

COVID-19 Weekly Update

11 June

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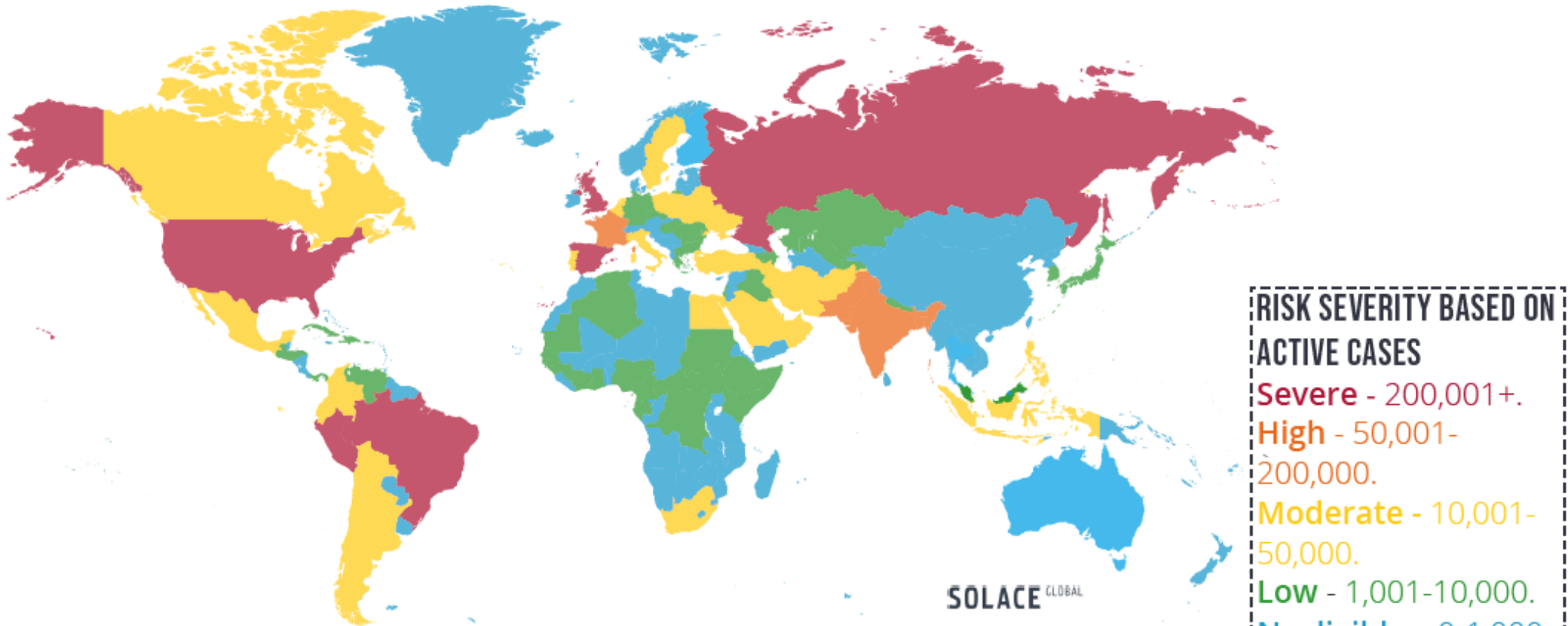


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Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)

Total cases	7,482,957	Total Active Cases	3,265,256	Total Confirmed Recoveries	3,798,203	Total Confirmed Deaths	419,498
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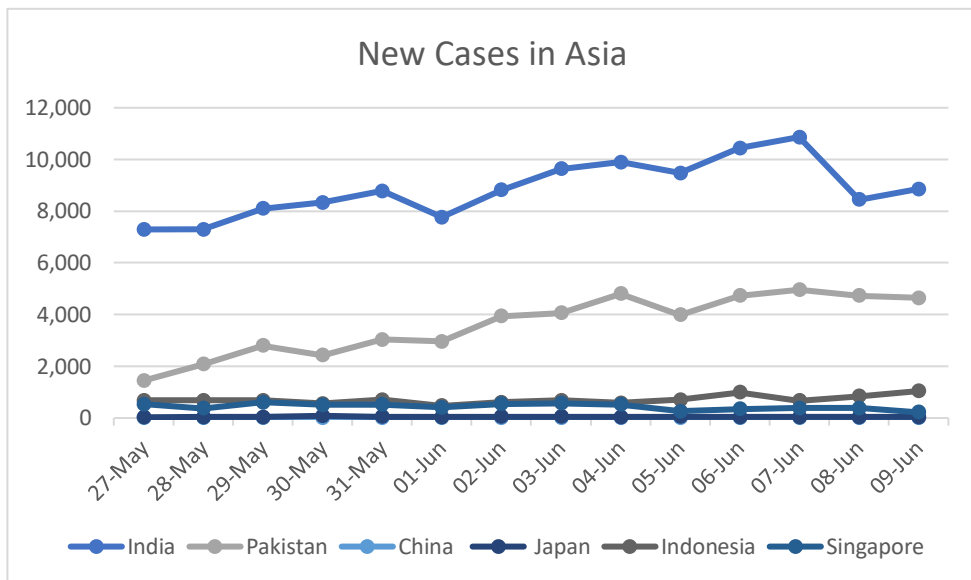


Please note we have updated the risk scale to better reflect the pandemic

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Asia



On 8 June, India took a significant step towards the loosening of its nationwide lockdown, allowing places of worship, restaurants and shopping malls to reopen despite soaring case numbers and warnings from experts that the country was far from reaching its peak. The situation is particularly desperate in the populous cities of Mumbai and Delhi where state run hospitals are reportedly having to turn away patients due to a lack of beds. Moreover, on the same day that restrictions were eased, Maharashtra state, home to Mumbai, crossed the grim milestone of having more cases than all of China with over 85,000 as of Monday, 8 June.

In contrast to India's dire situation, Taiwan has managed to keep the pandemic under control and limited total case numbers to below 500, all the more impressive considering the island operated direct flights to Wuhan and has a population of roughly 24 million people, the majority of which live in densely packed cities. As a result, the government announced a further relaxing of restrictions on 7 June, removing limits on the number of people who could participate in "daily life and leisure events"; however, citizens are still encouraged to wear face masks and practice social distancing while entry restrictions remain as authorities are wary of a second wave similar to the one seen in the nearby South Korea a few weeks ago.

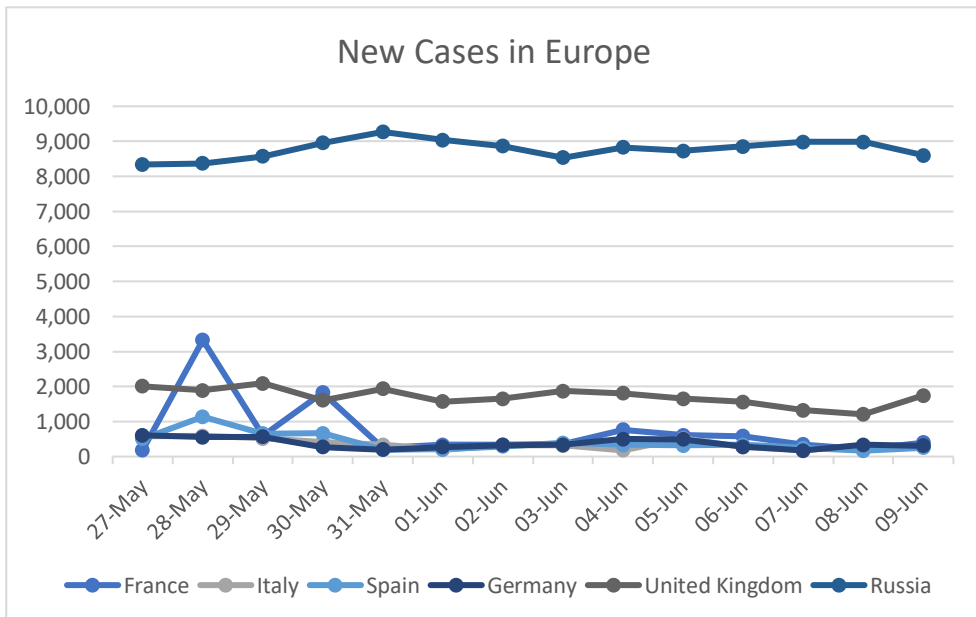
In a bid to bring rising case numbers under control, authorities in Pakistan have stepped up enforcement of public health protocols as the country approaches 110,000 total cases. Government officials claimed to have shut down hundreds of markets and shops that had been caught flouting public health guidelines. During a news conference planning Minister Asad Umar, who is in charge of the national response to the pandemic, told reporters: "First we educated the masses about the protocols, then we warned them, and now, in the last meeting with the prime minister in the chair, we directed administrations to crack down on places protocols are not being followed". Pakistan lifted lockdown measures last month due to a worsening economic crisis and soaring unemployment; however, official statistics released on Monday showed record numbers of infections in the past 10 days, with 1 in 5 of the 23,000 daily tests conducted returning a positive result, compared to around 1 in 10 before 9 May, when restrictions were eased.

According to an announcement by Philippines education secretary on 8 June, children in the Philippines will not attend school until a vaccine to protect against COVID-19 has been developed. The drastic measure has prompted concerns that millions of the country's most impoverished and disadvantaged children could miss out on their education as they lack access to online learning. Although pharmaceutical firms across the world are racing to develop a vaccine, the consensus among the scientific community is that a vaccine is unlikely to be approved for use until at least next year

Countries	Active Covid cases	New Covid cases	Domestic lockdown	International Travel Restrictions
India	138,069	Slight Increase	Moderate	High
Pakistan	75,139	Stable	Moderate	High
China	55	Stable	Light	High
Japan	1,034	Stable	Light	High
Indonesia	20,228	Stable	Moderate	High
Singapore	12,408	Stable	Moderate	High



Europe



Many of the continents worst-affected nations, including the UK, Italy, Spain and France, are continuing to emerge from their respective lockdowns having appeared to have passed the peak of infections, with the number of daily confirmed cases and deaths decreasing.

Most countries have eased restrictions on businesses and social gatherings, allowing for a resumption of religious ceremonies, sports, in-person schooling and dining out at restaurants. Additionally, some land borders have reopened with several nations exploring plans for so-called “air bridges” and “travel bubbles” – which would allow citizens to cross borders without the need to quarantine. Against a backdrop of severe economic damages, the proposed travel arrangements are particularly attractive to nations that rely heavily on tourism and international commerce.

The Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia were the first implement such a travel scheme in mid-May, allowing citizens to travel freely between the three nations, provided they had not travelled outside the Baltic states in the past two weeks and had not come into contact with an infected person.

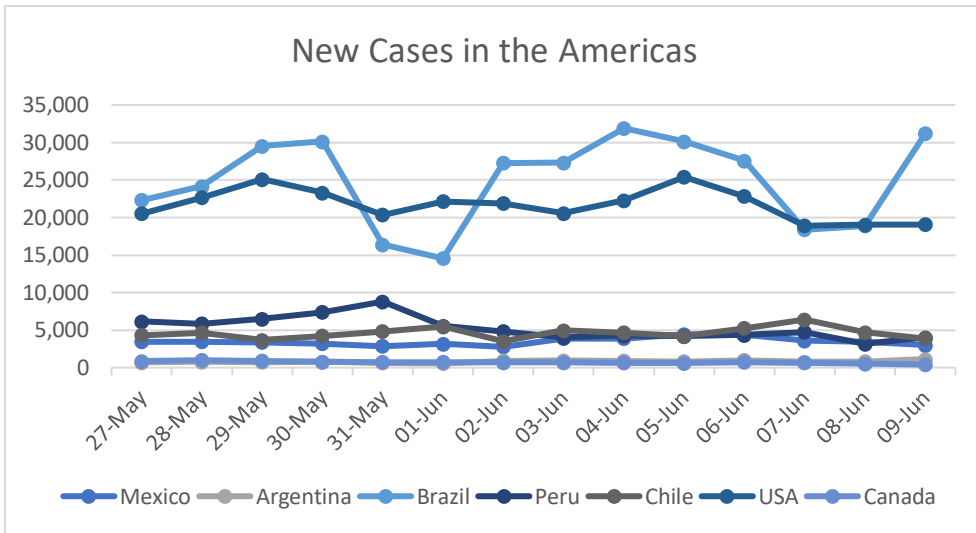
While the situation across much of Europe appears to have stabilized, Russia continues to report thousands of daily cases, with around 1,700 new cases reported in Moscow alone on Tuesday. Despite the alarming number of infections, authorities in Moscow all but declared victory over COVID-19 on Monday and began rolling back restrictions on 8 June. In the coming weeks, most non-essential businesses will be permitted to reopen while the city’s residents will be able to use public transport and go outdoors when they want. Critics have voiced concerns over the lifting of lockdown measures and have questioned the wisdom of the mayor’s decision, accusing him of bowing to pressure from the Kremlin to lift restrictions ahead of a Red Square military parade, which is scheduled for 24 June.

Sweden was one of only a handful of European nations that chose not to impose a compulsory lockdown. The country has recorded nearly 5,000 deaths, which is the highest per capita in the Nordic region. Throughout the pandemic, restaurants, bars, schools and most businesses remained open, with the government only banning social gatherings of more than 50 people and visits to care homes. In recent days opposition leaders have heavily criticized Sweden’s response calling it a “miserable failure” and for the resignation of the country’s state epidemiologist, Anders Tegnell. Faced with mounting pressure, Prime Minister Stefan Lofven has pledged to bring forward a planned inquiry into the country’s coronavirus response.

Countries	Active cases	Covid	New Covid cases	Domestic lockdown	International Travel Restrictions
France	53,789		Slight Increase	Light	High
Italy	32,872		Stable	Light	Moderate
Spain	N/A		Stable	Light	Severe
Germany	7,485		Stable	Light	Moderate
UK	N/A		Stable	Strict	Moderate
Russia	236,714		Stable	Strict	High



Americas



The United States is currently gripped by two converging crises, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and widespread civil unrest triggered by the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis over a week ago. Despite the fact that most US states have entered phased reopening plans and began easing social distancing rules, governors, city mayors and health officials across the country have expressed concern that the protests could result in a surge of new infections. On 1 June, New York’s Gov. Andrew Cuomo expressed concern about so-called “super spreaders” amongst the crowds of protesters that continue to demonstrate across the state, particularly in New York City. The ongoing pandemic has also taken a huge toll on the country’s economy; thus far, roughly 40 million Americans have lost their jobs while unemployment was teetering around 20 per cent in May, levels last seen during the Great Depression in the 1930s.

Mexico surpassed the 10,000-milestone for total COVID-19 deaths on 1 June, the same day that restrictions implemented to curb the spread of the virus were lifted, despite rising infections. Indeed, the number of coronavirus patients continues to rise sharply with thousands of new cases per day and hundreds of deaths while most states remain under the highest risk “red zone” under the government’s traffic light scale. In addition to the alarming number of cases, experts have warned that testing remains relatively low and that the true figures could be substantially higher.

From 1 June, the construction and auto industries were permitted to resume operations while parks in

Mexico City are open to a third of their capacity. President Obrador has been heavily criticized for both his slow response to the crisis and his eagerness to lift restrictions. Speaking on 1 June, he explained “we have to move towards the new normal because it’s necessary for our national economy, our people’s wellbeing; we need to, little by little, return production, economic, social and cultural activity to normal.”.

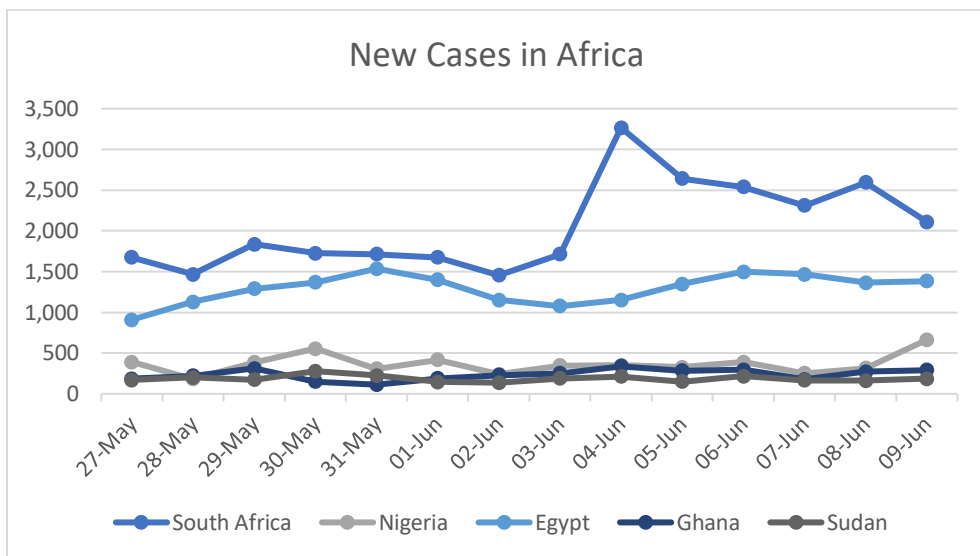
Two years into a recession, the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdown has brought increased suffering to a country already struggling with a troubled economy. It is estimated that a third of the population are now living in poverty as many businesses have been forced to close, resulting in widespread job losses and a rise in the number of people relying on food banks. Late last month, officials extended a mandatory lockdown in Buenos Aires until at least 7 June and increased restrictions on movement due to a steady rise in confirmed COVID-19 cases. Under the lockdown, commercial activity and public transportation in densely populated areas has been scaled back.

Brazil reported yet another record number of new coronavirus cases on 2 June, 28,936 in 24 hours, as the outbreak in Latin America’s worst-affected country shows no signs of abating. The shocking statistics come as several Brazilian leaders, including President Bolsonaro, continue to belittle the virus and flaunt social distancing guidelines. The record figure was also announced on the same day that state and city authorities across the country had begun to reopen shopping malls and offices, including Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro – the worst-affected state thus far.

Countries	Active Covid cases	New Covid cases	Domestic lockdown	International Travel Restrictions
Mexico	18,416	Slight Increase	Moderate	High
Argentina	16,476	Increase	High	High
Brazil	377,985	Increase	Moderate	High
Peru	105,069	Slight decrease	High	High
Chile	44,845	Stable	High	High
USA	1,142,539	Slight Increase	Moderate	High
Canada	33,184	Decrease	Moderate	High



Africa



The African Union (AU) has announced plans to accelerate COVID-19 testing on the continent. Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing (PACT) has three key components: Test, Trace and Treat. Testing to diagnose cases, tracing to identify cases and their contacts, and treating to provide treatment and supportive care to cases. The initiative has a goal to conduct 8000 tests per million of population and will look to use a centralised pooled procurement system. As part of PACT, the AU will look to recruit and deploy 1 million community workers to trace the contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

The number of COVID-19 cases in South Africa has surpassed 50,000, with President Cyril Ramaphosa indicating that more than half of these cases have been in the last two weeks. There have been particularly large increases in confirmed cases of the virus in recent days, with cases largely concentrated in Cape Town and the surrounding Western Cape region. There are indications that the healthcare system in Western Cape is under severe pressure following the rapid influx. Despite the rising number of cases, South Africa is easing lockdown measures, with schools reopening their classrooms in the coming days.

In Nigeria, hundreds of previously unexplained deaths have been attributed to COVID-19. In April, almost 1,000 people died in mysterious circumstances in Kano state. Local doctors were quick to sound the alarm saying that they were being overwhelmed by patients with COVID-19 symptoms. The Kano

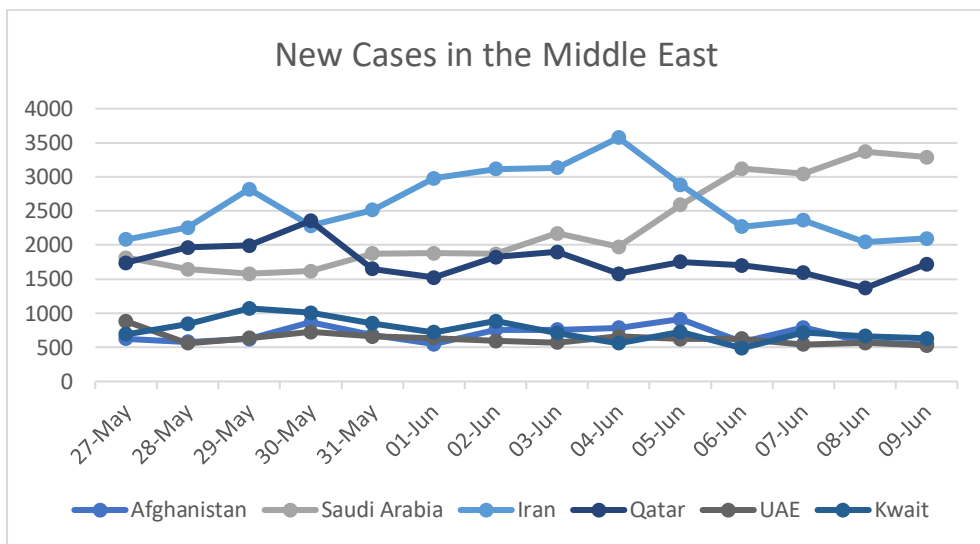
government had been reluctant to link the deaths to the virus, saying the deaths were due to complications from other conditions. However, an official ha snow indicated that at least 60 per cent of the deaths were COVID-19-related.

In Togo, authorities have lifted the curfew that was imposed in April to limit the spread of COVID-19. A number of other protective measures have also been lifted, though it has now become compulsory to wear face masks in public. It comes as Togo has been approved over \$8 million in grants from the World Bank to aid in its fight against the virus.

Countries	Active Covid cases	New Covid cases	Domestic lockdown	International Travel Restrictions
South Africa	22,823	Increase	Moderate	High
Nigeria	8,893	Slight Increase	Moderate	High
Egypt	25,737	Slight Increase	Moderate	High
Ghana	6,398	Stable	Moderate	High
Sudan	3,911	Stable	High	High



Middle East



In Iran, an ongoing second wave of COVID-19 is gathering pace as the latest figures show the number of new COVID-19 infections have surpassed a previous peak and are at a record high. The administration in Teran appeared to have brought the virus under control, with a peak of cases occurring in March. However, decisions to rapidly roll back social distancing measures and open the county's economy appear to have triggered a rapid increase in the spread of COVID-19. Government spokespeople have become increasingly critical of the public, accusing people of failing to follow the remaining restrictions. It is currently unclear if the government intends to reimpose harsh restrictions, which will damage Iran's already fragile economy.

Iraq has faced a record spike in confirmed COVID-19 cases, with 1,252 new cases reported on 6 June. With the conflict-torn country's health service under significant pressure, officials have announced plans to resort to treating patients with serious cases of the virus in their own homes. As part of measures to curb the spread of COVID-19, officials have announced that curfews will be imposed, and inter-provincial travel will be outlawed in the near future.

The Kuwaiti government has announced plans to reopen mosques in some areas after almost three months of closures. From 10 June, mosques in sparsely populated areas will be permitted to receive worshippers for prayers five times a day. The Friday noon prayers and sermon, however, will only be

performed at the Grand Mosque in Kuwait City with only staff in attendance. The prayers will be broadcast on state-run television. As the country's economy struggles, prime minister Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah has proposed reducing the percentage of foreign residents from 70% to 30%.

Countries	Active Covid cases	New Covid cases	Domestic lockdown	International Travel Restrictions
Afghanistan	18,424	Stable	High	Severe
Saudi Arabia	31,449	Increase	Moderate	Severe
Iran	29,045	Increase	Moderate	High
Qatar	24,248	Slight Decrease	Moderate	High
UAE	16,881	Stable	Moderate	High
Kuwait	10,705	Decrease	Moderate	High