

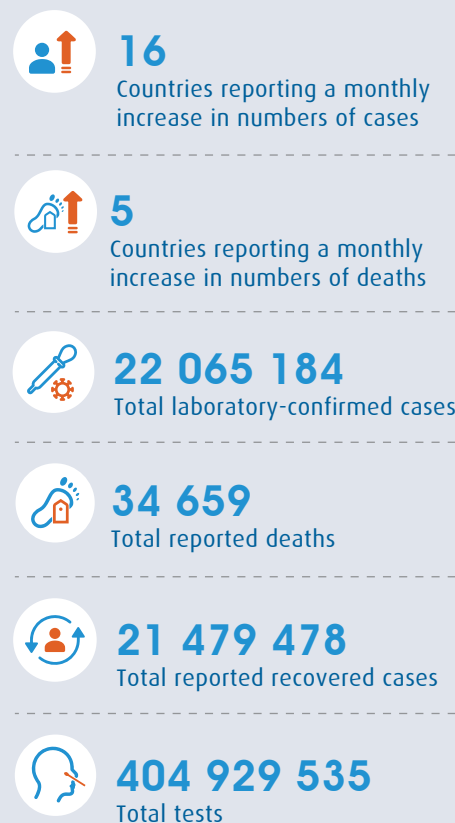
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION

- As of 2 July 2022, the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) has reported 22 065 184 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 343 659 deaths since the start of the pandemic.
- During the reporting period, and in comparison with the previous month:¹
 - The Region reported 272 942 new cases (261% increase).
 - 16 countries reported an increase in cases.
 - 5 countries reported an increase in deaths; an 18% increase.
 - Conducted tests increased by 11%. Cumulatively, the total number of tests in the Region has reached 404 929 535.
- To date, 17 countries in the Region have reported the detection of the Omicron variant of concern (VOC) including 15 countries that have reported the BA.1 sub-lineage, 12 countries the BA.2 sub-lineage, 1 country the BA.4 sub-lineage, and 3 countries the BA.5 sub-lineage.

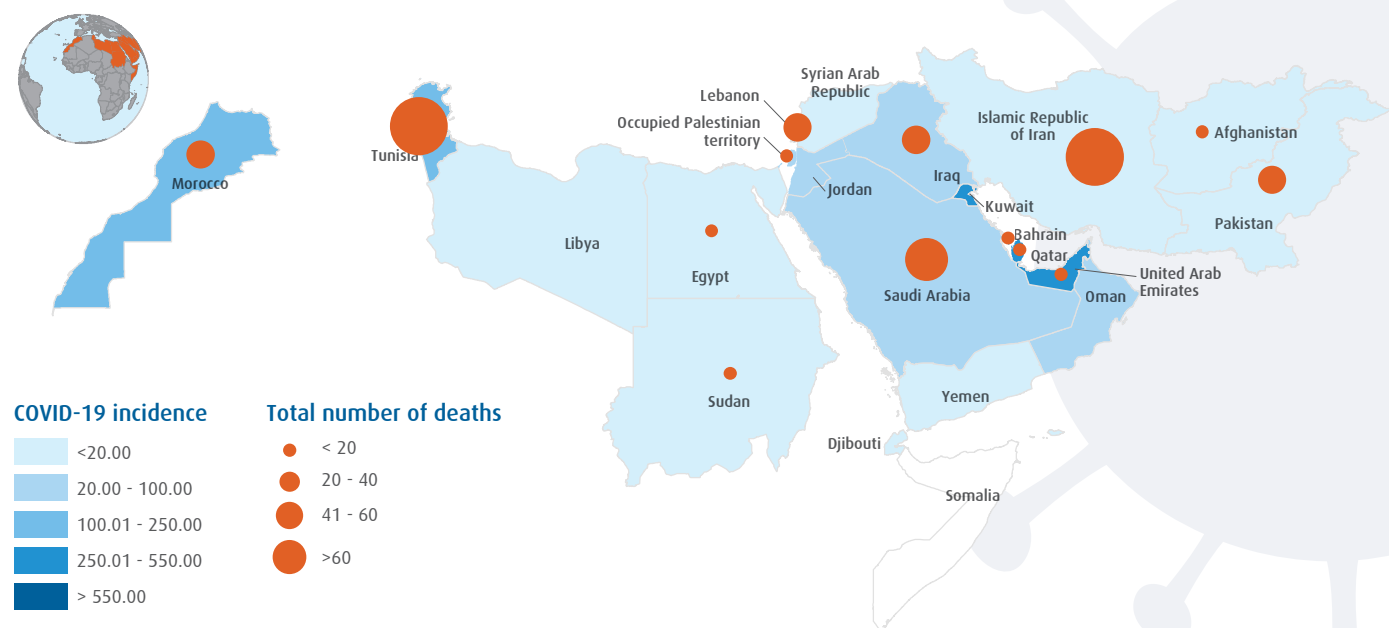
¹ Among countries having reported updated and complete monthly data

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

(as of midnight GMT+2, 2 July 2022)



Map 1: COVID-19 monthly attack rate per 100,000 population and numbers of new deaths per country in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
5 June - 2 July 2022



Map 2: Countries reporting SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern (VOCs) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

5 June - 2 July 2022

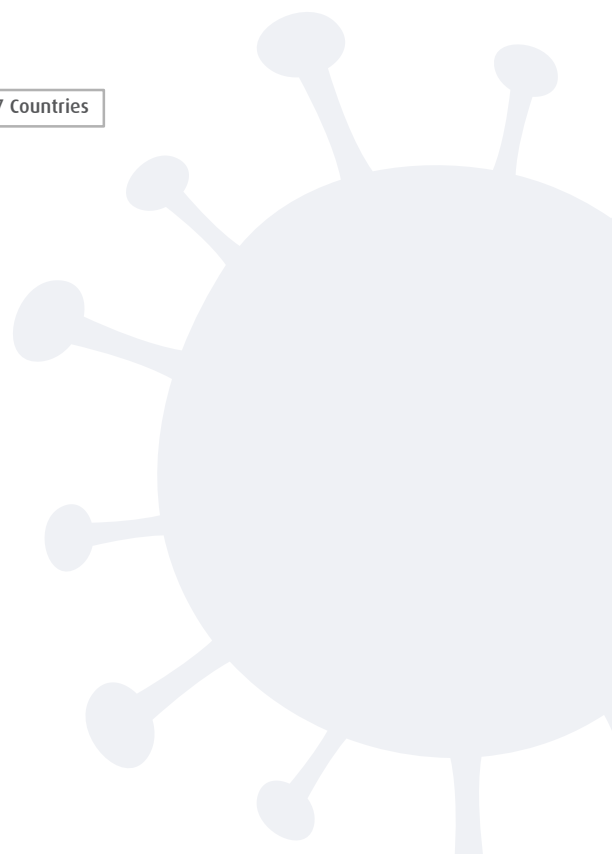
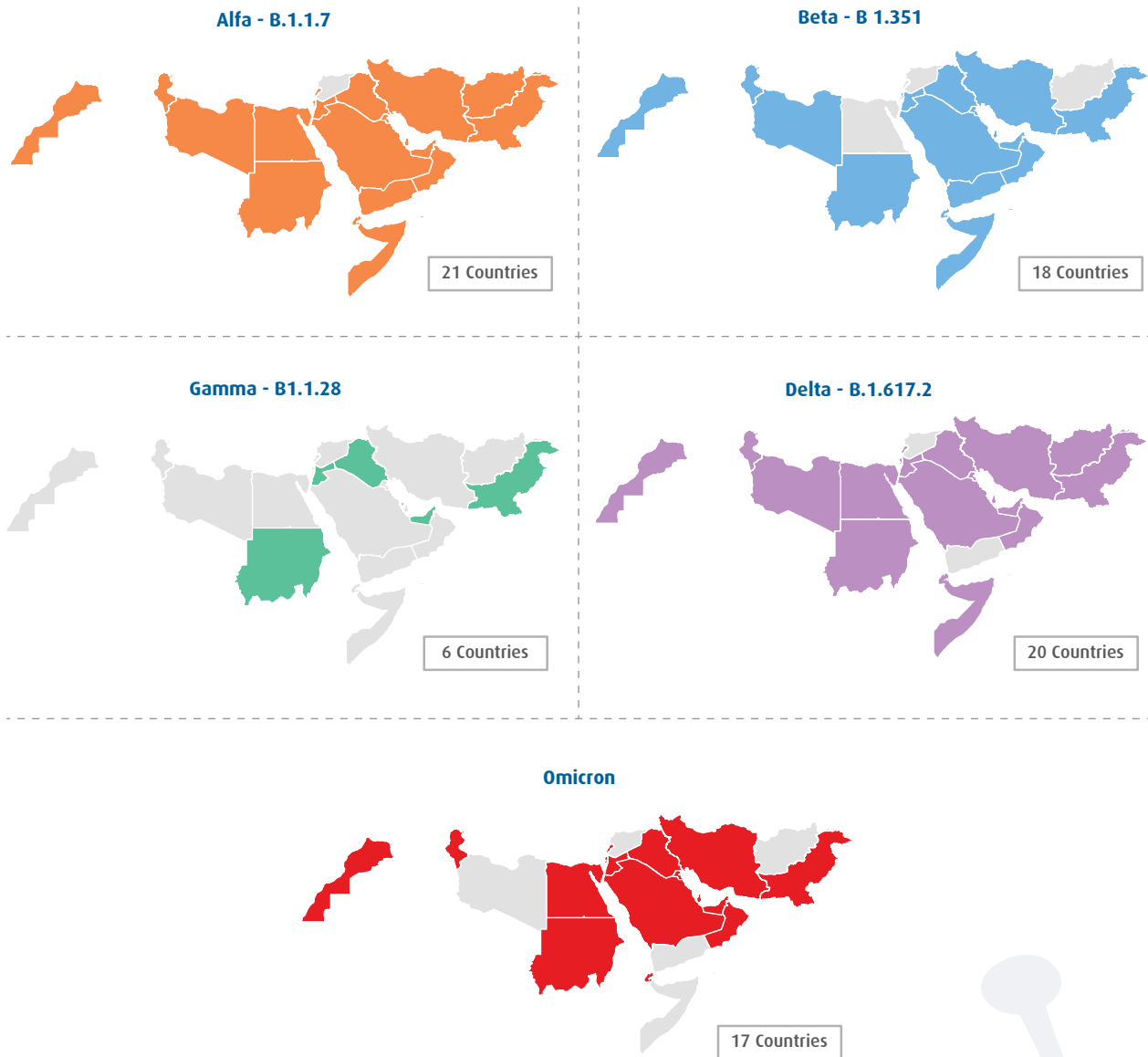


Table 1: Epidemiological situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

5 June - 2 July 2022

Country	New Confirmed Cases	Total Confirmed Cases	New Deaths	Total Deaths	CFR	Total Recovered	Total Tests ²
Afghanistan	2 036	182 724	15	7 724	4.2%	164 764	1 005 995
Bahrain	40 673	628 743	6	1 494	0.2%	613 432	10 033 904
Djibouti*	4	15 690	0	189	1.2%	15 497	319 153
Egypt	158	514 133	5	24 724	4.8%	446 293	11 816 492
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	6 162	7 238 840	62	141 390	2.0%	7 063 049	52 629 113
Iraq	25 318	2 353 900	23	25 243	1.1%	2 310 312	18 792 746
Jordan	3 255	1 700 526	0	14 068	0.8%	1 685 354	16 894 012
Kuwait	10 948	645 115	0	2 555	0.4%	638,197	8,215,320
Lebanon	15 069	1 114 814	33	10 468	0.9%	1 087 587	10 696 009
Libya	149	502 189	0	6 430	1.3%	495 695	2 513 460
Morocco	53 665	1 223 585	37	16 116	1.3%	1 180 620	11 962 483
Occupied Palestinian territory	4 611	662 490	2	5 662	0.9%	654 006	3 389 765
Oman	1 918	391 641	0	4 628	1.2%	384 946	3 737 036
Pakistan	7 242	1 537 947	22	30 401	2.0%	1 500 046	29 045 736
Qatar	14 171	383 807	2	679	0.2%	378 092	3 655 785
Saudi Arabia	25 618	796 268	56	9 211	1.2%	778 679	43 456 040
Somalia		26 803		1 361	5.1%	13 182	510 178
Sudan	277	62 704	2	4 952	7.9%	40 806	475 025
Syrian Arab Republic	33	55 930	0	3 150	5.6%	52 760	169 670
Tunisia	22 587	1 066 127	100	28 748	2.7%	1 037 537	4 704 138
United Arab Emirates	39 046	949 384	12	2 317	0.2%	929 516	170 577 883
Yemen**	2	11 824	0	2 149	18.2%	9 108	329 592
Total	272 942	22 065 184	377	343 659	1.6%	21 479 478	404 929 535

* Data from week 23 of 2022 (5 – 11 June 2022) only

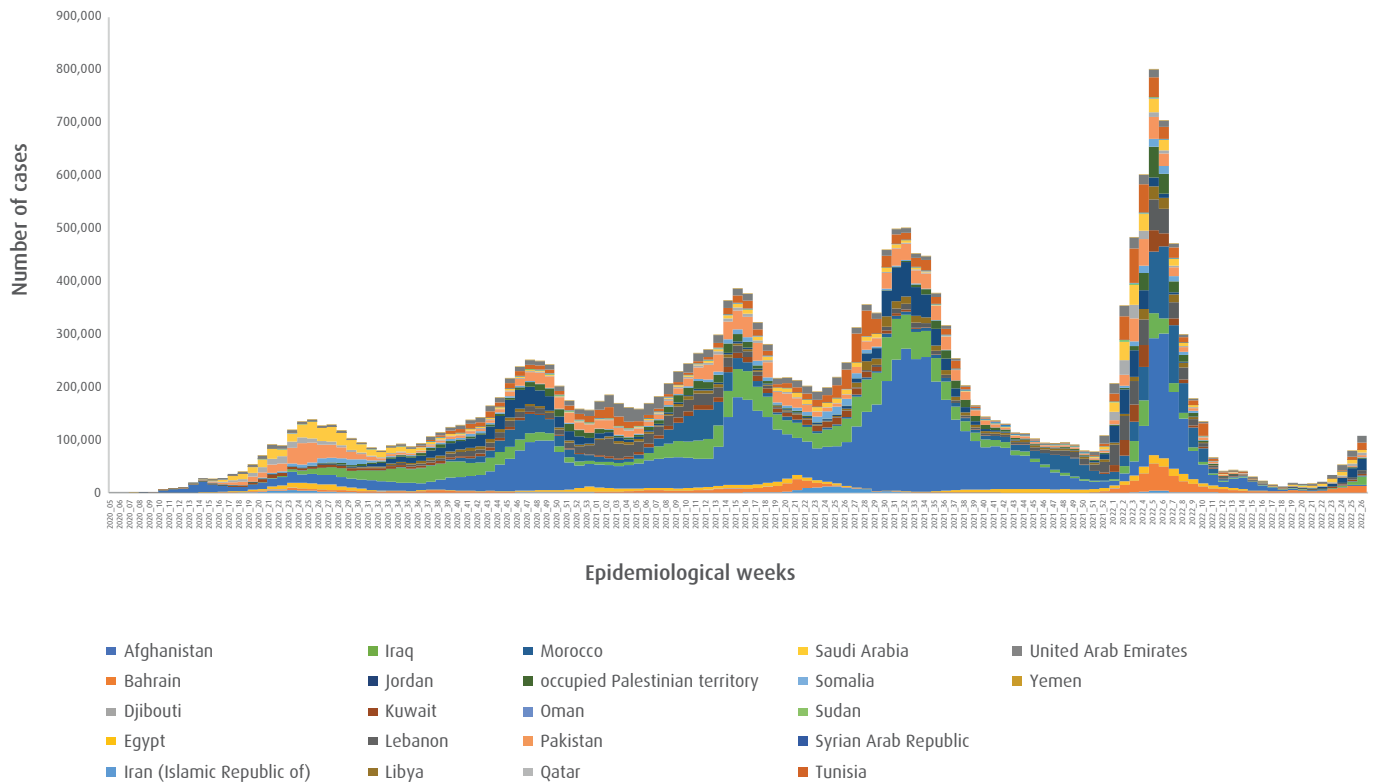
** Data from weeks 23 to 25 of 2022 (5 – 25 June 2022) only



² Test data is based on data collected by WHO and is affected by the national publishing frequency. Hence, presented figures for some countries may not be up-to-date and the COVID-19 epidemiological situation should therefore be interpreted with caution.

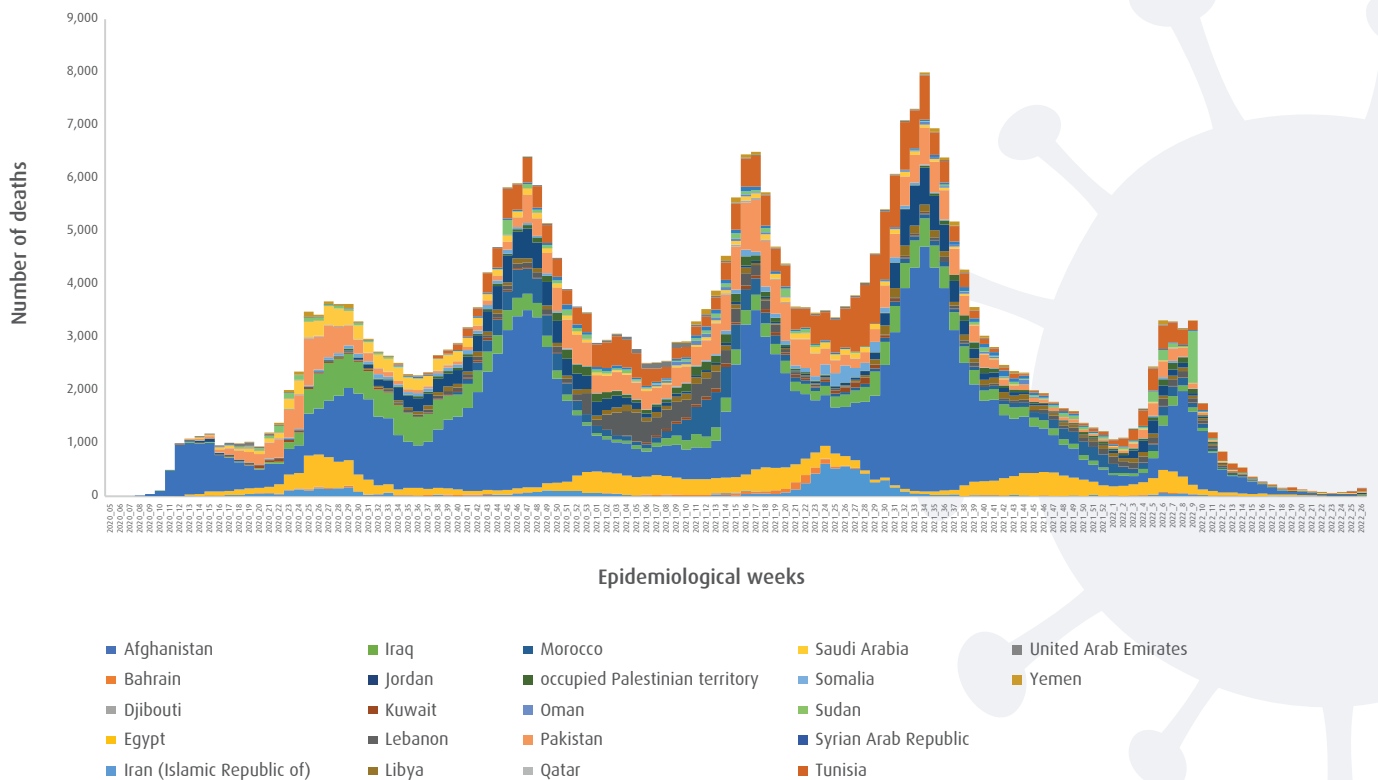
Graph 1: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 - 2 July 2022



Graph 2: Weekly distribution of COVID-19 deaths in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

26 January 2020 - 2 July 2022



REGIONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

Partnership and Coordination

- Held weekly and monthly meetings with health cluster coordination teams in EMR countries.
 - Continued to follow up on information shared by country health clusters coordination teams such as the latest epidemiological trends, vaccination data, gaps in the COVID-19 response, coordination of risk communication and community engagement activities, integration of the COVID-19 response in essential health services, and partner activities.
 - Shared updated WHO guidance and recommendations with all partners.
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Operations Support and Logistics

- Dispatched US\$ 5.5 million worth of health supplies across 28 countries in four WHO regions.
 - Continued to provide personal protective equipment (PPE), biomedical supplies, and laboratory diagnostics (to cover over 200,000 tests) to countries from WHO's logistics hub in Dubai.
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Health Information and Technical Expertise

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

- Conducted a virtual regional webinar, in collaboration with a WHO collaborating center, on IPC best practices in response to COVID-19 in intensive care settings, for 500 IPC professionals and frontline health care workers from the Region.
 - Trained 104 IPC professionals from Iraq and Libya's national and hospital IPC teams on methods and tools for the surveillance of COVID-19 infections among health care workers.
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Research and Knowledge Management

- Conducted a mission to Somalia to develop national capacity to use evidence for policy development and strengthen health information systems.
 - Received over 80 submissions after a call for COVID-19 research, which are currently under peer review.
 - Adapted country-specific questionnaires for Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, based on the two main WHO generic protocols for the evaluation of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness.
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COVID-19 Vaccine

- Conducted a COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery Partnership (CoVDP) mission to Somalia and Sudan.
- Participated in the vaccination review meeting for Yemen with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, from 13 to 16 June 2022 in Amman, Jordan.
- Monitored vaccines with close expiry dates to assist countries in planning to ensure vaccines are consumed before expiring.

IN FOCUS: Reviewing the response to COVID-19 and other priority infectious hazards in Sudan

From 12-17 June, 10 technical experts from WHO's Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean traveled to Sudan to review the national and subnational response to COVID-19, as well as other priority emergency hazards. The purpose of the mission was to support the country in reviewing the measures of response to the ongoing outbreaks of COVID-19 and the high-risk infectious hazards prioritized for direct and proxy interventions (measles, cholera, dengue fever, malaria, floods and heavy rain, and armed conflict and civil unrest), to identify and document strengths and areas of improvement, and to provide recommendations to scale up overall readiness and operations. Preliminary findings and recommendations were presented to the Ministry of Health, partners, and WHO Sudan, and will be shared in a final report. Recommendations will allow to strengthen the existing COVID-19 response and improve preparedness and response for other current and future outbreaks.



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Members of the Jabal Al-Awlya locality in Khartoum State receive their teacher training certification at the Community Center in Sudan, 14 June 2022.



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WHO and UNICEF technical experts reviewing risk communication and community engagement as part of the response to COVID-19 and other priority infectious hazards during the mission to Sudan in June 2022.



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WHO visit to Khartoum's Central Bureau of Statistics to review research and knowledge management, 15 June 2022

Regional COVID-19 website: <http://www.emro.who.int/health-topics/corona-virus/index.html>

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