

PHOTO ESSAY

War on COVID-19: Frontline Soldiers

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During any outbreak previously known to world, the front-line workers make most of the affected proportion than people in the general adult population.

The Coronavirus pandemic has to-date, claimed thousands of lives, convulsed both richer and poorer governments, walloped the education sector and thumped the economies as hard as it can. However, it has nearly failed to repress the invincible spirit of these brave front-line soldiers in any region around the globe.

Since the pandemic has raided our country, doctors, nurses, paramedics and hospital's janitorial staff are facing an unparalleled workload in overstrained health facilities. Similarly, the law enforcement personnel (Police, Rangers, Immigration Force, National Highways, and Federal Security Agency etc.), the caretakers of our borders (Army and Paramilitary Forces) and Emergency and rescue service deliverers (Edhi, Chhipa, 1122 etc.) are also working in sheer stress and scary work environments, not only because we all know



too little about this virus, but because in most settings they are under-protected, overworked, mentally hauled and thus are more vulnerable to infectionwith no end anticipated yet.

We need a whole-of-society resolve that we will not let our frontline soldiers become patients. We must do everything to support health workers who, even living with their own well-founded fears and getting minimal adulation from general public, are stepping directly into COVID-19's roadway to aid the stricken and help halt the further spread. In countries like Pakistan, it's becoming difficult for

government to afford good quality protective gears to be supplied to all these soldiers. So, the main responsibility falls on our shoulders – the common people –the citizens of Pakistan, to strictly comply with the government orders and legislations for containment measures.

COVID-19 will not be the last lethal pandemic we see. The valor, commitment and selflessness of these soldiers allow the rest of us a degree of comfort that we will remain safe and win over this virus, may be, once and for all.

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