

The weekly newsletters bring the updates on the science, battered and bruised during the pandemic, legal updates and impact of activism for a just society, across the world. These are small steps to promote Transparency, Empowerment and Accountability – the ethos of the UHO.

Announcement: Membership & endorsements to the UHO invited: <a href="https://uho.org.in/member.php">https://uho.org.in/member.php</a>
The mainstream media & the medical fraternity are silent as court declares RT-PCR test for Covid-19 unreliable

The mainstream media across the world is silent as a court declares the RT-PCR test for Covid-19 <u>legally useless</u>. Four German holiday makers who were quarantined on basis of this test appealed in a Portuguese court against the detention have won their case. The court condemned the RT-PCR test on the grounds that it is 97% unreliable. The Portuguese judges upheld a decision from the lower court that found the forced quarantine of the holiday makers on the basis of this test unlawful.

The four tourists were forced to stay in a hotel by Regional Health Authorities as one of them tested positive with RT-PCR for Covid-19 and the other three were close contacts. The deliberation of the Lisbon Appeal Court is comprehensive and has strong take home message for legal and health experts globally. It ruled that the Regional Health Authority had violated both Portuguese and International Law by confining the tourists to the hotel. The judges also ruled that only a doctor can declare a person "diseased" and were critical of the fact that no doctor had examined the tourists. In the eyes of the judge the "positive test" did not correspond to a Covid case as there are too many unknowns surrounding the RT-PCR tests.

It is a sad commentary of the times that such a landmark ruling of pressing international importance, has been roundly ignored by the mainstream media as well as the scientific community.

#### Fauci grilled by lawmakers on masks, vaccine mandates and lab leak theory

Dr Anthony Fauci is facing inquiry in the USA, before a <u>House panel investigating</u> Covid's origins. The panel found emails that suggested that his aides tried to cover up facts around the Covid-19 origins. Dr Fauci forcefully denied that he had helped fund research that triggered the pandemic from the Wuhan Institute of Virology, China. While most Democrats hailed him as a hero, the Republicans blamed him for school closure, mask mandates and other draconian measures. Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia went to the extent of telling, "You belong in prison." She also went to the extreme of calling him "Mr Fauci," instead of "Dr Fauci," saying his medical license should be revoked. Dr Fauci was also questioned on the evidence on which he mandated "six feet distance" and "masks for children," measures for which Dr Fauci had <u>admitted</u> that they "made it up."

Later Ms Marjorie Taylor Green tweeted, "I let Anthony Fauci know exactly how the American people feel about his crimes against humanity. Mr Fauci should be prosecuted and thrown in jail."

The hearings appear to be polarized across political lines. While Republicans are assailing Fauci, Democrats are praising him for his public service and apologizing for the conduct of their Republican colleagues. In spite of wide and sensational media coverage, according to the British Medical Journal (BMJ), the <a href="hearings are not leading">hearings are not leading</a> anywhere with the seasoned Fauci skillfully evading

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accountability.

UHO thinks that science and evidence rather than politics should have dictated the hearings. Having said this, something is better than nothing. The hearings which are being covered in main stream dailies like the <a href="New York Times">New York Times</a> will help to keep the harms to humanity resulting out of the unscientific interventions in the pubic gaze. We rue that similar hearings are not being undertaken in the largest democracy in the world. Even the opposition in India has never questioned the Himalayan blunders committed during the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### NIH scientists made \$710M in royalties from drug makers

While most US citizens suspected that government scientists in policy making were influenced by big pharmaceutical companies, evidence of this is surfacing. New data from National Institute of Health (NIH), USA, reveal that the agency and its scientists earned \$710 million in royalties from pharmaceutical companies during the pandemic.

The situation in India is no better. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) got <u>INR 174.74</u> <u>crores in royalty</u> from Covaxin manufactured by Bharat Biotech.

It is difficult to imagine that with such high stakes and conflicts of interest government bodies and scientists will have an unbiased opinion when recommending mass vaccination as well as accepting adverse effects and deaths following immunization.

A <u>sloppy study</u> by ICMR on adverse effects of the Covid-19 vaccines and its clumsy efforts to <u>suppress</u>

researchers from Banaras Hindu University reporting the adverse effects of Covaxin show how conflicts of interests interfere with rigorous science.

### Pharma Bosses, told to submit affidavits on ethical practices – pound foolish, penny wise?

While government organizations and scientists are heavily influenced by pharmaceutical and are earning huge royalties from them, regulations are coming out frequently urging self regulation by medical fraternity and pharmaceutical companies. The Department of Pharmaceuticals in a circular directed the Chief Executive Officers of all pharmaceutical companies to submit by June 30, 2024, an undertaking citing compliance with newly notified code against unethical marketing. UHO feels this is more of a façade to give an impression of fair dealings while major conflicts of interests influencing policies on public health affecting the masses are brushed under the carpet.

### The 77th World Health Assembly adopts amendments to the International Health Regulations

Ironically, the world's largest democracy undermined human rights and the country's sovereignty. Shree Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, <a href="expressed">expressed</a> his excitement stating that with "the revisions of the International Health Regulations, an incredible milestone has been reached." Our health secretary played a pivotal role in bringing about a consensus of countries in adopting the amendments to the IHR. He further said that the creation of an umbrella of solidarity that will help protect the world from future pandemics. This is a gift to our children and grandchildren.

The UHO feels that if this gift involves frequent school closures on pretext of future pandemics as

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was observed during the last pandemic, then only God can help our children and grandchildren! Instead of doing an appraisal on the harms caused due to school and business closures as a result of draconian measures which were not based on any evidence (even the great Fauci admits this), the World Health Assembly has ratified 300 amendments to the 75 page International Health Regulations. These amendments will allow a repeat of such measures in future pandemics real or imagined, this time with executive and legal powers to the WHO.

As if emboldened by the adoption of the amendments to the IHR, WHO Director General, Dr Tedros, has announced that it is time to more aggressive in pushing back on "anti-vaxxers." The WHO and Dr Tedros, completely ignore the overwhelming evidence of the lack of efficacy as well as the harms such as myocarditis and strokes caused by the Covid-19 vaccines.

Having said this, there is cause for limited optimism. According to Meryl Nass one of the most active anti IHR and Anti Treaty activist, though most draconian clauses are <u>watered down</u>, the disinformation clause is kept as it was. UHO feels that the WHO in collusion with member states will use this clause to silence any criticism of new, untested and experimental vaccines, as the *WHO Director General Dr Tedros says he will come down heavily on "anti-vaxxers."* 

The censorship will also be used to stifle balanced scientific information and sincere scientists trying to counter the "mass formation psychosis" which was build up by the mainstream medical and media establishment by propaganda to precipitate panic. It is in interest of humanity to fight this clause tooth and nail.

### Former Japanese Minister apologizes for Covid-19 jab-linked deaths

Kazuhiro Haraguchi, Japan's former minister for Internal Affairs and Communications <u>apologized</u> to the public for injuries and deaths resulting from the nation's COVID shot rollout as well as the suppression of the antiviral drug ivermectin. He said this during an address to thousands of people gathered to protest against the WHO in Tokyo on 31 May 2024. He also called for institutional and government accountability.

Notably, Haraguchi decried Japan's prohibition of <u>ivermectin</u>, a domestically produced drug developed by Japanese doctor Satoshi Omura, which Haraguchi contended could have played a decisive role in tackling COVID-19. Rather, the Japanese government banned the drug, in a move which Haraguchi suggested was due to economic interests as ivermectin is cheap and would have interfered with the sales of the vaccines," he said.

### A leading medical journal and media raise concerns of excess mortality in many countries stressing on exploring possible reasons including the Covid-19 vaccines

The British Medical Journal (BMJ) Public Health has raised <u>concerns about excess deaths</u> in most countries following the pandemic and called upon government leaders and policymakers to investigate the health crises. The paper mentions that the excess deaths persisted even after the pandemic was over and Covid-19 vaccines were continued. The highest number of excess mortality was caused by heart disease.

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The British leading daily, The Telegraph, in response to this study carried the <u>headline</u>, "Covid vaccines may have helped fuel rise in excess deaths," implying that some proportion of excess deaths may have been due to the Covid-19 vaccines. Indian leading newspapers, including the <u>Times of India</u> also carried the headline.

We feel that at last the tide may be turning. A few weeks ago, the British PM had categorically stated in parliament that the <u>Covid-19 vaccines are safe</u> and no mainstream media or scientific journal were ready to admit that the vaccine could cause harm.

UHO is of the opinion that our policy makers and scientific bodies should also be open to the possibility of harms from the Covid-19 vaccines.

### Government issues guidance paper to improve reporting of adverse events following vaccination

The government of India has come out with a document laying down <u>guidelines for reporting of adverse events following vaccination</u> by pharmaceutical companies. This has come around as a result of controversies associated with Covid-19 vaccine side-effects. The document provides guidance to manufacturers and importers of vaccines to strengthen their adverse events following immunization (AEFI), monitoring and reporting to ensure patient safety. All AEFI should be reported within 15 days to the licensing authority.

UHO feels this is too little, too late. It is analogous to laying the tracks after superfast trains have started running on old rickety tracks with number of reported and unreported accidents. The proper system of AEFI should have been in place before rolling out mass vaccination in unholy haste.

#### Mexican dies of a novel bird flu strain

Bird flu is in the news and is getting lot of media attention. A man in Mexico died of bird flu recently. His death is being attributed to a novel strain of the bird flu, H5N2, never found in humans earlier. The Mexican public health officials said he had a number of co-morbidities such as kidney failure, diabetes and high blood pressure. The WHO said it does not know how the man got infected. The H5N2 strain has been known to infect poultry in Mexico. There are numerous types of bird flu. H5N2 is not the same strain that has infected multiple dairy cow herds in the U.S. That strain is called H5N1 and three farm workers have gotten mild infections and recovered. The WHO said that the risk of spread among humans is low and none of the contacts of the affected person tested positive.