COVID-19 CASES WITHIN THE GCC

12.5% 8.1% 10.6%

Saud Arabia, UAE, Oman, Bahrain, Other GCC

COVID-19 CASES IN THE MENA REGION

34.6% 22.6% 42.7%

Iran, GCC, Rest of Mena

COVID-19 TRACKER

The total number of Covid-19 cases in the Middle East and North Africa (Mena) region approaches 2 million as countries continue to relax restrictions and resume economic activity.

COVID-19 SITUATION AND LATEST UPDATES

ALGERIA

Prime Minister Abdelaziz Djerad chairs a meeting of economic ministers to discuss the implementation of economic recovery plan, which includes measures to be put in place by the end of 2020, in 2021, and in 2022-24. (18 September 2020)

Bahrain

Education and health ministers to conduct Covid-19 tests for all public schools administrators, teachers and technicians. (29 March 2020)

BAHRAM

President Khalid bin Ahmed Al-Khalifa urges precautionary measures to be implemented at archaeological sites reopen and schools reopen in October. (30 March 2020)

EGYPT

President Abdal-Fattah el-Sisi urges “lose control” of the pandemic if people do not comply with the precautionary measures that have been put in place. (12 July 2020)

LIBYA

Health ministry warns it may “lose control” of the pandemic if people do not comply with the precautionary measures that have been put in place. (19 September 2020)

JORDAN

Commercial flights resume at Queen Alia International airport after six months of closures. (9 May 2020)

KUWAIT

Cabinet discusses draft law encouraging local banks to offer finance to clients impacted by Covid-19. (27 May 2020)

LEBANON

Prime Minister Najib Mikati chairs a meeting to discuss im-plementation of economic recovery plan, which includes measures to be put in place by the end of 2020, in 2021, and in 2022-24. (18 September 2020)

MOROCCO

Remote education to be implemented in phases for schools in Marrakesh. Economy minister signs an agreement for $357m in loans from the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development. (18 September 2020)

OMAN

Companies warned of fines if precautionary measures are flouted. International flights planned to resume from 1 October. (12 July 2020)

OTHER GCC

Limited international flights resume with precautions. There are plans for the suspension of the Umrah pilgrimage to be gradually lifted. (19 September 2020)

SAUDI ARABIA

Sea vessels and metro services allowed to resume operations at limited capacity. Private sector incentives extended as part of a relief programme valued at $30bn. (29 March 2020)

SYRIA

UN Security Council told 45 per cent of Syrian businesses have temporarily shut down. Another 25 per cent are operating at reduced levels and 15 per cent have closed permanently. (19 September 2020)

TUNISIA


UAE

Emergency vaccine use authorized for frontline workers. The vaccine was developed by China’s Sinopharm. The UAE is involved through an agreement with local technology company Group 42.

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