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One Liner

- **Saudi Arabia Lifts Travel Ban on Pakistanis Holding Saudi visas.** A Foreign Office spokesman has said that Saudi Arabia has lifted the travel ban for Pakistanis holding Saudi visas, although travelers must get tested for coronavirus 48 hours in advance.
- Imran Khan, Ashraf Ghani discuss Afghan peace process over telephone
- **Pakistan isn't introducing law to publicly hang rapists: minister.** Pakistan's Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari said on Friday that her government was not introducing any law aimed at publicly hanging rapists in the country.
- **Two Civilians Injured in Indian Unprovoked Firing Along LoC:** ISPR. Indian Army troops have once again resorted to unprovoked ceasefire violation along the Line of Control in Baroh Sector targeting civil population.
- **Ali Zaidi Inaugurates Online Portal For Ports And shipping wing**
- Pakistan makes coronavirus tests mandatory for international travellers
- **New polio case reported in Punjab's Ahmedpur East**
- **Gold price in Pakistan takes another dip to two-month low.** The price of gold in Pakistan dropped another Rs700 to reach Rs111,800 per tola, according to rates compiled by the All Sindh Saraf and Jewelers Association. The precious metal crossed this price two months ago on July 21.
- South Africa to tour Pakistan in January: PCB CEO

Spotlight by The NewsRun

1. COVID-19 IN PAKISTAN

- Pakistan reported **798 new cases** and **7 deaths** in the past 24 hours. Pakistan also conducted **42,299 tests** in the span of 24 hours (P.S. this data was last updated on September 25 at 8:12am).

2. Opposition party supremo bans meetings with military leaders

What's going on? Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Supremo, and former Prime Minister (PM), Nawaz Sharif, gave his party members an [order](#) on Twitter: no one can hold individual, private or delegation-level meetings with Pakistan's military leadership. PML-N's leadership has to approve such meetings first, which will be public.

The details: Sharif's tweet came after army spokesperson, Maj General Babar Iftikhar, claimed that PML-N leader, Mohammad Zubair, talked about Sharif, and Sharif's daughter, Maryam, during two meetings with Chief of Army Staff, Qamar Bajwa. In response, Zubair insisted that he never approached Bajwa while PML-N was in a tough spot, or to talk about issues regarding Sharif. Zubair also claimed that he has personally known Bajwa for 40+ years, so there is nothing unusual about their meetings.

The context: During an All-Parties Conference (APC) on Sunday, two of the country's main opposition parties, PML-N and Pakistan People's Party (PPP), joined a coalition of other opposition parties to launch an anti-govt movement. The coalition accused PM Imran Khan of failing to govern properly. During the APC, opposition leaders also [criticized](#) the army's alleged involvement in politics, claiming that the military establishment rigged the 2018 election and helped PM Khan's political party win.

Still need more context: However, a few days before telling the army to mind its own business, several opposition leaders, including PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif and PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, reportedly [had a meeting](#) with Bajwa, and the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) chief. There are mixed reports about what they talked about. However, PM Khan's political ally, Sheikh Rashid, insists they discussed politics.

A little history: Pakistan's army has directly ruled the country for nearly half of its 73-year history. The army reportedly still has control over some aspects of foreign and security policy.

The bottom line: There is reportedly a contradiction in Pakistan's political landscape. Analysts are wondering why the opposition attended a meeting with the army chief days before condemning the military for its alleged interference in politics. According to journalist and political analyst, Owais Tohid, politicians talk about upholding civilian supremacy, but then look to the army for support. Political analyst, Mosharraf Zaidi, claimed that Pakistan's political leadership looks to the military for approval.

3. Man marries a woman after sexually assaulting her

Police arrested a man named Tariq Niazi after finding the body of an infant girl in the bushes. Niazi confessed that he got a woman named Mehwish pregnant after assaulting her multiple times, and the baby was born out of wedlock. According to Niazi, the baby got very sick after being born and was admitted to the hospital, where she passed away. Niazi reportedly picked up the deceased baby from the hospital and abandoned it somewhere. During a hearing at a district and sessions court, Niazi's lawyer claimed that Mehwish had forgiven Niazi, and they mutually agreed to get married. When Judge Jahangir Gondal asked Mehwish if she could say, without any fear, that she wanted to marry Niazi, she reportedly said yes. The couple got married on the spot, and the court [granted bail to Niazi](#).

4. The prevalence of child smokers in Pakistan

According to the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS), more than 1,200 children between the ages of 5 and 15 start to smoke every day in Pakistan. The legal age for smoking is 18. There are at least 20 million under-age/minor smokers in the country. NHS Parliamentary Secretary, Dr. Nausheen Hamid, cited a 2017 World Health Organization (WHO) report, which stated that 163,000+ people die from tobacco use in Pakistan every year. Pakistan [hasn't made much progress against smoking](#), here's why:

- **Lack of legislation and regulatory enforcement:** Existing policies that restrict the advertisement of tobacco are not enforced properly. For example, numerous unregistered or unregulated cigarette brands openly conduct promotional activities, branding, and merchandising in shops. Also, a pack of cigarettes can't be sold for less than PKR 62.76. However, in many cases, cigarettes are sold for PKR 25 or PKR 30 a pack, making them more affordable for the youth and low-income groups.
- **Political influence:** According to Dr. Hamid, unregulated cigarette manufacturers have ties to people in key political positions, which is why regulations aren't enforced.
- **Inaccurate reporting:** Cigarette producers under-report production. Some barely pay taxes, or none at all.

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