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Africa Covid job shortfall could take world 'back to square one'
Africa faces a 470 million shortfall in Covid-19 vaccine doses this year after the Covax alliance cut its projected shipments, raising the risk of new and deadly variants, the WHO said on Thursday. Only 17 percent of the continent's population will now be vaccinated by the end of this year, compared with the 40 percent target set by the World Health Organization. "The staggering inequity and severe lag in shipments of vaccines threatens to turn areas in Africa ... into breeding grounds for vaccine-resistant variants," said Matshidiso Moeti, World Health Organization's Africa director. "This could end up sending the whole world back to square one."

Myanmar junta to put Suu Kyi on trial for corruption
Myanmar's junta will put ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi on trial for corruption, her lawyer said yesterday, adding to a raft of ongoing cases that could see her jailed for decades. Suu Kyi has been under house arrest since her National League for Democracy (NLD) government was deposed by the military in a February coup that sparked a mass uprising and a brutal crackdown on dissent. The 76-year-old Nobel laureate is currently on trial for flouting coronavirus restrictions during polls the NLD won in a landslide last year, illegally importing walkie-talkies and sedition. She will face a new trial on four charges of corruption beginning on October 1 in the capital Naypyidaw, her lawyer Khin Maung Zaw said. Each corruption charge carries a maximum sentence of 15 years.



Blinken urges more normalisation with Israel
US Secretary of State Antony Blinken yesterday called on more Arab nations to recognise Israel as he met four ministers on the anniversary of a normalisation accord. "We will encourage more countries to follow the lead of the Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco. We want to widen the circle of peaceful diplomacy," Blinken said in a virtual meeting with ministers of the three countries as well as Israel. The United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, followed soon afterward by Morocco, last year normalised ties with Israel in the first such moves by Arab states in decades. Then-president Donald Trump considered Abraham Accords to be a key diplomatic win -- and Blinken made clear that President Joe Biden did not disagree.

Work-related accidents, illnesses kill 2m each year: UN
Work-related illnesses and injuries kill nearly two million people annually, largely because of long working hours, the UN said yesterday, warning the pandemic would surely worsen the situation. Exposure to long working hours, defined as working 55 hours a week or more, was key risk factor, and deemed responsible for 750,000 deaths in 2016, the UN report said.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



Activists of the youth wing of India's main opposition Congress party protest against what they say is rising unemployment in the country, while marking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 71st birthday as the "National Unemployment Day", in New Delhi, India yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Quotes of the day



It's long overdue. I'm not out to punish anyone. I'm a capitalist ... All I'm asking is you pay your fair share. It's about the super wealthy finally beginning to pay what they owe... I'm confident that Congress will deliver to my desk both the bipartisan infrastructure plan and the Build Back Better Plan I proposed."

US PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN CALLS FOR MASSIVE TAX HIKES TO PAY FOR SPENDING PLAN

Border troop pullback needed for better ties

Indian FM tells China at SCO summit in Dushanbe

REUTERS, New Delhi

India has told China that their bilateral relations will only develop when both countries pull their troops back from a confrontation on their disputed Himalayan border, the Indian foreign minister said. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar discussed the possibility of both sides when he met his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, on the sidelines of a regional conference in Dushanbe on Thursday. "Discussed disengagement in our border areas. Underlined that progress in this regard is essential for restoration of peace and tranquillity, which is the basis for development of bilateral ties," Jaishankar said on Twitter. Thousands of Indian and Chinese soldiers have been locked in confrontation in the western Himalayas since last year when animosity over a decades-old border dispute blew up. In June last year, tension erupted into hand-to-hand fighting resulting in deaths on both sides, the first between them in decades. After several rounds of talks between their commanders, their forces have stepped back on some sections of the border, including the Pangong

Tso lake, a contested area near the site of last year's clashes. But troops backed by artillery remain dug in close proximity in other sectors. "China has always handled the China-India border issue properly and with a positive attitude," Wang said. "(Both sides should) work together to maintain peace and tranquility in the border areas, and stop border incidents from recurring." As two major emerging economies, China and India should push bilateral ties back to a healthy and stable track, a statement from the Chinese foreign ministry cited Wang as saying. China and India went to war over their border in 1962 and have never resolved the dispute. Even so, in recent years, trade ties have flourished. Jaishankar said he also discussed recent global events with Wang. He did not give details. While China's close military ties with India's arch-rival Pakistan have been a source of tension, Jaishankar said India-China relations should be seen in bilateral terms. "It is also essential that China does not view its relations with India through the lens of a third country," he said he told Wang.

More US troops to come: Australia

Eyes missile work with allies amid concerns over rising China

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Australia has announced that more US troops will rotate through the island nation and that the allies will cooperate on missile development, the latest joint steps amid shared concerns about China's increasing assertiveness in the region. Australia earlier announced a three-way alliance with the United States and Britain in which Canberra will acquire nuclear-powered submarines, enraging France whose own key contract for conventional submarines was scrapped. Outlining further measures on a visit to Washington, Defence Minister Peter Dutton said on Thursday that Australia will be "significantly enhancing" cooperation including working together on the development of missiles and explosive ordnance. He said Australia was willing to see more US Marines in a 10-year rotation through the northern city of Darwin. "I do have an aspiration to make sure that we can increase the numbers of troops through the rotations," Dutton said. "The air capability will be enhanced, our maritime capability enhanced and certainly the force posture enhanced." Prime Minister Scott Morrison earlier had said that Australia would acquire long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles. US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, also without giving numbers, confirmed that the United States "will expand our access and presence in Australia." Austin said the two allies discussed concerns about China in the four-way meeting involving Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Foreign Minister Marise Payne. "While we seek a constructive, results-oriented relationship with the PRC, we will remain clear-eyed in our view of Beijing's efforts to undermine the established international order," Austin said. China has voiced anger about the nuclear submarine deal, which comes as Australia faces growing commercial and diplomatic pressure from the Asian power.



Taliban moral cops replace women ministry

REUTERS

Workers in the Afghan capital Kabul replaced signs for the country's women's ministry with those for the Taliban's moral police yesterday, as female former employees of the department said they had been locked out of the building. A sign for the building was covered by a replacement in a mixture of Dari and Arabic, reading "Ministries of Prayer and Guidance and the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice" yesterday, according to photographs and Reuters witnesses. Female employees said they had been trying to come to work for several weeks only to be told to return to their homes, according to videos filmed outside the building seen by Reuters. The gates of the building were finally locked on Thursday, one of the women said. "I am the only breadwinner in my family," said a second woman, who also said she worked in the department. "When there is no ministry, what should an Afghan woman do?" Taliban spokesmen did not respond to requests for comment yesterday.



Migrants seeking asylum in the US walk in the Rio Grande river near the International Bridge between Mexico and the US as they wait to be processed, in Del Rio, Texas, US on Thursday.

PHOTO: REUTERS



SEPTEMBER 18
1961 - Dag Hammarskjöld, Swedish statesman and Secretary-General of the United Nations, was killed in a plane crash in what was then Northern Rhodesia.
1982 - Lebanese Christian militias ended a massacre in the Palestinian refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila in Beirut, in which at least 800 were killed.
2005 - Voters in Afghanistan braved threats from Taliban to vote in their first legislative elections in decades.

SOURCE: REUTERS

World's biggest tree gets blanket

AFP, Los Angeles

The world's biggest trees were being wrapped in fire-proof blankets Thursday in an effort to protect them from huge blazes tearing through the drought-stricken western United States. A grove of ancient sequoias, including the 275-foot (83-meter) General Sherman Tree -- the largest in the world -- were getting aluminum cladding to fend off the flames. Firefighters were also clearing brush and pre-positioning engines among the 2,000 ancient trees in California's Sequoia National Park, incident commanders said. "They are taking extraordinary

measures to protect these trees," said park resource manager Christy Brigham, according to The Mercury News. "We just really want to do everything we can to protect these 2,000- and 3,000-year-old trees." Millions of acres (hundreds of thousands of hectares) of California's forests have burned in this year's ferocious fire season. Scientists say man-made global warming is behind the yearslong drought and rising temperatures that have left the region highly vulnerable to wildfires. On Thursday, two fires were looming down on the park's Giant Forest, home to five of the world's largest trees, including the General Sherman.

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