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In the past 24 hours, 264 new cases of coronavirus were confirmed, but 343 patients have recovered at the same time, the Health Ministry reported Friday morning - this is the **first time Israel's daily number of recoveries from coronavirus surpasses the number of new infections.**

Israel has recorded 12,855 cases of coronavirus so far - among them are 182 patients in serious condition, including 129 patients receiving respiratory assistance, 11 fewer than 24 hours earlier.

The Health Ministry noted that 15 of the 129 patients, who are treated using ventilators, are elderly people receiving respiratory assistance on a regular basis.

At least 157 patients are in moderate condition, while 9,401 only display mild symptoms and 2,967 patients have made a full recovery from the virus.

There are currently 632 coronavirus patients receiving treatment in hospitals while 7,242 people are fighting the virus at home. Another 1,531 people are currently receiving treatment in specially designated hotels and 335 are awaiting a decision on whether they will be treated.

Five Israelis have succumbed to complications of COVID-19, bringing the country's coronavirus-related fatalities to 148.

Israel on Thursday evening approved the gradual reopening of the economy despite strong objections from health authorities due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

During a six-hour government meeting, headed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, it was decided to slowly start reopening businesses that have been shut since emergency measures due to the spread of the virus were declared nearly a month ago.

The current **proposal to open the economy**, which is set to come into effect on **Sunday**, was presented by Defense Minister Naftali Bennett, who claimed it is vital to begin lifting the current lockdown as soon as possible.

According to the proposal, trade, services, and manufacturing will operate at 100 percent capacity **as soon as next week** **if they are able to adhere to health directives**.

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**U.S. mulls treatment of Jewish dr. who claims to have cured coronavirus**

Health worker says cured 700 patients suffering from COVID- 19 using malaria drug called **hydroxychloroquine** combined with other substances; drug 'will change the game,' says U.S. President Trump

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The Trump Administration began examining the claims of an Orthodox Jewish American doctor has claims to have cured coronavirus patients using a medicine for the treatment of malaria.

Dr. Vladimir Zelenko, a Ukrainian-born Orthodox Jew from New York who claims to have cured some 700 patients suffering from COVID- 19 using a **malaria drug called hydroxychloroquine combined with other substances**.

The 46-year-old Zelenko did not provide any evidence for the success of his treatment method, but U.S. President Donald Trump said last week that hydroxychloroquine "will change the game."

Zelenko's findings were **first made public by Fox News** talk show host **Sean Hannity** during an **interview** with U.S. Vice-President Mike **Pence**.

Sources in the administration told the Washington Post that the drug was tested on thousands of patients in serious condition. **Zelenko** said he has **treated hundreds** of New York ultra-Orthodox Jewish patients **in moderate condition**, most of them made a full recovery.

**Vice-President Pence** announced that he **had instructed the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to expedite any permits required to facilitate Zelenko's treatment**, which includes a combination of **anti-malaria** medicine, **vitamin supplements, zinc, and antibiotics**.

Chief Rabbi of Ukraine Rabbi Moshe Reuven Azman said that he has recommended his country's authorities to **adopt Zelenko's treatment** method.

"He is an outstanding doctor," Azman told Ynet's sister publication Yedioth Ahronoth. "He has a clinic in a New York suburb, there are some 40,000 Satmar adherents there. No one of them died and no one was hospitalized. The results are amazing and speak for themselves."

"The DOJ and State have said that Hillary Clinton has gone too far for their liking," Tom Fitton states in last week's Weekly Update.

Hillary Clinton's "desperate motion to the appellate court" has done little to stop Judicial Watch's unrelenting effort to uncover the full extent of the Clinton email scandal. Filing a writ of mandamus, "essentially suing the court for... abusing her 'indisputable right' not to testify," Clinton and Mills claim a protected status as ex-high government officials. However, their appeal "doesn't offer a single case from this court or any other suggesting that high level government officials should not be required to follow regular appellate channels," Fitton continues.

Judicial Watch has also challenged Clinton's argument that she "held the server under a claim of right," despite containing thousands of federal records. Contrary to legal precedent, "Clinton did not obtain an opinion from State's legal advisor as to whether she could take the federal records prior to her departure from State."

In recent statements, the State Department and Justice Department have also openly clashed with Clinton's claim, describing it as "inappropriate" according to Fitton. However, despite the fact that "many questions remain unanswered, the Justice Department inexplicably still takes the position that the court should close discovery and end the case." In response, the District Court followed by stating the following: "To argue that the court has now enough information to determine whether State conducted an adequate search is preposterous, especially when considering State's deficient representations regarding the existence of additional Clinton emails. Instead, the court will now authorize a new round of discovery." Having "reasonably concluded that Clinton's previous explanations for using a private server are cursory, incomplete and seemingly at odds with what discovery has yielded to date," it would indeed be "preposterous" to end the case here. With her original deposition scheduled for May 16th, "I expect the appellate court should move pretty quickly," Fitton states. "My guess is that they'll have a phone hearing, which may be live-streamed."

Even though Hillary Clinton considers a new round of discovery in the District Court to be "an abuse of discretion, the court agrees with Judicial Watch. It's time to hear more from secretary Clinton," Fitton concludes.