### **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

### **LATEST UPDATES**

**MORE THAN 282,000 DEATHS** 

The novel coronavirus has killed at least 282,447 people since the outbreak first emerged in China last December, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP at 1100 GMT on Monday. At least 4,117,740 cases of coronavirus have been registered in 195 countries and territories. Of these, at least 1,388,600 are now considered recovered. The US has the highest number of total deaths with 79,528 out of 1,329,799 cases. Britain

has the second highest toll with 31,855 deaths from 219,183 cases. It is followed by Italy with 30,560 deaths and 219,070 cases, Spain with 26,744 fatalities and 227,436 infections and France with 26,380 deaths and 176,970 cases.

#### FRANCE MAY REIMPOSE CURBS

France could reverse the relaxation of its nationwide lockdown if there is a resurgence of the coronavirus outbreak, Health Minister Olivier Veran warned. "If the virus were to resume its wild race, we would again take lockdown measures," Veran told BFM television. France, with the world's fifth-highest death toll, has enforced an eight-week lockdown since March 17 to slow the spread of the new coronavirus. It is gradually lifting those restrictions.

#### **RUSSIA OVERTAKES ITALY, UK**

Russia's coronavirus cases overtook Italian and British infections yesterday to become the third highest in the world after a record daily rise. The official tally surged to 221,344, meaning Russia now has more registered cases than Italy or Britain and only trails Spain and the United States, as the number of new cases of the novel coronavirus jumped by 11,656 in the past 24 hours.

#### **NEW ZEALAND TO EASE 'ALL CURBS'** New Zealand will allow restaurants, cafes,

cinemas, and shopping centres to reopen, as well as travel within the country to resume from Thursday as it eases most of the restrictions put in place to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said schools can open from May 18 and bars by May 21.

#### **LOCKDOWN RELICS IN MUSEUMS**

Museums are already gathering testimony and objects to remember life under the historic lockdown. The Museum of London has launched an appeal for people to donate items that reflect their lives during the outbreak,

#### including face masks and slippers. **UK LOCKDOWN TO LAST TILL JUNE 1** Britain's coronavirus lockdown will stay in

place until at least June 1, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Sunday, as he unveiled cautious plans to lift restrictions imposed seven weeks ago. "This is not the time simply to end the lockdown this week," he said in a televised address but added that some primary school children could return and shops re-open from June 1.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



A detained demonstrator shouts slogans as protest against India's newly inaugurated link road to the Chinese border that Nepal claims have been built on its territory rages on in Kathmandu, yesterday. According to The Kathmandu Post, Nepal's Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali yesterday handed over a diplomatic note to Indian ambassador expressing displeasure over the construction. Gyawali has said that Nepal wants boundary talks with India immediately. He also said that Nepal will hold talks with China after sorting the issue out with India.

## Why men are more vulnerable to virus?

Study says it has the answer

REUTERS, London

Men's blood has higher levels than women's of a key enzyme used by the new coronavirus to infect cells, the results of a big European study showed on Monday -- a finding which may help explain why men are more vulnerable to infection with COVID-19.

Angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) is found in the heart, kidneys and other organs. In COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus, it is thought to play a role in how the infection progresses into the lungs.

ACE2 is a receptor on the surface of cells which binds to the new coronavirus and allows it to enter and infect cells.

The COVID-19 pandemic has infected more than 4 million people worldwide and killed more than 283,000. Death and infection tolls point to men being more likely than women to contract the disease and to suffer severe or critical complications if they do.

The study, published in the European Heart Journal, measured ACE2 concentrations in blood samples taken from more than 3,500 heart failure patients from 11 EU countries.

The study had started before the coronavirus pandemic, the researchers said, and so did not include patients with COVID-19. But when other research began to point to ACE2 as key to the way the new coronavirus gets into cells, the team saw important overlaps with their study.

"When we found that one of the strongest biomarkers, ACE2, was much higher in men than in women, I realised that this had the potential to explain why men were more likely to die from COVID-19 than women," said Iziah Sama, a doctor at UMC Groningen who co-led the study.

#### **MEASURES TO COUNTER OIL SLUMP, VIRUS**

# Saudi triples VAT rate

REUTERS, Riyadh/Dubai

Saudi Arabia will triple value added tax and suspend a cost of living allowance for state workers, it said yesterday, seeking to shore up finances hit by low oil prices as the coronavirus pandemic pummels global demand for its lifeline

Historic oil output cuts agreed by Riyadh and other major producers have given only limited support to prices after they sank on oversupply caused by a war for petroleum market share between the kingdom and its fellow oil titan

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, is also being hit hard by measures to fight the new coronavirus, which are likely to curb the pace and scale of economic reforms launched by Crown Price Mohammed bin Salman.

"The cost of living allowance will be suspended as of June 1, and the

value added tax will be increased to 15% from 5% as of July 1," said Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan. About 1.5 million Saudis are employed in the government sector, according

to official figures released in December.

"These measures are painful but necessary to maintain financial and economic stability over the medium to long term...and to overcome the unprecedented coronavirus crisis with the least damage possible," he added

The austerity measures come after the kingdom posted a \$9 billion budget deficit in the first quarter. The government has cancelled and put on hold some operating and capital expenditures for some government agencies, and cut allocations for some reform initiatives and projects worth a total 100 billion riyals (\$26.6 billion), the statement said.

# Cases surge as lockdowns ease

THE STATESMAN, DAWN/ ANN

India vesterday recorded its biggest one-day spike in coronavirus cases and Pakistan is set to open markets despite a steep rise in numbers of infections amid warning that worst of the crisis is yet to come.

Under pressure, governments in south Asia are gradually opening up their economies to reduce the pain for hundreds of thousands of people out of work for weeks and running short of food and cash.

Apart from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, other countries of the region have reported limited number of cases and deaths. Afghanistan has seen 120 deaths and

4402 cases so far. Nepal yesterday reported ten new Covid-19 cases, which take the country's coronavirus tally to 120. The country hasn't reported any deaths. Sri Lanka is tightening lockdown with 863 cases and only 9 deaths.

Myanmar reported 180 cases with 9 deaths. Maldives has 835 cases with 3 deaths. Bhutan has only 9 cases so far.

The tallies probably reflect only a fraction of the actual number of infections. Many countries are testing only the most serious cases.

In the biggest single-day jump, India yesterday recorded 4,213 cases

#### CORONAVIRUS **IN SOUTH ASIA**

India sees record 4,213 cases in 24 hours, set to restart some passenger trains

Pakistan opens markets after recording more than 10,000 cases in a week

Nepal detects 10 new cases



in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of infections to 67,152 in the country. As many as 97 deaths were reported in the same period taking the toll to 2,206.

Of the total Coronavirus cases, 44,029 are active cases and as many as 20,917 COVID-19 patients have been cured and discharged. The recovery rate stood at 31.14 per cent this morning, a significant improvement over 26.59 per cent registered last Sunday.

With the lockdown set to end on May 17, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to hold a meeting with chief ministers this afternoon to discuss the shutdown.

Meanwhile, in what can be seen as a step towards easing the nationwide lockdown, the Indian Railways plans

to gradually restart limited passenger trains from May 12. India has already relaxed restrictions on farming, banking and public works.

In Pakistan, government embraces further relaxation in lockdown and opened markets amid a sharp rise in death toll and cases. The government hopes that the virus will not spread as rapidly as previously had been estimated but takes measures to prepare the nation for the worst.

During the last one week, the country has recorded 200 deaths and more than 10,000 new cases of the highly contagious virus. With this addition, the overall death toll has surged to 661 with the number of coronavirus cases rising to 30,416.

# 230 arrested as Hong Kong democracy protest returns

AFP, Hong Kong

Hong Kong police arrested hundreds of people during weekend democracy protests -- including a 12-year-old boy -- officials said yesterday, in the first major political unrest since the coronavirus outbreak began.

The disclosure came as the financial hub's pro-Beijing leader Carrie Lam vowed to overhaul the city's education system, arguing its liberal studies curriculum helped fuel last year's huge protests. On Sunday -- two days after virus

restrictions on gatherings were eased and bars and gyms allowed to reopen -- riot police chased flash-mob protesters through multiple shopping malls. They later used pepper spray and batons against protesters and journalists in Mong Kok district.

Police said 230 people between the ages of 12 and 65 were arrested on various charges including unlawful assembly, assaulting a police officer and failing to produce identity

Others were also fined for breaching anticoronavirus measures banning more than eight people gathering in public.



Hospital authorities said 18 people received treatment for injuries.

Sunday's protests invoked memories of the seven straight months of often-violent youth-led pro-democracy protests last year, when millions hit the streets.

More than 8,000 people have been arrested so far -- around 17 percent of them secondary school students.

For the last four months mass arrests and the coronavirus ushered in a period of enforced calm. But with the finance hub successfully tackling its COVID-19 outbreak -- and social distancing measures easing -unrest is bubbling up again.

### Kabul rocked by 4 blasts

AFP, Kabul

Four roadside bombs detonated in less than 90 minutes yesterday in a northern district of Kabul, wounding four civilians including a child, police

Militants have carried out several roadside bombings and rocket attacks in Kabul and other parts of the country in recent weeks, but yesterday morning's blasts appeared to be the first coordinated effort for some months.

No group has claimed the responsibilities for the blasts yet.

The bombings were in an area where Afghanistan's intelligence agency recently busted a joint Islamic State-Haqqani network cell accused of carrying out several attacks.

### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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# দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/২০২০-২০২১

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91	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	পুলিশ কমিশনার, বরিশাল মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, বরিশাল।
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বিএমপি হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল। অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা দরপত্র ভকুমেন্ট/সিভিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস বিএমপি হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল। দরপত্র গ্রহণ/দরপত্র খোলার স্থান বিএমপি হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল।

দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত তথ্যঃ

দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্রের ফটোকপি ১ম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্ত্তক সত্যায়িত করে দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। ১। হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ২। আয়কর সনদ, ৩। ভ্যাট রেজিট্রেশন সনদ, ৪। ব্যাংক সলভেঙ্গী সনদ এবং ৫। অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা যাহা টেভার ভকুমেন্ট/সিভিউল-এ উল্লেখ আছে। (১) সয়াবিন তৈল, (২) মণ্ডর ভাল, (৩) জ্বালানী কাঠ, (৪) গম মালামালের নাম ও বিবরণ 28

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দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর বিবরণঃ

দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম থান মুহাম্বদ আবু নাসের। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (সাপ্লাই এ্যান্ড লজিস্টিকস), বিএমপি, 261 দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা বিএমপি হেভকোয়ার্টার্স, বরিশাল। 196 দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের 241 মাধ্যম বিশেষ শর্তাবলীঃ ক) নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। খ) দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যে কোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ হ্রাস বা বৃদ্ধির ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন। 79

গ) দরপত্র পিপিআর/২০০৬ ও পিপিআর/২০০৮ মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।

ঘ) কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। %) আটা ও মসুর ভাল ০৫ কেজি, ০২ কেজি ও ১.৫ কেজি উন্নতমানের স্বচ্ছ পলিপ্যাকে সরবরাহ করতে হবে।



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(তিন) মাসের জন্য

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