Yemenis inspect the damage following overnight air strikes by the Saudi-led coalition targeting the Huthi rebel-held capital Sanaa, yesterday. The alliance strikes, which killed at least 20 people including children, followed an attack claimed by the Iran-aligned Houthis on Monday on coalition partner the United Arab Emirates, in Abu Dhabi, in which three people were killed.

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GLOBAL SURVEY ON PUBLIC TRUST

Autocracies outdo democracies

REUTERS

Public trust in governments running the world's democracies has fallen to new lows over their handling of the pandemic and amid a widespread sense of economic pessimism, a global survey has found.

The Edelman Trust Barometer, which for two decades has polled thousands of people on trust in their governments, media, business and NGOs, conversely showed rising scores in several autocratic states, notably China.

It also highlighted that business, thanks to its role developing vaccines and adapting workplace and retail practices, had retained strong levels of trust globally, albeit with reservations about its commitment to social fairness.

"We really have a collapse of trust in democracies," said Richard Edelman, whose Edelman communications group published the survey of over 36,000 respondents in 28 countries interviewed between Nov. 1-24 of last year.

"It all goes back to: 'Do you have a sense of economic confidence?'" he added, noting high levels of concern about job losses linked either to the pandemic or automation.

The biggest losers of public trust over the last year were institutions in Germany, down 7 points to 46, Australia at 53 (-6), the Netherlands at 57 (-6), South Korea at 42 (-5) and the United States at 43 (-5). By contrast, public trust in institutions in China stood at 83%, up 11 points, 76% in United Arab Emirates (+9) and 66% in Thailand (+5).

The trillions of dollars of stimulus spent by the world's richest nations to support their economies through the pandemic have failed to instil a lasting sense of confidence, the survey suggested.

In Japan, only 15% of people believed they and their families would be better off in five years' time, with most other democracies ranging around 20-40% on the same question.

But in China nearly two-thirds were optimistic about their economic fortunes and 80% of Indians believed they would be better off in five years.

Edelman said higher public trust levels in China were linked not just to economic perceptions but also to a greater sense of predictability about Chinese policy, not least on the pandemic.

"I think there is a coherence between what is done and what is said...They have handled Covid better than the US for example."

The results of the latest Edelman survey are in tune with its findings in recent years that charted rising disillusionment with capitalism, political leadership and the media.

Indonesia passes law to relocate capital

REUTERS, *Jakarta*

Indonesia's parliament has approved a bill to relocate the nation's capital from Jakarta to a jungled area of Kalimantan on Borneo island, the planning minister said yesterday.

The new state capital law, which provides a legal framework for President Joko Widodo's ambitious $32 billion mega project, stipulates how development of the capital will be funded and governed.

"The new capital has a central function and is a symbol of the identity of the nation, as well as a new centre of economic gravity," planning minister, Suharso Monoarfa, told parliament after the bill was passed into law.

The new centre will be called "Nusantara", a Javanese name for the Indonesian archipelago chosen by the president, Monoarfa announced on Monday.

Plans to relocate the government from Jakarta, a bustling megacity of 10 million people that suffers from chronic congestion, floods and air pollution, have been floated by multiple presidents, but none have made it this far.

Southeast Asia's largest economy has envisioned the new capital as a low-carbon "super hub" that will support pharmaceutical, health and technology sectors and promote sustainable growth beyond Java island. But critics say the law was rushed through with limited public consultation and environmental consideration.

British PM 'lied to House about lockdown party'

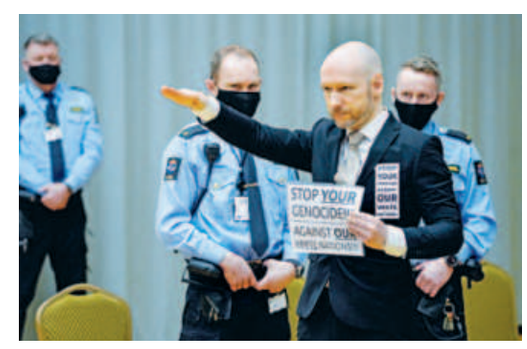
AFP, *London*

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson lied to parliament when he claimed he did not know of his staff's plans to hold a drinks party on May 20, 2020 during lockdown, his former aide Dominic Cummings has said. Cummings made the claim on social media on Monday evening. He has repeatedly attacked his former boss since resigning as Johnson's former chief adviser in November 2020. Cummings said he himself warned the prime minister over the party, saying Downing Street was becoming a "madhouse", but Johnson "waved it aside". "The events of 20 May alone, never mind the string of other events, mean the PM lied to Parliament about parties," said Cummings. Deputy PM Dominic Raab denied the allegation.

Outcry as India shuts Kashmir Press Club

AFP, *Srinagar*

The Indian government has shut down the Kashmir Press Club, prompting an outcry from journalists, politicians and others who called the move further evidence of efforts to silence critical reporting in the disputed territory. The KPC was the only elected journalists' body in Kashmir. Authorities on Monday said that the association, created in 2019 after a lengthy struggle by local journalists, had "ceased to exist" as a registered body, accusing members of "illegalities on several counts". The Editor's Guild of India called the action an "armed takeover". The US-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) said the aim of the shutdown was "to prevent journalists from doing their jobs", calling on authorities to stop the "repeated harassment of journalists" in Kashmir.



Breivik seeks parole

AFP, *Oslo*

Right-wing extremist Anders Behring Breivik made a Nazi salute and held up racist messages yesterday as he asked for parole, a request widely expected to be denied just 10 years after carrying out Norway's deadliest peacetime attack. Breivik, 42, appeared before the district court in the southern region of Telemark, convened for security reasons in the gymnasium of the Skien prison where he is incarcerated. In 2012 Breivik, who killed 77 people during the massacre, got 21 years in prison. He said he killed his victims because they embraced multiculturalism.

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