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Coronavirus latest: Europe death toll tops 30,000 as global infections exceed 900,000

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- **Italy fatalities slow, but cases rise sharply; France deaths reach 4,000**
- **New York state deaths double in 72 hours; Florida to issue stay-at-home order**

The coronavirus pandemic has claimed more than 30,000 lives in Europe alone, a global tally showed on Wednesday, in what the head of the United Nations has described as humanity's worst crisis since World War II.

Italy and Spain bore the brunt of the crisis, accounting for three in every four deaths on the continent, as the grim tally hit another milestone even though half of the planet's population is already under some form of lockdown in a battle to halt contagion.

Spain reported a record 864 deaths in 24 hours, pushing the country's number of fatalities past 9,000.

The toll is only surpassed by Italy's, where the virus has killed more than 13,000 people.

Since emerging in China in December, Covid-19 has spread across the globe, claiming

over 45,000 lives and infecting more than 900,000 people.



A man wears a protective mask as he walks in a snowstorm in Skopje, North Macedonia on Wednesday. Photo: AFP

US President Donald Trump has warned of a "very, very painful two weeks" as the United States registered its deadliest 24 hours of what he called a "plague".

In a scramble to halt the contagion, governments have shut schools, most shops, and ordered millions of people to work from home.

Cancellations of key events on the global calendar have swept both the sports and cultural worlds, with the Wimbledon Grand Slam tournament and the Edinburgh arts festival the latest to be scrapped.

Confirmed Covid-19 cases	
Total	
913,352	cases
45,504	deaths
112,141	recovered

*based on the WHO's Covid-19 situation reports
**includes presumptive cases

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