Pakistan's downward trajectory of active coronavirus cases continued



Islamabad, July 30 (RHC)-- Pakistan's downward trajectory of active cases of the coronavirus continued, with the number of such cases dropping to 25,253, the lowest since May 12th.

Overall, there were 1,114 new cases registered on Wednesday, taking the countrywide total tally of cases since the outbreak began in late February to 277,402. At least 36 patients died in the last 24 hours, official data shows, bringing the total death toll to 6,018.

Pakistani authorities have been upbeat about the country's trajectory of cases, but the government's efforts received a potential blow on Wednesday when Dr Zafar Mirza, the state minister for health, abruptly resigned from his post, citing criticism by the political opposition of the unelected nature of his post.

With the Muslim festival of Eid-ul-Adha to be held over the weekend, authorities in Pakistan are continuing to ask citizens to maintain strict social distancing guidelines, to avoid a repeat of an explosion of cases over Eid-ul-Fitr, just over two months ago.

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