



Health Watch Weekly Update

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January 14: Lab tests show polio vaccine is not 'Haram'

It is official. The polio vaccine being used to fight the crippling disease in our Islamic state is Halal.

A laboratory controlled by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) has tested the vaccine and certified that, according to information gathered by Dawn from official sources and documents.

Officials of the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) said polio vaccines were registered in the country only after the expert committee on biological drugs and the Drug Registration Board of DRAP "thoroughly evaluated" them.

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January 13: Anti polio campaign in full swing

The five day anti polio campaign which began in all tehsils and towns of Rawalpindi district entered into its second day on Tuesday.

Executive District Officer (EDO)Health Dr Khalid Randhawa informed that the immunisation campaign was in full swing.

Under the drive he said over 230 000 children have so far administered the polio vaccine. Randhawa informed that 1496 mobile health teams were operating in the district to complete the task of immunisation.

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January 11: Maternal mortality rate is embarrassing, says Dr Malik

Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch said on Saturday that both school enrolment and maternal mortality figures in the province were highly inadequate and embarrassingly low.

More than 1.8 million children are out of school in Balochistan while maternal mortality rate is the highest among the four provinces.

Dr Malik was addressing the National Women Conference organised by the ruling National Party's Women Wing in Quetta. Women leaders and workers of the party from across Balochistan attended the conference.

"There are different statistics regarding the children who do not go to school in Balochistan. It is the responsibility of the National Party (NP) workers to join hands with the government to improve the enrolment," he said. The CM announced that his government would soon launch a campaign to increase the enrolment of children in schools.

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