

South Korea fire kills 25

A fire at a warehouse in South Korea killed 25 people yesterday, it was reported, while "all necessary" resources were being mobilised to save those still trapped inside.

British PM's partner gives birth to baby boy



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's partner Carrie Symonds on Wednesday gave birth to a "healthy baby boy" in a London hospital, a spokesman for the couple said.

Hillary Clinton endorses Biden's White House bid

Hillary Clinton endorsed Joe Biden's White House bid on Tuesday, saying the United States needs a "real president" and not just "somebody who plays one on TV."



A man in protective gear offers funeral prayers for a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who died from the COVID-19 coronavirus before his burial, at a graveyard in New Delhi, yesterday.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

1.6b workers risk losing livelihoods

Some 1.6 billion workers in the informal economy, representing nearly half of the global labour force, are in immediate danger of losing their livelihoods due to the coronavirus pandemic, the International Labour Organization (ILO) said yesterday.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

US panel urges targeted sanctions on India

A US government panel yesterday called for India to be put on a religious freedom blacklist over a "drastic" downturn under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, triggering a sharp rebuttal from New Delhi.

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LATEST UPDATES

MORE THAN 217,000 DEATHS More than 217,439 people have died worldwide since the epidemic surfaced in China in December, according to an AFP tally at 1100 GMT yesterday based on official sources.

EMERGING FROM LOCKDOWNS France's Prime Minister Edouard Philippe says the country will begin a gradual return to normality on May 11, with shops, markets and some schools reopening and the wearing of masks compulsory on public transport.

MASKS ACROSS GERMANY Face masks are now mandatory in shops across Germany. Nose and mouth coverings are also compulsory on buses, trains and trams.

OSCARS TWEAK ENTRY RULES The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences breaks with its tradition of requiring at least a seven-day run in Los Angeles theatres for films to be eligible for the Oscars.

FACE MASKS INEFFECTIVE! British scientists advising the government have concluded that wearing a face mask has a small effect on stopping a coronavirus carrier from infecting someone else.

BRAZIL PASSES 5,000 DEATHS Brazil, the South American country worst-hit by the coronavirus pandemic, has registered more than 5,000 deaths from COVID-19, the health ministry announced.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

UN fears 20pc rise in domestic abuse

THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION, London The coronavirus lockdown could lead to a 20% surge in domestic violence as victims remain trapped at home with their abusers, the United Nations predicted on Tuesday.

contraception, leading to 1 million unintended pregnancies, if the lockdown lasts three months and causes major disruption to services.



unplanned pregnancies if restrictions continue for six months, according to the study carried out with Johns Hopkins University, Victoria University in Australia and global health organisation Avenir Health.

Blast kills 3 in Kabul

AFP, Kabul A suicide bomber killed at least three people and wounded 15 others after detonating explosives near a military outpost in Kabul yesterday, an official confirmed.

The blast comes as violence has surged across Afghanistan, with the UN reporting earlier this week that attacks spiked in the country following the signing of a US and Taliban agreement in late February.



People wearing face masks following the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak walk past flower installations set up to mark the upcoming Labour Day holiday, at Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

UNSC eyes 3-month 'humanitarian pause' in global conflicts

AFP, United Nations The UN Security Council plans to call for a 90-day "humanitarian pause" in conflicts worldwide as part of the ongoing struggle against the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a draft resolution obtained by AFP Tuesday.

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