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A cabinet meeting of Pakistan Medical Association (Centre) through video link was held today at PMA House Karachi regarding increasing number of corona positive cases in the country. 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. Amir Saleem (Kasur), Joint Secretary-I PMA Centre and Dr. Saeed Ahmed (Quetta), Joint Secretary-II PMA Centre, attended the meeting.

During the meeting the participants also acknowledged the services of Nurses as the world is today marking the International Nurses Day. The Day, which was first marked in 1965, was created by the International Council of Nurses to mark the hard work of nursing staff around the world. All around the world, nurses are working tirelessly to provide the care and attention people need during their ailing conditions.

The Day is also extra important as the world battles to fight the coronavirus pandemic. Nurses around the world have been vital to treating the sick during the pandemic. Nurses in Pakistan are also playing their very important role in taking care of patients.

All the members of PMA on this special day salute Nurses of Pakistan for bravely fighting against coronavirus as frontline soldiers like their colleagues, doctors and paramedics. Unfortunately three of these courageous nurses have died during this war so far. Approximately 300 nurses and paramedics have been found positive with coronavirus in Pakistan. We acknowledge their diligent services in this hard time.

In the end **Dr. Ikram Ahmed Tunio, President PMA Centre and Dr. S.M.Qaisar Sajjad, Secretary General PMA Centre**, said that Nurses and Paramedics are backbone of our health delivery system. No health facility can be run without them. They further said **that our government should become patient friendly, doctor and paramedic friendly, our Government should also acknowledge their services.**

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