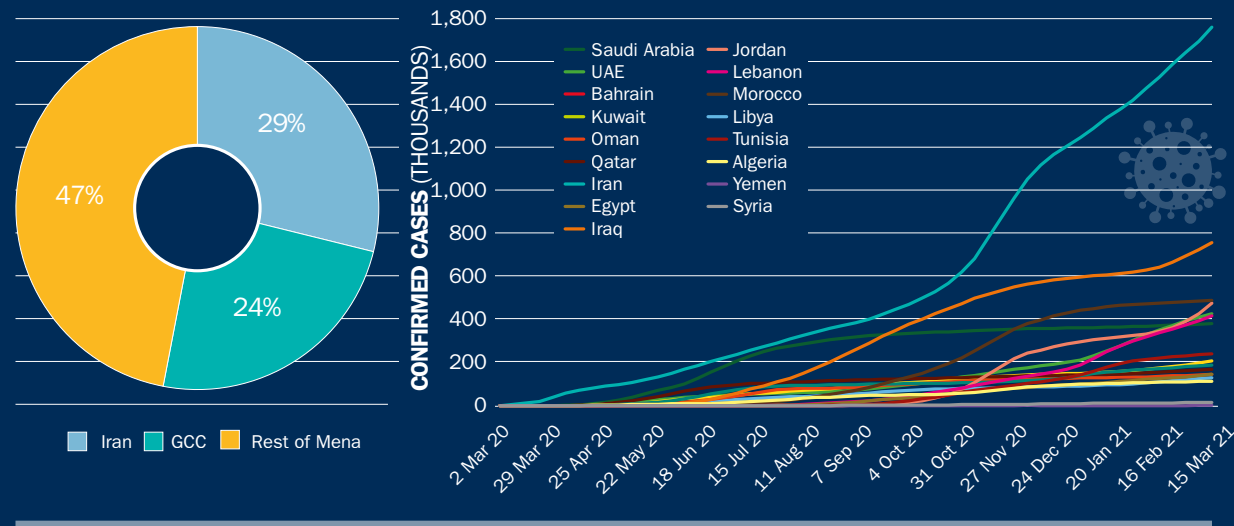


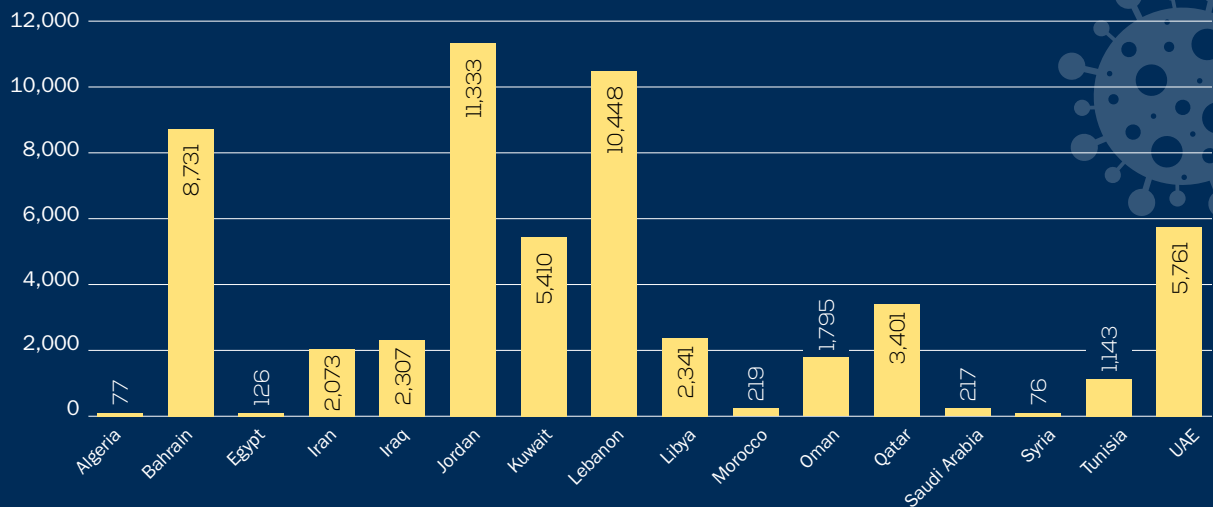
COVID-19 TRACKER

Countries in the Middle East and North Africa are making mixed progress in their efforts to secure vaccination doses and inoculate their populations

CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN THE MENA REGION



FOUR-WEEK COVID-19 CASE RATE PER MILLION*



COVID-19 SITUATION AND LATEST UPDATES

ALGERIA 115,265+ **BAHRAIN** 131,000+ **EGYPT** 190,925+ **IRAN** 1,754,930+ **IRAQ** 758,190+ **JORDAN** 477,050+ **KUWAIT** 209,525+ **LEBANON** 418,450+

ALGERIA Talks with Russian partners to produce the Sputnik-V vaccine are at "very advanced" stages, according to an official from the country's pharmaceutical industry ministry.

BAHRAIN Bahrain authorises US firm Johnson & Johnson's vaccine, making it the fifth job approved for use in the country.

EGYPT Cairo receives 300,000 doses of China's Sinopharm vaccine after being sent a major shipment in February.

IRAN Trials of a third domestic vaccine candidate, Fakhra, get under way. Trials are ongoing for the locally made jabs Coviran Barakat and Razi Covpars.

IRAQ Agreement signed to import 1 million doses of the Sputnik-V vaccine. Baghdad expects to receive 2 million Sinopharm doses as well.

JORDAN Amman approves Sputnik-V vaccine for emergency use, according to the Russian Direct Investment Fund.

KUWAIT Health ministry reportedly plans to vaccinate 2 million people by September, to coincide with the reopening of schools.

LEBANON World Bank threatens to withdraw vaccine funding if politicians violate administration rules and jump queues.



LIBYA 146,080+ **MOROCCO** 488,940+ **OMAN** 147,425+ **QATAR** 170,250+ **SAUDI ARABIA** 382,410+ **SYRIA** 16,480+ **TUNISIA** 241,835+ **UAE** 428,300+

LIBYA Interim Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah says acquiring vaccine doses is a top priority for the government.

MOROCCO Sputnik-V and Johnson & Johnson's vaccines are authorised for use as part of Rabat's national inoculation drive.

OMAN Thirty per cent of the population will be vaccinated by the end of June and 70 per cent by the end of 2021, according to a health ministry official.

QATAR A total of 561,044 vaccine doses have been administered since the start of the programme, public health ministry says.

SAUDI ARABIA Health minister says Covid-19 vaccines are essential for health workers participating in the Hajj season this year.

SYRIA Russia's Sputnik-V is authorised for use in the country, which is also signed up to procure jabs through the Covax alliance.

TUNISIA First major vaccine delivery completed as 30,000 doses of Sputnik-V arrive, with priority to be given to health-care workers.

UAE Vaccinations now open to all citizens and residents aged over 16 years after the completion of the six-week priority entitlement for high-risk individuals.

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