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Pakistan Medical Association is very much concerned over the life and health of our colleagues, doctors, nurses and paramedics regarding the prevailing situation of coronavirus. They are working very hard at quarantine centers, isolations centers, HDU and at ICU to treat the coronavirus patients. Moreover doctors are serving with dedication in hospital wards, emergencies and OPDs at both public and private sector hospitals.

In this scenario it is very unfortunate that people are attacking and destroying health facilities and threatening the healthcare workers. PMA has received such complains of violence both from public and private hospitals throughout Pakistan. At this stage when healthcare workers are fighting with coronavirus. Many of them have been affected with coronavirus and are in isolation. We already have shortage of facilities, experts and technical people at our hospitals. The situation will be very unfortunate if healthcare workers do not come to the hospitals due to such incidents and due to their stay in isolation due to coronavirus.

Pakistan Medical Association has requested the government to follow the following suggestions through a letter written to the Honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Chief Ministers of all Provinces.

1. Protect the healthcare workers from coronavirus by providing PPEs on regular basis.
2. Healthcare workers must also be protected from violent mobs at hospitals and provide them peaceful environment, so they can work with peace of mind.
3. Duty hours of the doctors should be limited to 6hrs only. The doctors working with corona positive patients should be given two weeks' leave to remain in quarantine after one week's 6hourly duty.
4. Risk allowance should be given to all the employees of the hospitals from grade 1 to 20.
5. A centralized networking should be established between the corona designated hospitals.
6. Ambulance services should also be included in the network, so that ambulance driver can take the patient to the required facility.
7. Use of mask for all should be made mandatory with necessary provision of law.
8. Government should facilitate more and more people for coronavirus test.
9. Provide all the required comforts to the patients at quarantine and isolation centres.
10. Also facilitate the people while handing over them dead body at hospitals.

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