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Title: COVID-19: WHO names disease caused by new coronavirus ...

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Global health agency says name picked to avoid references to specific location, animal species or group of people. The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced that "COVID-19" will now be the official name of the disease caused by the new coronavirus from China, saying the disease represented a "very grave threat" for the world but there was a "realistic chance" of stopping it. "We now have a name for the disease and it's 'COVID-19'," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told journalists in the Swiss city of Geneva on Tuesday. The new strain of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 was named severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The WHO chief said the name had been chosen to avoid references to a specific geographical location, animal species or group of people in line with international recommendations for naming aimed at preventing stigmatisation. The agency has appealed for sharing of virus samples and speeding up research into drugs and vaccines. The agency had earlier given the virus the temporary name of "2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease" and China's National Health Commission this week said it was temporarily calling it "novel coronavirus pneumonia" or NCP. Under a set of guidelines issued in 2015, WHO advises against using place names such as Ebola and Zika – where those diseases were first identified and which are now inevitably linked to them in the public mind. More general names such as "Middle East Respiratory Syndrome" or "Spanish flu" are also now avoided as they can stigmatise entire regions or ethnic groups. According to China's National Health Commission, the total number of deaths on the mainland due to the virus as of Tuesday was 1,016.

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How leading media outlets in Brazil have joined forces to take on Bolsonaro and his COVID denial. India faces a ferocious new coronavirus wave with another record high of 234,692 new cases on Saturday. Congress approved former president's temporary ban

from public office by 86 votes in favour and zero against. Experts warn authorities' divergent policies may damage trust and increase hesitancy in countries facing shortages. The government of Maharashtra state, home to Mumbai, imposed lockdown-like curbs on Wednesday for 15 days. Venezuela in theory would be among the biggest recipients of \$650bn in SDR aid the IMF is planning to give to countries. Serum Institute of India, world's biggest vaccine maker, says US embargo on export of raw materials hurting production. Chancellor Merkel says gov't must be able to impose 'emergency brake' restrictions on regions with high infection rates. We understand that your online privacy is very important and consenting to our collection of some personal information takes great trust. You have the option to decline the cookies we automatically place on your browser but allowing Al Jazeera and our trusted partners to use cookies or similar technologies helps us improve our content and offerings to you.

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Breaking down the COVID-19 pandemic, here are the facts and figures. Health authorities around the globe continue to scramble to contain the coronavirus pandemic with the United States now caught in the contagion's crosshairs. The virus, which causes a respiratory illness called COVID-19, has spread to more than 180 countries and territories on six continents, infecting 1.6 million people and killing nearly 100,000. The US again recorded nearly 2,000 fatalities, while in Britain almost 1,000 victims are dying daily. Several of the infections were linked to the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market, which was shut down the following day. COVID-19 causes a range of symptoms. WHO says COVID-19 has killed about 5.9 percent of confirmed cases globally, a figure far above the fatality rate for the seasonal flu. Coronaviruses are zoonotic, meaning they are transmitted between animals and people. Older people, especially those with chronic illnesses such as heart or lung diseases, are more at risk. On average, however, WHO says people with mild cases recover in about two weeks, while those who are sicker can take anywhere from three to six weeks.

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Title: What is the real extent of Turkey's COVID-19 crisis? | Business and ...

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While new restrictions were imposed, experts accuse the government of concealing the real magnitude of the pandemic. Indoor dining at cafes and restaurants and weekend shopping hours had already been restricted to limit socialising during the holy month of Ramadan. Dr Vedat Bulut, general secretary of the Turkish Medical Association (TMA), said the government has prioritised profits over saving lives in its handling of the crisis, with cases spiralling since previous restrictions were eased in early March. "The management of a pandemic should be visioned, preventative and scientific. However, in our country, the priorities were the profits of businessmen, factories and the finance system, and even sometimes national security reasons. The Turkish government denied the accusations. Bulut said, however, the heavy workload of government data officials, bad health policy, and the inadequate software used to register cases is contributing to misleading figures. However, medical groups have continued to contest that official figures were far lower than the real case numbers, with individual voices often being labelled as "terrorists" by the government. According to government statistics, 250,000 people registered as unemployed in February alone and short-term work allowance payments to support people whose workplaces could no longer function because of COVID-19 were recently halted, leaving millions without a formal income. Peak witnessed after cases surged since government eased measures to curb the pandemic in early March.

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Title: Higher risk of clots from COVID-19 compared with vaccines: Study ...

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The rollout of shots produced by AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson has been disrupted by fears over blood clots. There is a much higher risk of brain blood clots from COVID-19 infection than there is from vaccines against the disease, British researchers said on Thursday, after the rollout of inoculations was disrupted by reports of rare clots. AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) have both seen very rare reports of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) linked to their vaccines. On Wednesday, the United States paused vaccinations using J&J's shot while a potential link with clots was investigated, with Denmark ditching AstraZeneca's shot over the issue. That compares with European Medicines Agency (EMA) figures showing that five in a million people reported CVST after getting AstraZeneca's shot. "The risk of having a (CVST) after COVID-19 appears to be substantially and significantly higher than it is after receiving the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine," Maxime Taquet of Oxford's Department of Psychiatry told reporters. The study was based on a United States health database, and so did not accrue new data on the risk of clots from AstraZeneca's vaccine directly, as the shot is not being rolled out there. The researchers highlighted that COVID-19 was associated with more common clotting disorders than CVST, such as strokes, and that recent debate around vaccines had lost sight of how bad the disease itself could be. "The importance of this finding is it brings it back to the fact this is a really horrible illness [that has] a whole variety of effects including increased risk of (CVST)," said John Geddes, director of NIHR Oxford Health Biomedical Research Centre. The research team, from Oxford University, said they worked independently from the Oxford vaccine team which developed AstraZeneca's shot.

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