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PRESS RELEASE

Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) is very much distressed over the statement of Mr. Shahbaz Gill, who said doctors are doing politics. He further blamed that Press Conference was organized on the instructions of Sindh Government. We categorically reject these blames.

PMA and some very senior doctors addressed a press conference on April 22, 2020 at Karachi Press Club to highlight the worsening situation of Pakistan regarding Coronavirus. We very honestly gave our professional opinion and requested the government and ulema to review their decision of holding Namaz- e- Juman and Namaz-e- Traveh in mosques. We requested them to withdraw this decision because it could spread the COVID-19. Being Medical Professional it is our duty to inform the nation by portraying real picture of the situation. We also requested all the stakeholders and the general public to stay at home to avoid Coronavirus.

The statement of Mr. Gill is a serious issue. In his statement, he also said that this press conference was only held in Karachi whereas yesterday PMA Lahore has also warned the government to take back this decision otherwise situation could go out of control. We have shown our concerns as per PMA's policy.

PMA request Mr. Shahbaz Gill to take back his statement because he hurt the doctors' community at a time when they are fighting against coronavirus as frontline soldiers.

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