



## **[SC should have considered doctors' opinion on Covid-19, says PMA](#)**

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KARACHI: The Pakistan Medical Association at a meeting held on Tuesday expressed serious concern over the Supreme Court's decision in which it ordered the provincial governments to reopen all shopping malls without any hindrance and ensure strict adherence to standard operating procedures (SOPs).

“The PMA always respects the verdicts of our courts. But, as far as the coronavirus situation is concerned, the Supreme Court should have considered the opinion of the country's doctors,” said a press release issued by the association on Tuesday.

It warned that ending the lockdown would have horrifying consequences as it would lead to a significant increase in the burden of Covid-19 disease in the county.

It highlighted efforts of healthcare providers and said doctors, nurses and paramedics were fighting the coronavirus at the risk of their own lives and were very much distressed with the coronavirus situation.

“More than 1,100 healthcare workers have been infected with the coronavirus while 12 doctors have died of the disease. Of them, two doctors had treated coronavirus positive patients while the rest died after treating patients who reported with other ailments at healthcare facilities and hadn't been tested for Covid-19.”

It called upon the government to control the coronavirus outbreak and also manage economic outfall of the situation. It urged the public to take coronavirus outbreak seriously and ensure utmost care. “We humbly request the general public to take care of themselves. Coronavirus is a reality, take it seriously. It is a fatal disease which has killed 320,448 people and has affected 4,910,481 people till to date across the world.

“The WHO director general in March declared Covid-19 as pandemic, which has now reached 213 countries. We once again request you to adopt preventive measures, such as frequent hand-washing and hand sanitising, wearing mask and maintaining social distance. Do not hug or shake hands, particularly on Eid.”

The meeting was attended by PMA office-bearers across the country through video link, including Dr Ikram Ahmed Tunio in Larkana, president of the PMA-centre who chaired the meeting, Dr Ashraf Nizami in Lahore, Dr Sahibzada Syed Masoodus Syed in Sialkot, Dr Amir Saleem in Kasur, Dr Fareed Sumalani in Quetta and Dr Mushtaq in Quetta.

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## **PMA expresses concern over SC's decision to end lockdown**

LAHORE: The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has expressed concern over the decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, which has ended the lockdown in the country. "Ending of the lockdown will definitely increase the burden of Covid-19. The load of corona patients at hospitals will increase which will have horrifying consequences," the PMA office-bearers said during a video link meeting on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by Dr Ikram Ahmed Tunio (Larkana), president PMA Centre, Dr SM Qaisar Sajjad (Karachi), secretary general PMA Centre, Dr Qazi Wasiq (Karachi), treasurer PMA Centre, Dr Salma Aslam Kundi (Abbottabad) president-elect PMA Centre, Dr Ashraf Nizami (Lahore), president PMA Lahore, Dr Malik Shahid Shaukat (Lahore), general secretary PMA Lahore, Dr Syed Masood (Sialkot), president PMA Punjab, Dr Amir Saleem (Kasur), joint secretary-I PMA Centre, Dr Fareed Sumalani (Quetta), president PMA Balochistan, Dr Mushtaq (Quetta), president PMA Quetta, Dr Saeed Ahmed (Quetta), joint secretary-II PMA Centre, Dr S Tipu Sultan (Karachi), ex-president PMA Centre, Dr Sharif Hashmani (Karachi), president PMA Karachi, Dr Abdul Ghafoor Shoro (Karachi), general secretary PMA Karachi, and Dr Shershah Syed (Karachi).

The participants said the PMA always respects the verdicts of courts, but as far as the coronavirus situation is concerned, the Supreme Court of Pakistan should have considered the opinion of doctors of the country.

Doctors, nurses and paramedics are fighting against coronavirus at the risk of their lives. More than 1,100 healthcare workers have been infected with coronavirus and 12 doctors have died. Two of the deceased doctors were treating corona patients while the other 10 died while treating non-corona patients.

They said doctors, nurses and paramedics are working very hard at quarantine centres, isolations centres, HDUs and ICUs to treat coronavirus patients. Moreover, doctors are serving with dedication in hospital wards, emergencies and OPDs at both public and private sector hospitals. "In this situation we request the government to control the coronavirus and also manage the economical conditions of people. We humbly request the general public to take care of themselves. Coronavirus is a reality, take it seriously. It is a fatal disease which has killed 320,448 people and has affected 4,910,481 people till now around the world. The WHO director general on March 11, 2020 declared Covid-19 as a pandemic which has now reached 213 countries. We once again request you to adopt preventive measure like hand washing or hand sanitizing, wearing mask, maintaining social distance and avoiding hugging or shaking hands particularly on Eid days."

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## Ending of lockdown to increase Covid-19 burden: PMA

KARACHI: A meeting of Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) through video link was held on Tuesday at PMA House Karachi, which feared that the cases of Covid-19 would rise sharply after end to lockdown.

The meeting was chaired by Dr Ikram Ahmed Tunio (Larkana), President PMA Centre Dr S.M Qaisar Sajjad (Karachi), Secretary General PMA Centre, Dr Qazi Wasiq (Karachi), Treasurer PMA Centre, Dr Salma Aslam Kundi (Abbottabad) President-Elect PMA Centre, Dr Ashraf Nizami (Lahore) President PMA Lahore, Dr Malik Shahid Shaukat (Lahore) General Secretary PMA Lahore, Dr Sahibzada Syed Masood us Syed (Sialkot) President PMA Punjab, Dr Amir Saleem (Kasur) Joint Secretary-I PMA Centre, Dr Fareed Sumalani (Quetta) President PMA Balochistan, Dr Mushtaq (Quetta) President PMA Quetta, Dr Saeed Ahmed (Quetta) Joint Secretary-II PMA Centre, Dr S.Tipu Sultan (Karachi) Ex-President PMA Centre, Dr Sharif Hashmani (Karachi) President PMA Karachi, Dr Abdul Ghafoor Shoro (Karachi) General Secretary PMA

Karachi and Dr Shershah Syed (Karachi) attended the meeting.

The meeting showed its concern over the decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan which has ended the lockdown in the country. Ending of the lockdown will definitely increase the burden of disease COVID-19. The load of corona patients at hospitals will increase which will have horrifying consequences. PMA always respects the verdicts of our courts, but as far as the coronavirus situation is concerned Supreme Court should have considered the opinion of doctors of the country.

Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics are fighting against coronavirus at the risk of their lives. They are very much distressed of the coronavirus situation. More than 1100 health-care workers have been infected with coronavirus. 12 doctors have died. Two of the deceased doctors were treating corona patients while other 10 doctors died during treating the non-corona patients.

Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics are working very hard at quarantine centers, isolations centers,

HDU and at ICU to treat the coronavirus patients. More-over doctors are serving with dedication in hospital wards, emergencies and OPDs at both public and private sector hospitals.

In this situation we request the government to manage to control the coronavirus and also manage the economical conditions of the people of Pakistan.

Now, we humbly request the general public to take care of themselves at their own. Coronavirus is a reality, take it seriously. It is a fatal disease which has killed 320,448 people and has affected 4,910,481 people till now around the world. Director General, WHO on 11th March, 2020 declared the COVID-19 as pandemic, which has now reached 213 countries.

They once again request you to adopt preventive measure like hand washing or hand sanitizing, wear mask, maintain social distance and do not hug or shake hand particularly in Eid days, says a PMA release.—RT/Agency



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## لاک ڈائون کے خاتمے سے خوفناک نتائج نکل سکتے ہیں، پی ایم اے

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں کورونا وائرس کے بڑھتے ہوئے کیسز کے حوالے سے پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن کا ایک اجلاس گزشتہ روز پی ایم اے ہاؤس کراچی میں بذریعہ ویڈیو لنک منعقد ہوا۔ اجلاس میں سپریم کورٹ کے فیصلے پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا گیا جسکے تحت ملک میں لاک ڈاؤن ختم کر دیا گیا ہے۔ لاک ڈاؤن کے خاتمے سے کورونا وائرس کی بیماری بڑھے گی اور اسپتالوں میں کورونا کے مریضوں میں اضافہ ہوگا جسکے خوف ناک نتائج نکل سکتے ہیں، ڈاکٹروں نے عوام اپیل کی کہ عید کے موقع پر گلے ملنے اور ہاتھ ملانے سے پرہیز کریں۔ اجلاس میں کہا گیا کہ پی ایم اے ہمیشہ اپنی عدالتوں کے فیصلوں کا احترام کرتی ہے لیکن جہاں تک کورونا وائرس کی صورتحال کا تعلق ہے عدالت کو ملک کے ڈاکٹروں کی رائے پر بھی غور کرنا چاہیے تھا، ڈاکٹرز، نرسز اور پیرا میڈیکس اپنی جان خطرے میں ڈال کر کورونا وائرس کیخلاف جنگ لڑ رہے ہیں، وہ کورونا وائرس کی موجودہ صورتحال سے بہت پریشان ہیں کیونکہ 1100 سے زیادہ صحت کارکن کورونا وائرس سے متاثر ہو چکے ہیں۔

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## لاک ڈاؤن کے خاتمے سے کورونا کیسز بڑھیں گے، پی ایم اے

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