.

OUTBREAK IN US PRISON

A massive wave of coronavirus infections is blasting through the world's largest prison population (2.3 million) in the United States. One prison in Marion, Ohio has become the most intensely infected institution across the country, with more than 80 percent of its nearly 2,500 inmates, and 175 staff on top of that, testing positive. Officials say they have few options to enforce social distancing rules in crowded cells and facing severe shortages of medical personnel and personal protective gear everywhere.

RARE UNITY IN US CONGRESS

In a rare joint message, Democratic and Republican congressional leaders rejected the Trump administration's offer to conduct rapid coronavirus screening on senators who will return to Washington next week, stating that the tests should be reserved for the public. Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, normally fierce political rivals, issued a statement announcing that Congress was "grateful" for the offer, but that they would "respectfully decline."

10,000 NEW CASES IN RUSSIA

Russia yesterday registered 10,633 new coronavirus infections, marking a fresh one-day record increase. Russia is now the European country registering the most new infections. The country have recorded 134,687 cases in total. Fifty eight people died over the past 24 hours, bringing the total death toll to 1,280.

'PAINFUL' MEASURES IN SARABIA

Saudi Arabia will take strict and painful measures to deal with the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the finance minister said on Saturday. "We must reduce budget expenditures sharply", Mohammed al-Jadaan said in an interview with Al Arabiya TV.

SOUTH KOREA TO EASE RULES

South Korea yesterday said it will loosen social distancing rules this week to allow gatherings and events to take place. It appears to have brought its outbreak under control thanks to an extensive "trace, test and treat" programme that has drawn widespread praise. The South reported 13 new infections yesterday.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

# Britain had contingency plan for PM's death

Reveals Johnson; govt to reveal way out of lockdown

AGENCIES

The British government had a contingency plan for Prime Minister Boris Johnson's death as he battled COVID-19 in intensive care last month, he said in an interview with The Sun newspaper.

The revelation came as reports said the British government is expected to unveil plans to ease the country out of lockdown this week, amid indications of a phased approach to keep infection rates low.

Johnson has said the country was "past the peak" of the outbreak and will outline a "roadmap" for lifting stringent measures imposed in late March.

According to the latest figures, 28,205 have died in Britain, just short of Europe's worst-hit country, Italy. But hospital admissions and infection rates are down.

Asked about the government's plan, as ministers review the lockdown on Thursday, transport minister Grant Shapps said: "It's definitely not going to be business as usual."

Weekend newspaper reports said primary schools could reopen in early June and that commuters taking public transport could face temperature checks. A quarantine period for people travelling to Britain by air has also been suggested.

Johnson, 55, returned to work on Monday, a month after testing positive for COVID-19. He spent 10 days in isolation in Downing Street before he was taken to London's St Thomas' Hospital where he spent three nights in intensive care.

"They had a strategy to deal with a 'death of Stalin'-type scenario," Johnson was quoted as saying in Sunday's edition of The Sun. "It was a tough old moment, I won't deny it."

Johnson said that during the period when he was self-isolating in Downing Street, he had resisted going to hospital.

Johnson was admitted to a ward on April 5 and given oxygen via a face mask and a tube in his nose. He was moved to intensive care on April 6.

At one point, doctors discussed invasive ventilation.

"The bad moment came when it was 50-50 whether they were going to have to put a tube down my windpipe," he said. "That was when it got a bit ... they were starting to think about how to handle it presentationally."

"The doctors had all sorts of arrangements for what to do if things went badly wrong ... The bloody indicators kept going in the wrong direction."



Indian Navy's Chetak helicopter shower flower petals in the premises of a hospital as part of an event to show gratitude towards the frontline warriors fighting the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, in Visakhapatnam, India, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Nine killed in Kashmir gun battles

AFP, Srinagar

Five security personnel and four suspected militants have been killed in two gun battles in Indian-administered Kashmir, officials said yesterday.

Tensions are high in the restive Himalayan region contested with nuclear rival Pakistan after New Delhi scrapped Kashmir's semi-autonomous status in early August, with flashes of violence reported regularly.

Four army personnel, including two officers, a counterinsurgency policeman and two militants died after a firefight in the village of Changimul near the Line of Control that divides the disputed territory, said army spokesman Colonel Rajesh Kalra.

Two more militants were killed in a separate incident, police said.

At least 54 militants have been killed in Kashmir this year, including more than 30 since the start of the lockdown from late March, according to an AFP tally.

India regularly accuses Pakistan of arming and sending rebels across the heavily militarised border. Islamabad denies the claims.



## Kim Jong Un didn't undergo surgery

Says Seoul as Koreas trade gunfire

REUTERS, Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un did not undergo surgery during his almost three week absence from public life, South Korean news outlet Yonhap said citing a senior government official, as the two Koreas exchanged gunfire around the border yesterday.

The South Korean official declined to provide reasons for believing that Kim did not undergo surgery, but said speculative reports that he may have had surgery, citing some differences in his leg movements, is not true, Yonhap reported.

Earlier yesterday, North and South Korea exchanged gunfire around the South's guard post, raising tension.

Multiple gunshots were fired from North Korea at 7:41 am local time towards a guard post in South Korea that borders the North, the South's Joint Chiefs of Staffs (JCS) said in a statement.

South Korea responded by firing two shots towards North Korea, no injuries were reported.

After weeks of intense speculation about Kim's health and whereabouts, which included one report he had undergone cardiovascular surgery, North Korea's official media published photographs and a report on Saturday that Kim had attended the completion of a fertiliser plant.

Kim was seen in photographs smiling and talking to aides at the ribbon-cutting ceremony and touring the plant. State TV footage showed Kim's leg movements appearing stiff and jerky.

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## ‘Once Upon a Virus’

China mocks US response in Lego-like animation

REUTERS, Shanghai

China has published a short animation titled "Once Upon a Virus" mocking the US response to the new coronavirus using Lego-like figures to represent the two countries.

Washington and Beijing are locked in a war of words over the origins of the disease, which emerged in the Chinese city of Wuhan and has grown into a global pandemic.

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday he was confident the coronavirus may have originated in a Chinese virology lab, but declined to describe the evidence.

In the animation posted online by China's official Xinhua news agency, red curtains open to reveal a stage featuring Lego-like figures in the form of a terracotta warrior wearing a face mask and the Statue of Liberty.

"We discovered a new virus," says the warrior.

"So what?" replies the Statue of Liberty. "It's only a flu."

As the warrior issues warnings about the virus and counts off the grim milestones in China's outbreak, the Statue of Liberty replies dismissively with echoes of Trump's press conferences in which he played down the severity of the illness.

"Are you listening to yourselves?" asks the warrior as the statue begins to turn red with fever and gets hooked up to an intravenous drip.

"We are always correct, even though we contradict ourselves," the statue replies.

"That's what I love about you Americans, your consistency," says the warrior.

The United States and other countries have accused China of misleading the world

about the severity of the outbreak, and there are growing calls for an international inquiry into the origins of the virus.

In an interview with Reuters, Trump said he believes China's handling of the coronavirus pandemic is proof that Beijing "will do anything they can" to make him lose his re-election bid in November.

Scientists believe the killer virus jumped from animals to humans, emerging in China late last year, possibly from a market in Wuhan selling exotic animals for meat.



Trump claimed Thursday that he had seen proof that the Wuhan Institute of Virology was actually the source of the outbreak.

Asked about Trump's claim during a virtual press conference, WHO emergencies chief Michael Ryan stressed that the UN health agency had "listened again and again to numerous scientists who have looked at the sequences" of the virus.

"We are assured that this virus is natural in origin," he said, reiterating a stance the UN agency has expressed previously.

WHO has praised China for sharing information about the virus. Trump has suspended US's funding after accusing the UN agency of downplaying the seriousness of the outbreak and kowtowing to China.

## Venezuela prison riot toll hits 46

REUTERS, Caracas

Human rights groups have called for an investigation into a prison riot in western Venezuela that left 46 people dead and 75 injured, and questioned authorities' explanation that the incident was linked to a failed escape attempt.

The UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) said on Twitter it was "gravely concerned" about the incident on Friday at the Los Llanos penitentiary in Portuguesa state. The South American country's prisons are infamous for extreme levels of violence and poor conditions.

The country's prisons minister, Iris Varela, was quoted on a state radio station's website as saying the incident resulted in the deaths of 17 inmates and injuries to the prison's director, who tried to negotiate with the prisoners who were attempted to escape.

"Those responsible, despite being incarcerated, will be judged in accordance with the law," Varela said.

Beatriz Giron, president of the Venezuelan Observatory of Prisons, which advocates for inmates' rights, said the explanation of a frustrated escape attempt was unlikely. She added that 46 bodies had been identified so far, a figure also cited by UNOHCHR.

Both Giron and A Window Toward Freedom, another rights group, said the riot came shortly after prison officials barred inmates' family members from bringing them food, a measure to prevent the spread of the coronavirus within prisons.

Such restrictions have prompted riots in prisons in several countries, including Italy. In Argentina, prisoners rioted last month demanding some inmates be freed due to fears of infection.



Armed protesters rally outside the New Hampshire State House calling for Governor Chris Sununu to open the US state, in Concord, Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

# গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ  
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তারিখঃ ০২/০৫/২০২০খ্রিঃ

## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

"The Public Procurement Regulation-2008" মোতাবেক ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরের জন্য মানিকগঞ্জ জেলা পুলিশ বাহিনীর পুলিশ ফোর্সের পোষাক সেলাই, রিবন ক্রয়, যানবাহনের কাঁচামাল ও খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ ক্রয়, মটরযান মেরামত, জলযান মেরামত এবং পুলিশ হাসপাতালের ঔষধ সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/টিকাদার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলসাহায্যযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।			
২.	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।			
৩.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	পুলিশ সুপার, মানিকগঞ্জ।			
৪.	সংগ্রহ সত্তার জেলা	মানিকগঞ্জ।			
৫.	দরপত্রের বিষয়	২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরের জন্য মানিকগঞ্জ জেলা পুলিশ বাহিনীর পুলিশ ফোর্সের পোষাক সেলাই, রিবন ক্রয়, যানবাহনের কাঁচামাল ও খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশ ক্রয়, মটরযান মেরামত, জলযান মেরামত এবং পুলিশ হাসপাতালের ঔষধ সরবরাহ।			
৬.	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত (OTM)।			
৭.	বাজেট তহবিলের উৎস	পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স কর্তৃক বাজেট বরাদ্দ ব্যাপেক্ষে।			
৮.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর হতে ২৭/০৫/২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ ১৪.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত (ছটির দিন ব্যতীত)।			
৯.	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর হতে ২৮/০৫/২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।			
১০.	দরপত্র ব্যাংক খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৮/০৫/২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১৩.০০ ঘটিকায়।			
১১.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর ঠিকানা	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মানিকগঞ্জ।			
১২.	দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মানিকগঞ্জ।			
১৩.	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মানিকগঞ্জ।			
১৪.	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, মানিকগঞ্জ।			
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১৬.	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র জমা প্রদান করতে হবে	দরপত্রের সাথে নিম্নোক্ত কাগজপত্র (৯ম স্কেডের নিম্নে নম্বর এমন অফিসার কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত) দাখিল করতে হবে। (ক) হালনাগাদ ট্রেন্ড লাইসেন্স (খ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদপত্র (গ) ব্যাংক স্বাক্ষরতার সনদপত্র (ঘ) ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সাটিফিকেট (ঙ) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র (যদি থাকে)।			
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	ঙ.	মানিকগঞ্জ জেলা পুলিশের জলযান মেরামত	৪০০/-	৫,০০০/-	
	চ.	মানিকগঞ্জ পুলিশ হাসপাতালের ঔষধ সরবরাহ	৭৫০/-	৫০,০০০/-	

১৮.	বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ
ক.	দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সংগ্রহকালে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হতে জানা যাবে।
খ.	টিকাদারের নিকট হতে সরকার নির্ধারিত হারে ভ্যাট এবং আয়কর কর্তন করা হবে।
গ.	নির্বাচিত টিকাদারকে ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকার নন-জুডিশিয়াল স্ট্যাম্পে চূড়ান্ত স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে।
ঘ.	নির্বাচিত টিকাদারকে চুক্তি মূল্যের উপর নির্ধারিত হারে Performance Security দিতে হবে।
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