



Chinese Military Hosts Video Conferences to Help Allies Combat COVID-19

OE Watch Commentary: On 6 April, military health experts from the People's Liberation Army hosted a video conference call with Pakistan's military, where 20 health experts with experience in disease outbreak prevention and control discussed strategies for dealing with COVID-19. According to the accompanying article published by the Chinese state-run *Ministry of Defense Network*, the Chinese experts called in from Beijing and Wuhan, while the Pakistani experts participated from the city of Rawalpindi to discuss issues such as monitoring and detection of COVID-19, emergency command coordination, and clinical treatment options. The article notes that the video conference was the first of several organized by the Chinese military "to share experience in the prevention and control of new coronary pneumonia outbreaks with foreign troops." It also states that the next step for the Chinese military will be to "build a community of human destiny, strengthen international cooperation in the fight against epidemics with the military of the countries concerned, work together to combat the epidemic situation, maintain international health security, and make new contributions to improving human health and build a more healthy community."



The Flag of The People's Liberation Army.

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On 8 April, a second video conference call was held, this time with the Singaporean military, to share knowledge regarding the prevention and containment of COVID-19. According to the *Ministry of Defense Network*, 17 experts from the health departments of both armies with experience in disease testing and prevention first introduced "the overall situation and experience of their respective military forces participating in the national epidemic prevention and control." The experts then discussed topics including COVID-19 testing and diagnosis, clinical treatment methods, epidemic trends (including imported cases), and "psychological intervention."

On 9 April, the Chinese military hosted a third video conference, this time to discuss COVID-19 with the Russian military. The *Ministry of Defense Network* reported that over 30 experts from the health departments of the Chinese and Russian militaries with experience dealing with disease outbreak and containment experience held discussions. China shared the same expertise with Russia that it previously provided to Pakistan and Singapore, but this time also discussed conducting epidemiological investigations and rehabilitative blood plasma therapy for patients with critical cases of COVID-19. The article claimed that Russia "spoke highly of the tremendous efforts made by the Chinese military to participate in epidemic prevention and control and the important achievements China has achieved in fighting the new coronary pneumonia epidemic," saying "We sincerely thank the Chinese military for its high-quality, frank and in-depth academic exchanges and experience sharing, which we believe fully reflect the new era of China and Russia." **End OE Watch Commentary (Hartnett)**

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Source: Qiao Nannan, “Chinese and Pakistani armies hold a video conference on the sharing of experience in the prevention and control of new coronary pneumonia,” *Ministry of Defense Network*, 7 April 2020. www.mod.gov.cn/diplomacy/2020-04/07/content_4863295.htm

On the afternoon of April 6, about 20 people from the military health departments of China and Pakistan and experts in clinical, detection, prevention and control related fields held video sharing sessions on the prevention and control of new coronary pneumonia in Beijing, Wuhan and Rawalpindi.

Subsequently, the two parties focused on the exchange of emergency command coordination, epidemic prevention and control, monitoring and detection, clinical treatment and other topics.

This is the first video conference organized by the Chinese military to share experience in the prevention and control of new coronary pneumonia outbreaks with foreign troops. During the next step, the Chinese military will uphold the concept of serving to build a community of human destiny, strengthen international cooperation in the fight against epidemics with the military of the countries concerned, work together to combat the epidemic situation, maintain international health security, and make new contributions to improving human health and build a more healthy community.

Source: Qiao Nannan, “Chinese and Singaporean troops hold a video conference on sharing experience in the prevention and control of new coronary pneumonia,” *Ministry of Defense Network*, 9 April 2020. www.mod.gov.cn/diplomacy/2020-04/09/content_4863460.htm

On the afternoon of April 8th, the Chinese and Singaporean military held a video conference on the experience sharing of the prevention and control of the new coronary pneumonia epidemic. A total of 17 experts from the health departments of the two armies and related fields in clinical, testing, prevention and control participated in Beijing, Wuhan and Singapore. The two sides introduced the overall situation and experience of their respective military forces participating in the national epidemic prevention and control. The experts focused on the topics of epidemic prevention and control, diagnostic testing, clinical treatment and epidemic trends, and combined with case analysis to discuss the treatment of critical patients and in-hospital control, psychological intervention and prevention and control of imported cases.

Source: Qiao Nannan, “Chinese and Russian troops hold a video conference on sharing experience in the prevention and control of new coronary pneumonia,” *Ministry of Defense Network*, 10 April 2020. www.mod.gov.cn/diplomacy/2020-04/10/content_4863462.htm

On the afternoon of April 9th, the Chinese and Russian armed forces held a video conference on the experience sharing of prevention and control of the new coronary pneumonia epidemic. More than 30 experts from the health departments of the two armies and clinical, detection, prevention and control related fields participated in Beijing, Wuhan and St. Petersburg. The Chinese side introduced the overall situation and experience of the Chinese army’s epidemic prevention and control work. Experts from both sides focused on topics such as epidemic prevention and control, diagnostic testing, and clinical treatment, and combined with case studies to discuss and communicate epidemiological investigations, critical patient treatment, and rehabilitation plasma therapy and other strategies.

The Russian side spoke highly of the tremendous efforts made by the Chinese military to participate in epidemic prevention and control and the important achievements China has achieved in fighting the new coronary pneumonia epidemic. We sincerely thank the Chinese military for its high-quality, frank and in-depth academic exchanges and experience sharing, which we believe fully reflect the new era of China and Russia.