Turkish medical association says coronavirus lockdown eased too soon



Ankara, June 13 (RHC)-- Turkey's top medical association criticised the decision to ease restrictions imposed to combat the spread of the coronavirus, saying moves were not backed by science and had come too soon, before the country had overcome the pandemic's initial wave.

Cavit Isik Yavuz, a member of the coronavirus research team at the Turkish Medics Association's (TTB), said there was still no proof that the outbreak was under control, and warned the lifting restrictions was resulting in more infections.

Since June 1, Turkey has lifted weekend stay-home orders, ended curbs on intercity travel, resumed some international flights and re-opened cafes, restaurants, parks, beaches and gyms.

Nearly 4,800 have died of COVID-19 so far in Turkey, according to official data, with the daily death toll falling in recent weeks to about 20.



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