
Coronavirus Pandemic Kills Over 10,000 Globally, Infects Over 2 Lakh

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Paris: The number of novel coronavirus cases globally stood at 246,440 with 10,316 deaths, across 161 countries and territories at 1100 GMT Friday, according to a tally compiled by AFP from official sources.

Since Thursday, there were 490 new deaths reported and 13,763 new cases globally.

The tallies, using data collected by AFP offices from national authorities and information from the World Health Organization (WHO), likely reflect only a fraction of the actual number of infections, with many countries now only testing cases that require hospitalisation.

China - excluding Hong Kong and Macau - where the outbreak emerged in late December, has to date declared 80,976 cases, including 3,248 deaths, with 71,150 people recovered. The country declared 48 new cases and three new fatalities since Thursday.

Italy, which recorded its first coronavirus death in February, now has more fatalities than China with 3,405, as well as having 41,035 infections with 4,440 recoveries.

The third worst-hit country is Iran with 1,433 fatalities and 19,644 cases, followed by Spain with 1,002 deaths and 19,980 cases, and France with 372 deaths and 10,995 cases.

Since Thursday, Peru announced its first fatality, while Haiti, the US Virgin Islands and the Caribbean island nation of Saint Lucia have reported their first cases.
