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### THE WORLD IN 2021

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AUSTRALIA, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 1 January 2021:

**Australia changes word in anthem to honor Indigenous people**



Australia has changed one word in its national anthem to reflect what the prime minister called "the spirit of unity" and the country's Indigenous population. Prime Minister Scott Morrison on New Year's Eve announced that the second line of the anthem, Advance Australia Fair, has been changed from "For we are young and free" to "For we are one and free." The change took effect on January. 1. "It is time to ensure this great unity is reflected more fully in our national anthem," he said, adding that Australia was the "most successful multicultural nation on Earth." "While Australia as a modern nation may be relatively young, our country's story is ancient, as are the stories of the many First Nations peoples whose stewardship we rightly acknowledge and respect," Morrison said.

MEDITERRANEAN

UK, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 4 January 2021: **UK**

**judge refuses extradition of WikiLeaks founder Assange**



A British judge has rejected the United States' request to extradite WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to face espionage charges, saying it would be "oppressive" because of his mental health. District Judge Vanessa Baraitser said on Jan. 4 Assange was likely to commit suicide if sent to the U.S. The U.S. government said it would appeal the decision. U.S. prosecutors have indicted Assange on 17 espionage charges and one charge of computer misuse over WikiLeaks' publication of leaked military and diplomatic documents a decade ago. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 175 years in prison.

AFRICA

MADAGASCAR, UNITED NATIONS WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (ROME), 2 JANUARY 2021:

**Madagascar: Humanitarian Crisis Looms in Southern Madagascar As Drought and Pandemic Double Number of Hungry People.** Antananarivo

— Three consecutive years of drought coupled with a sharp recession triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic will leave a third of the population in Southern Madagascar struggling to put food on the table. With severe malnutrition rates continuing to spiral and many children forced to beg in order to help their families eat, urgent action is required to prevent a humanitarian crisis. With drought conditions persisting into 2021 and a poor last harvest, weary communities have few resources to fall back on and many have had to leave their homes in search of food and work. Some 1.35 million people are projected to be food insecure - 35% of the region's population. The figure is nearly double what it was in the same period last year. The COVID-19

ASIA

CHINA, *South China Morning Post* (*Natalie Wong, Danny Lee, Chris Lau and Phila Siu*), 6

January 2021: **Hong Kong national security law: 53 former opposition lawmakers, activists arrested; authorities accuse them of plot to 'overthrow' government.**



Opposition activist Benny Tai is taken to Ma On Shan Police Station after his arrest. Photo: Bloomberg. Nearly 1,000 police officers conduct raids across city, detaining 53 people accused of organising or involvement in unofficial primary election last July. Authorities say the '35-plus' plan to take control of the 70-member legislature in now-postponed official elections ran afoul of the national security law. More than 50 former opposition lawmakers and activists were arrested on Wednesday on subversion charges in the biggest crackdown yet under Hong Kong's national security law, with authorities accusing them of a plot to "overthrow" the government. Nearly 1,000 police officers

"In the spirit of unity, it is only right that we ensure our national anthem reflects this truth and shared appreciation." Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt said in a statement that he had been asked about the change and had given it his support. Wyatt, the first Indigenous Australian elected to the federal Parliament's lower house, said the one-word change was "small in nature but significant in purpose."

USA, *The Washington Post* (Rosalind S. Helderman, Karoun Demirjian, Seung Min Kim and Mike DeBonis), 7 January 2021: **Congress affirms Biden's win. Hours after pro-Trump mob storms U.S. Capitol, House and Senate reconvene to confirm president-elect's victory. Congress affirms Biden's presidential win following riot at U.S. Capitol.**



Members of Congress, shaken and angry following a violent assault on the U.S.

ITALY, *El País* (DANIEL VERDÚ), 13 January 2021: **Renzi abre una crisis de Gobierno en Italia al retirar a sus ministros del Ejecutivo de Conte.**



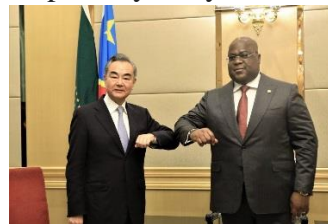
Matteo Renzi, durante la rueda de prensa donde ha anunciado la dimisión de sus ministros. En vídeo, parte de sus declaraciones. (FOTO: AFP | VÍDEO: REUTERS). El líder de Italia Viva cumple su amenaza e inicia un proceso que puede terminar con la dimisión del primer ministro esta semana. El líder de Italia Viva, Matteo Renzi, ha cumplido finalmente con su amenaza y ha obligado a dimitir a las ministras de su partido del Gobierno de coalición italiano. El movimiento abre una crisis todavía sin una salida a la vista que provocará, con toda probabilidad, la dimisión del primer ministro Giuseppe Conte esta misma semana. Las incógnitas son muchas. Es incluso posible que el primer ministro sea nombrado de nuevo para encabezar un tercer Ejecutivo esta misma legislatura. Pero la situación del país es de extrema fragilidad y el presidente de la República, Sergio Mattarella, deberá ahora comenzar una ronda de consultas para encontrar una salida.

DENMARK, *Euronews*, 14 January 2021: **Inger Støjberg: Denmark's ex-immigration minister set to face impeachment trial**

pandemic has added to the hardship, causing seasonal employment to dry up. Many families relied on this income to get through the lean season, which peaks between January and April.

CONGO, *South China Morning Post* (Jevans Nyabiage), 7 January 2021: **China cancels Democratic Republic of Congo loans as it joins belt and road.**

Beijing writes off US\$28 million in matured loans and pledges US\$17 million of support in a country where Chinese firms already dominate mining sector. But the African nation owed a relatively small debt to China and still needs to rally more international help, analyst says.



Wang Yi meets Democratic Republic of Congo's President Felix Tshisekedi in Kinshasa on Wednesday. Photo: Xinhua. China has cancelled the Democratic Republic of Congo's interest-free loans that matured in 2020 and promised to fund infrastructure projects as the Central African nation joined the Belt and Road Initiative.

conducted raids across the city, detaining 53 people accused of organising or involvement in the pan-democratic camp's unofficial, primary run-off election last July in which 610,000 voters took part. Officials said the "35-plus" plan by opposition politicians to take control of the 70-member Legislative Council in now-postponed official elections ran afoul of the national security law as it was part of a wider strategy to paralyse the government, provoke Beijing into ending the "one country, two systems" policy under which Hong Kong is governed, and trigger international sanctions against China.

CHINA, *South China Morning Post* (Liu Zhen), 7 January 2021: **Xi Jinping orders China's military to be ready for war 'at any second'.** As the PLA kicks off its training programme for 2021, its ultimate commander stresses combat readiness and more hi-tech. Frontline frictions must be used to polish troop capabilities and training exercises need to incorporate technology, Xi said.

Capitol by a mob of President Trump's supporters, put a final stamp on President-elect Joe Biden's victory early Thursday morning and brought an end to a historically turbulent post-election period.



Ashli Babbitt was one of four fatalities from the violent coup attempt that wreaked havoc through the halls of Congress on Wednesday. Republicans had at one point planned to object to the electoral college votes in a series of states won by Biden, but after the storming of the Capitol, several GOP senators changed course, disputing only Arizona and Pennsylvania. Both challenges failed. Shortly after Congress affirmed Biden's win, Trump pledged an "an orderly transition." The statement, tweeted by White House social media director Dan Scavino as Trump remained locked out of his own Twitter account, stops short of conceding or congratulating Biden. "Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly



*Inger Støjberg served as Denmark's immigration minister from 2015 to 2019.* Copyright Peter Hove

Olesen/Polfoto via AP. File.

Denmark will hold its first political trial in three decades after the country's ruling party supported a vote in parliament to try a former immigration minister. Inger Støjberg served as Denmark's immigration minister from 2015 to 2019. In 2016, she issued an order to separate asylum-seeking couples where one of the pair was under the age of 18. The order separated 23 married couples, some of whom had one or more children together, before being halted. The Danish Parliamentary Ombudsman later found the order was illegal as it did not allow authorities to individually assess or consult those affected. Støjberg has denied knowingly breaking the law and says the policy was aimed to prevent child marriages in the country. An investigation into the so-called "child bride case" led to her resignation as vice-president of the Liberal

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing would write off loans to DRC worth an estimated US\$28 million to help the country overcome the impact of Covid-19, and give US\$17 million in other financial support. Interest-free loans account for only about 5 per cent of the loans China has advanced to Africa.

SOMALIA, *Dalsan Radio*, 9 JANUARY 2021: **Somalia: PM Roble Declares Govt Will Hold Unilateral Elections Amid Wrangling.**



After holding talks with three regional states, Somali Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble has announced that elections will go forward, despite strong dissent among the country's leaders. Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble on Saturday announced the country will hold elections after holding talks with three regional states.

CHAD, *Institute for Security Studies (Tshwane/Pretoria - ANALYSIS* By Remadji Hoinathy) **11 JANUARY 2021: West Africa: Boko Haram Blocks**



China's People's Liberation Army should use current conflicts to polish its troop capabilities, according to new year orders issued by Chinese President Xi Jinping. Photo: Reuters. In his first order of the new year to the country's armed forces, Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed the need for "full-time combat readiness" and said the People's Liberation Army must use frontline frictions to polish troop capabilities. Xi, who also chairs China's Central Military Commission (CMC), the top command body, said the PLA must be ready to "act at any second" as the country's armed forces kicked off the year's military training and exercises on Monday. He also ordered the PLA to "substantially increase" the use of technology in its exercises, and to keep up with the latest developments in military and hi-tech knowledge. These included the use of computer simulations and online combat in drills, as well as exploration of more opportunities to add hi-tech and the internet - known as tech+ and web+ - in training.

IRAQ, *South China Morning Post (AP)*, 7 January 2021: **Iraq issues arrest warrant for Donald Trump over Soleimani**

transition on January 20th,” Trump said, noting that Congress’s action “represents the end of the greatest first term in presidential history.”

USA, *The Washington Post* (Opinion by the [Editorial Board](#)), 7 January 2021: **Trump caused the assault on the Capitol. He must be removed.**

USA, *NYT* (SHAILA DEWAN, NEIL MACFARQUHAR, JOHN ELIGON, CHRISTIAAN TRIEBERT, HALEY WILLIS, STELLA COOPER, CORA ENGELBRECHT, EVAN HILL and ARIELLE RAY), 7 January 2021: **Capitol Breach Draws Sharp Condemnation of Law Enforcement.**



The Capitol Police were clearly outnumbered and unprepared for the onslaught. And many saw a stark double standard.

USA, *La Nacion* (BBAA), 7 January 2021: **Washington mantendrá el estado de emergencia hasta la toma de mando de Biden.**

Party. The move by the Social Democrats meant that a majority of the 179-seat Folketing was in favour of Støjberg facing the rarely used Court of Impeachment. Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said in a statement that the party supported the motion "on the basis of the clear legal assessments". Now a majority in parliament has decided the minister should face trial, Støjberg cannot appeal. If convicted, she faces a fine or maximum prison sentence of two years. Earlier this month, lawyers appointed by parliament had said that there was a legal basis to charge Støjberg after a commission report said the order was "clearly illegal". The former minister had also received warnings from her department that the practice was unlawful, the Commission found. Støjberg was considered an immigration hardliner and used her time in office to tighten rules for asylum seekers. In 2016, Denmark adopted a law requiring new arrivals to hand over valuables, including jewellery, to help pay for their stay in the country. The Court of Impeachment,

## Lake Chad Trade Routes.



*Deutsche Welle* Lake Chad. The Boko Haram insurgency has had devastating consequences on Lake Chad boat transporters, a socio-economic group that has been the locomotive of local trade for decades. An effective crisis response must address the needs of this often overlooked group. Interventions to deal with the Boko Haram threat have largely ignored the impact on the economic activity of boat drivers who have been affected since 2015. Not being able to cross over to Nigeria has deprived Chadian boat operators of their main, if not their only, source of livelihood. Before the Boko Haram crisis, generations of boat drivers contributed to a flourishing formal and informal economy based on the movement of people and goods. Their activity helped make the Lake Chad Basin a sub-regional trade hub. Compared to road transport, boats offered a faster solution to delivering large quantities of goods.

**killing.** The arrest warrant was for a charge of premeditated murder, which carries the death penalty on conviction. It is unlikely to be carried out. Iranian General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis were killed in a US drone strike on Baghdad’s airport last January.



US President Donald Trump ordered the strike that killed General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis in Baghdad last January. Photo: AP. An arrest warrant was issued on Thursday for outgoing President Donald Trump in connection with the killing of an Iranian general and a powerful Iraqi militia leader last year, Iraq’s judiciary said. The warrant was issued by a judge in Baghdad’s investigative court tasked with probing the drone strike that killed General Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis outside the capital’s airport last January, the court’s media office said. The strike on their motorcade was ordered by Trump, who later crowed that it had taken out “two [men] for the price of one”. Al-Muhandis was the deputy leader of the state-sanctioned Popular Mobilisation Forces, an umbrella group composed of an array of militias,



Un miembro de la Guardia Nacional vigila fuera del lado este del Capitolio de Estados Unidos el 07 de enero de 2021 en Washington, DC. **La ciudad de Washington ha extendido la orden de emergencia emitida el miércoles por la alcaldesa Muriel Bowser 15 días más para cubrir la investidura de Joe Biden y Kamala Harris y los días posteriores, lo que facilita la solicitud de recursos para proteger la ciudad y a sus habitantes.** "La alcaldesa de Washington, DC Muriel Bowser ha extendido la orden de emergencia pública, que incluye la posibilidad de establecer el toque de queda, por 15 días, o hasta el 21 de enero, el día después de la toma de posesión del presidente electo Joe Biden", informó *Bloomberg*. La decisión se tomó luego de que [cientos de partidarios del presidente Donald Trump irrumpieran en el Capitolio el miércoles](#) en un intento por revertir su derrota electoral, ocupando un símbolo de la democracia estadounidense, lo que obligó al Congreso de

which adjudicates cases where a government minister is accused of unlawful misconduct and misuse of office, was last used in 1995 and has only heard five cases since it was created in 1849. Only two ministers have been found guilty in the court's history. In 1995, former Justice Minister Erik Ninn-Hansen was given a suspended four-month prison sentence for preventing refugees from Sri Lanka from bringing their families to Denmark.

NETHERLAND, *Le Monde* (Jean-Pierre Stroobants), 15 January 2021: Le premier ministre des Pays-Bas, Mark Rutte, se résout à la démission, deux mois avant les législatives. Le premier ministre expédiera les affaires courantes tout en faisant campagne pour le scrutin de mars. Il anticipe le vote probable d'une motion de censure au sujet de fausses allégations de fraudes aux allocations familiales.



Mark Rutte à La Haye, le 15 janvier. REMKO DE WAAL / AFP. Drôle de crise, mais

This meant income for traders and boat drivers, and lower prices for consumers. Every week, canoes crowded with hundreds of people and goods (smoked fish, corn, wheat, cow and camel skins, among others), would leave Bol and Baga Sola in Chad, in the direction of Baga Kawa in Nigeria. Baga Kawa is an important commercial hub from where fishing, agricultural and livestock products are moved into Nigeria, and Nigerian manufactured products are traded into the other Lake Chad Basin countries.

ALGERIA-SOUTH AFRICA, *Algerie Presse Service (Algiers)*, 12 JANUARY 2021: **Algeria: Algiers, Pretoria Agree to Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation.** Minister of Foreign Affairs Sabri Boukadoum and South Africa's International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor on Tuesday agreed to strengthen cooperation between Algeria and South Africa in the economic and commercial trade, and welcomed the convergence of views on regional and international issues, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a communiqué.

including Iran-backed groups, formed to fight the Islamic State terrorist group. Soleimani headed the expeditionary Quds force of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps. The arrest warrant was for a charge of premeditated murder, which carries the death penalty on conviction. It is unlikely to be carried out but is symbolic in the waning days of Trump's presidency.

INDONESIA, *La Repubblica*, 15 January 2021: Indonesia, terremoto di magnitudo 6.2. Almeno 42 morti e centinaia di feriti. *Il sisma nei pressi dell'isola di Sulawesi. Distrutto un ospedale, migliaia di persone evacuate. [...]*.



Soccorritori in cerca di sopravvissuti all'ospedale Mitra Manakarra, in cui sono intrappolati in venti tra pazienti e sanitari (afp). L'ipocentro del sisma è stato a una profondità di 10 chilometri, stando alle rilevazioni dell'Emsc, il Centro sismologico euro-mediterraneo, e l'epicentro era a sei chilometri a nord-est della città di Majene.

INDIA, *Journal of Democracy* (*Madhav Khosla, Milan Vaishnav*), January

Estados Unidos a posponer temporalmente la sesión para certificar la victoria del presidente electo Joe Biden.

*La Nacion (BBAA)*, 7 January 2021: **Toma del Capitolio: quién es Q-Shaman, el hombre que entró vestido con pieles y cuernos.**



Q-Shaman llamó la atención de todos los que estuvieron pendientes de la invasión del capitolio por parte de los seguidores de Donald Trump Crédito: Twitter. Un fenómeno inédito se vivió ayer a la tarde en los **Estados Unidos** cuando un grupo de seguidores [del presidente Donald Trump irrumpieron en el Capitolio](#) y se enfrentó con la policía en el interior del emblemático edificio, que es sede del poder legislativo estadounidense. Entre las imágenes de los disturbios que conmovieron al mundo entero, una figura resultó llamativa por la manera en la que estaba ataviada. Se trata de un hombre, que apareció en varias imágenes dentro del **Congreso** con el torso desnudo y tatuado, con el rostro pintado con los colores de la

crise apparemment inévitable aux Pays-Bas : en pleine pandémie de Covid-19 et à deux mois seulement des élections législatives, prévues le 17 mars, le premier ministre libéral, Mark Rutte, a présenté, vendredi 15 janvier, sa démission au roi Willem-Alexander. Il dirigeait depuis octobre 2017 une coalition de quatre partis : le Parti populaire pour la liberté et la démocratie (VVD, libéral), l'Appel chrétien-démocrate (CDA), l'Union chrétienne (CU) et Démocrates 66 (D66, centristes pro-européens). C'est une affaire retentissante, celle dite « des allocations », qui aura scellé la fin de cette fragile alliance. Et c'est un rapport parlementaire sur ce scandale, présenté en décembre 2020, qui aura finalement entraîné l'éclatement de l'équipe ministérielle, la troisième que dirigeait M. Rutte, au pouvoir depuis 2010. Une commission constituée à la Chambre des députés pour enquêter sur « l'affaire des allocations » a conclu que quelque 26 000 familles avaient été victimes, depuis une dizaine d'années

As part of his working visit to South Africa, Boukadoum held "thorough discussions on bilateral ties and examined the means to strengthen them," said the source. The two officials particularly welcomed the quality of historical ties and strategic partnership between the two countries.

*NIGERIA, Premium Times (OPINION By Azu Ishiekwene)*, **Africa: How Will Africa Remember Donald Trump? Here Is How.**



*Tia Dufour/White House/Flickr*. President Donald Trump in the White House on Friday, November 13, 2020. US President Donald Trump may have lost re-election but he would be escorted out of the White House on Tuesday night with a special prize: Africa's worst friend in modern times. Not that it matters to Trump one way or the other. We can only hope that after four years of spite, insults and hostilities, he might yet, in a fleeting moment of sanity, ask himself whether going out of his way to annoy or denigrate the continent

2021, No. 1, pp. 111-125: The Three Faces of the Indian State: Abstract: For more than seven decades, India's Constitution has provided a framework for liberal democracy to flourish in one of the world's most diverse societies. Legal changes and shifts in bureaucratic practices, however, have undermined central tenets of the prevailing order. In today's India, the assent of the people is both necessary and sufficient to justify all forms of state action. This article outlines three manifestations of India's new constitutionalism—the "ethnic state," the "absolute state," and the "opaque state." These distinct, yet overlapping faces of the Indian state have undermined the rule of law, equal citizenship, checks and balances, and democratic accountability.

*CHINA, Xinhua*, 18 January 2021: China's GDP tops 100 trln yuan in 2020.



[Tourists shop at a duty-free shopping mall in Sanya City, south China's Hainan Province, Oct. 5,](#)

bandera de los Estados Unidos y, sobre todo, con un gorro de piel al estilo de último de los mohicanos y cuernos.



USA, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 7 January 2021: **Twitter, Facebook, Instagram lock Trump's accounts.**

[Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) locked U.S. President Donald [Trump's](#) accounts for varying amounts of time on Jan. 6 over his inflammatory rhetoric after his supporters besieged the Capitol building.

GUATEMALA, *The Guardian*, 7 January 2021: Guatemala mine's ex-security chief convicted of Indigenous leader's murder. **Mynor Padilla pleaded guilty over death of Adolfo Ich in 2009. Mining firms accused of litany of abuses in Central America.**



Lorries exiting the Fenix mine in El Estor. At the time of the

d'« *injustices sans précédent* ». La commission évoquait aussi de graves atteintes aux principes de l'Etat de droit. Littéralement traquées par l'administration et les services fiscaux qui enquêtaient sur des fraudes présumées aux allocations et aux indemnités pour frais de garde d'enfants, des familles ont vu leurs droits supprimés. Certaines ont dû rembourser des montants très importants. Or, il a été démontré que l'administration s'était, la plupart du temps, appuyée sur des données erronées et avait refusé de livrer des informations aux victimes de ses abus, comme au Parlement.

RUSSIA-TURKEY-PHILIPPINES-INDIA, *Journal of Democracy* ([Roberto Stefan Foa](#)), January 2021, No. 1, pp. 52-65: **Why Strongmen Win in Weak States:** abstract: Explanations for the rise of illiberal political movements in the West have focused upon the respective roles of economic grievances and “cultural backlash.” However, many “authoritarian populist” leaders outside the West—

was worth all the trouble. Trump had a love affair with many parts of Africa, especially among young aspirational through his books on making money and his celebrity TV shows. But I guess it was just skin deep, purely transactional. The real Trump came to light after he was elected president. The signs were always there, though. During his campaign, he insulted immigrants and blamed them for all of America's problems, including lower testosterone levels. But whatever he thought of and said about immigrants before his election, what he said, did and tried to undo after his election was worse. He used punitive Executive Orders to target Muslims, especially those from Africa. He blamed immigrants for rape, drugs and violent crimes and for stealing American jobs on top of that. He incited racial hatred especially among far-right white groups and unleashed the demon that entered Derek Michael Chauvin who crushed George Floyd under his knee in daylight by a pavement. Trump abused lawmakers who wanted fairer immigration laws and accused them of

2020. China's gross domestic product (GDP) exceeded the 100-trillion-yuan (15.42 trillion U.S. dollars) threshold as it posted a 2.3 percent year-on-year expansion to 101.5986 trillion yuan in 2020, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed Monday. ([Xinhua/Guo Cheng](#)). China's gross domestic product (GDP) exceeded the 100-trillion-yuan (15.42 trillion U.S. dollars) threshold in 2020, official data showed Monday. The country, which saw its GDP increase 2.3 percent year on year to 101.5986 trillion yuan last year, is expected to be the only major economy to post growth in the pandemic-ravaged year, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). The hard-earned achievement marked a new economic milestone for the Chinese economy after the country's GDP per capita exceeded 10,000 U.S. dollars in 2019 for the first time in history. The advance also came as the world's second-largest economy won a decisive victory in poverty eradication last year while making historic achievements in the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

YEMEN, *El Pais* ([ÁNGELES ESPINOSA](#)), 19 January 2021: **Trump designa terroristas a los Huthi de Yemen a pesar de las advertencias de la**



killing, the Fenix mining project was owned by Toronto-based Hudbay Minerals. Photograph: Guardian. A judge in [Guatemala](#) has accepted a guilty plea by the former head of security at Central America's largest nickel mine who was on trial for killing an Indigenous leader, in a rare conviction over human rights violations allegedly linked to Canadian-owned mining companies in the region.

Mynor Padilla was found guilty on Wednesday of homicide for the 2009 fatal shooting of Adolfo Ich, a Maya Q'eqchi' teacher and community leader who opposed the Fenix mine outside the town of El Estor. "We have spent a long time seeking justice," Angélica Choc, Ich's widow, told the Guardian outside the courthouse, in Puerto Barrios, a port city 185 miles east of Guatemala City, following the ruling. "It is not going to bring my husband back, but I feel

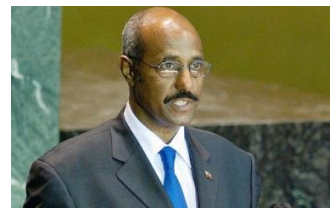
from Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines to Vladimir Putin in Russia to Narendra Modi in India—derive their legitimacy neither from economic promises nor from social conservatism alone, but also from a third commitment: to restore public order and state authority. If we are to understand why this platform has been and continues to be appealing to voters, we must examine the ways in which state capacity has eroded in many developing democracies, resulting in a profound crisis of democratic confidence and a willingness to embrace populist alternatives.

PALESTINE, *Le Monde* (Louis Imbert), 16 January 2021: Mahmoud Abbas fixe un calendrier pour les élections palestiniennes. Quinze ans après les dernières élections nationales, les scrutins législatifs et présidentiel se tiendront respectivement le 22 mai et le 31 juillet.

encouraging an influx of aliens from "shithole countries."

ETHIOPIA, *African Arguments* (OPINION By Alex De Waal), 14 January 2021:

**Ethiopia: In Memoriam - Seyoum Mesfin, Ethiopian Peacemaker and Patriot.**



UN Photo/Mark Garten. Former Ethiopian foreign minister Seyoum Mesfin addressing the United Nations General Assembly in 2003. Seyoum Mesfin, who was killed in Tigray this week at the age of 71, was Ethiopia's longest-serving foreign minister. His untimely death robs Ethiopia of a man who exemplified the country's tradition of enlightened and progressive patriotism. Under other circumstances we would expect a national day of mourning and a state funeral, including national and international recognition of Seyoum's exceptional contribution to the norms, principles and practices of peace in Africa. As a radical student activist, Seyoum was one of the founders of the Tigray People's Liberation Front in 1975. Like many of his

ONU. Las organizaciones humanitarias denuncian que la medida les impide asistir a una población que está al borde de la hambruna.



Simpatizantes Huthi se manifiestan ante la Embajada de EEUU en Saná el pasado domingo, en protesta por la inclusión del grupo en la lista de organizaciones terroristas. MOHAMMED HUWAIS / AFP. Apenas 24 horas antes de que Donald Trump abandone la Casa Blanca, este martes está previsto que entre en vigor la decisión de su Gobierno de incluir a [los rebeldes Huthi de Yemen](#) en la lista de organizaciones terroristas. Las advertencias de la ONU y de las ONG que trabajan en ese país no han logrado frenar una medida que equiparan a "una sentencia de muerte para cientos de miles sino millones de personas inocentes". Aunque el nuevo presidente de Estados Unidos, Joe Biden, dé

satisfied.”

Transnational mining corporations, most of them Canadian, their personnel, and state security forces have been accused by human rights groups of a litany of abuses in Central America, including the killings of mine opponents.

**GUATEMALA**, *El País (JOSÉ ELÍAS)*, 13 January 2021: **El presidente de Guatemala llega a su primer aniversario con índices de popularidad bajo mínimos.** Alejandro Giammattei resiente la baja eficacia en la lucha contra la corrupción, además del golpe de los huracanes y de la pandemia.



El presidente de Guatemala, Alejandro Giammattei, durante una rueda de prensa celebrada en Guatemala en febrero de 2020. LUIS ECHEVERRÍA / REUTERS.

**Alejandro Giammattei Falla**, un médico de 64 años que muy pronto abandonó la bata blanca para dedicarse a la política, **asumió la presidencia de Guatemala el 14 de enero de 2020** después de cuatro intentos fallidos. Y recibió de su antecesor, **el comediante**



Le président palestinien Mahmoud Abbas (à droite) remet le décret électoral au président de la Commission électorale centrale palestinienne, Hana Naser, à Ramallah, le 15 janvier 2021.

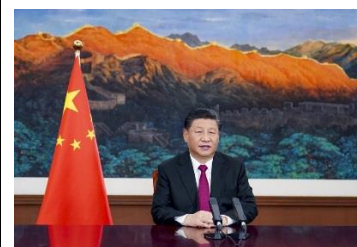
**HANDOUT / VIA REUTERS.** Quinze ans après les dernières élections nationales palestiniennes, le président Mahmoud Abbas a fini par publier, vendredi 15 janvier au soir, un décret qui fixe la tenue d'élections législatives puis présidentielle dans les territoires palestiniens. Sauf annulation encore éminemment possible, ces scrutins doivent se tenir le 22 mai puis le 31 juillet. Ils seront suivis le 31 août par le renouvellement du conseil national de l'Organisation de libération de la Palestine (OLP), l'organe représentatif des Palestiniens dans les territoires et en exil – un vote qui devra se tenir en Palestine et autant que faire se peut à l'étranger. Cette annonce était attendue depuis des mois, alors que le parti présidentiel, le Fatah, et

generation, he was an avid debater of different revolutionary ideas, and was one of the first to articulate the agenda of self-determination for the diverse nations, nationalities and peoples within the Ethiopian empire. He was appointed as head of foreign relations for the TPLF and became well-known internationally as the face of the Tigrayan struggle. I first met him in 1988, travelling within the TPLF-held areas of the country, and recall well the vigorous discussions we had about the challenges of the revolution and what should be their agenda when they took power. One of the things that most struck me about Seyoum was his lack of any personal bitterness towards the members of the military regime that was, at that time, waging unlimited war against the people of Tigray. The leaders of the Dergue, he assured me, would face justice.

**ALGERIA-MOROCCO-SOUTH AFRICA, WESTERN SAHARA, *Algerie Presse Service*, 18 JANUARY 2021: **Africa: Western Sahara - Algerian-South African Joint Declaration in Line With AU Demands.****

marcha atrás, el daño puede resultar irreparable.

**CHINA**, *Xinhua*, 26 January 2021: **World Insights: Xi's Davos speech pivotal to multilateral cooperation.**



**Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the World Economic Forum (WEF) Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda and delivers a special address via video link in Beijing, capital of China, Jan. 25, 2021. (Xinhua/Li Xueren). **No global problem can be solved by any one country alone, and there must be global action, global response and global cooperation, Chinese President Xi Jinping said.****

**GENEVA, Jan. 26 (Xinhua) --** Chinese President Xi Jinping's new Davos speech was pivotal to boosting multilateral cooperation, leaders of international organizations, business executives and economists have said, stressing China's role as a growth engine in

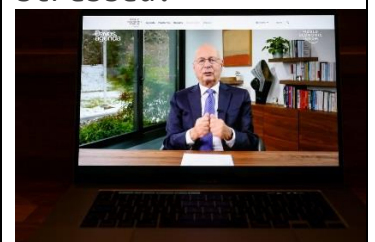
**Jimmy Morales**, un país en ruinas y arrodillado ante las mafias que han secuestrado el poder. La popularidad del nuevo mandatario al asumir el cargo era del 80%. Doce meses después, su aceptación es apenas de un 25%, según las últimas encuestas. La baja eficacia en el combate a la corrupción y su cuestionada gestión de la pandemia y del impacto de los huracanes están detrás de la caída, según los analistas consultados. Nadie pensaba que Giammattei pudiera obtener el triunfo. El promedio de su voto duro en los anteriores intentos era apenas del 13%. Pero el rechazo frontal que inspiraba su contendiente, la incombustible Sandra Torres Casanova, le permitió la victoria sin un plan de Gobierno y, mucho menos, un equipo con el cual enfrentar los enormes retos del cargo. El analista Edgar Gutiérrez califica a 2020 como un año "catastrófico" para Giammattei, para el Gobierno y para Guatemala. "La falta de acción estratégica del gobernante para hacer de la crisis una oportunidad se perdió, mientras el aparato estatal sigue hundiéndose y, con este, el grado de aceptación

le Hamas, au pouvoir dans l'enclave de Gaza, avaient relancé leurs négociations. Mais M. Abbas seul en tenait la clé, et repoussait la publication du décret fixant un calendrier. Début janvier, le Hamas avait paru lever son exigence de voir les deux scrutins se tenir conjointement, au profit d'une rapide succession de l'un à l'autre, lors de pourparlers facilités par l'Egypte, le Qatar et la Turquie. Vendredi, la formation islamiste a salué le décret présidentiel et exprimé sa « forte volonté de faire de cette obligation un succès ».

ARAB COUNTRIES, *Journal of Democracy (Tarek Masoud)*, 1, pp. 139-154: The Arab Spring at 10: Kings or People?: abstract Ten years after the onset of the Arab Spring, the Middle East and North Africa are torn between two visions of progress: a democratic one that seeks to replace the leaders who dominate the region, and an ostensibly modernizing one that seeks to replace the people who inhabit it. Though the latter project is currently ascendant, it is likely

Sahrawi Ambassador to South Africa, Mohamed Yeslem Beissat said that the Joint Declaration of Algeria and South Africa was in line with the requirements of the African Union (AU) regarding the need to meet the minimum conditions, namely Resolution 690 and the organization of the referendum to resolve the conflict in Western Sahara. In an interview with APS on Sunday, the Sahrawi diplomat said that "the conflict in Western Sahara is a question of self-determination and decolonization, which is the political position of the majority of countries, a position consistent with international legality." For Beissat, "the Makhzen's haste to normalize its relations with the Zionist entity will have no clear practical impact and will not change anything in the equation." After recalling that "the Moroccan regime invaded Western Sahara in 1975 with the support of the Ford Administration (former US president, editor's note) and built its defense lines with Israeli help and planning," the Sahrawi ambassador said that "Trump only declared relations that were secret. The Sahrawi

supporting global economic recovery. Addressing the World Economic Forum (WEF) Virtual Event of the Davos Agenda on Monday, Xi called on the world to abandon ideological prejudice and jointly follow a path of peaceful coexistence, mutual benefit and win-win cooperation. "Difference in itself is no cause for alarm. What does ring the alarm is arrogance, prejudice and hatred," Xi said. No global problem can be solved by any one country alone, and there must be global action, global response and global cooperation, Xi stressed.



This photo shows a screen displaying World Economic Forum (WEF) Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab delivering a welcome address. (Xinhua/Zhang Cheng) "The speech of President Xi Jinping was

entre sus gobernados”, puntualiza.

COLOMBIA, *El País* (**SANTIAGO TORRADO**),

16 January 2021: **Los negociadores de Colombia defienden el papel de Cuba en los procesos de paz.**

Humberto de la Calle y Sergio Jaramillo reprochan al Gobierno de Iván Duque plegarse al programa ideológico de la Administración Trump, que designó a la isla como patrocinador del terrorismo.



Juan Manuel Santos y Rodrigo Londoño, 'Timochenko', se dan la mano en La Habana junto a Raúl Castro, en septiembre de 2019. ALEJANDRO

ERNESTO (EFE). La designación de Cuba como un “Estado patrocinador del terrorismo”, una de las últimas movidas de la Administración de Donald Trump, ha tenido repercusión en la política de Colombia. Washington ha justificado los pasos previos a su decisión en un reiterativo reclamo del Gobierno de Iván Duque, que resiente que La Habana se haya negado a extraditar a un grupo de comandantes del Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN), la última

to founder on its own internal contradictions. Arab publics may be ambivalent about democracy, but the region retains considerable democratic potential.

RUSSIA, *El País*, 19 January 2021: [30 días de prisión provisional para el opositor ruso Navalni mientras crece la condena de Occidente por su arresto.](#)



ALEXÉI NAVALNI

RUSSIA, *The Guardian* (**Andrew Roth**), 19 January 2021: Even in a Moscow jail, Alexei Navalny is dangerous to Putin. **Analysis: release of investigation into Putin's wealth shows opposition leader is still determined to expose Russian president.**



Alexei Navalny being escorted out of a police station in Khimki, outside Moscow, after the court ruling that ordered him jailed for

ambassador to South Africa referred to the opening of consulates in territories occupied by countries that do not respect international legality, including that the existence of a community or economic interests is an integral part of the conditions for opening a consulate in terms of international law. After attacking Sahrawi civilians on November 13, 2020, he continued, Morocco has created a new reality by pushing the Sahrawis to defend themselves, adding that over time, the Mekhzen "will feel pressure given that the Sahrawis are able to resist 40 more years to convince him to sign a just peace agreement allowing the respect of our law." "Morocco has no ability to resist in its war against the Saharawi people," said Beissat. "The war imposes its logic, its dynamics and its conditions, which is why Morocco must prepare for a war longer than before and more ferocious against the Saharawi people," warned the Saharawi diplomat.

UGANDA, *El País*, 19 January 2021: **Museveni, reelegido presidente de Uganda con casi el 59% de los votos.** El principal opositor,

historic. Four years after he made a famous speech in Davos, in 2017, where he emphasized the need for the world to embrace multilateralism, he came back to this proposal and notion of multilateralism at a very crucial time in the history of humankind," said WEF Founder and Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab. "After four years of confrontation, we have now the opportunity to reset the pace of global cooperation and to enter into an age of cooperation," Schwab said in a video message sent to Xinhua. International Labor Organization Director-General Guy Ryder said he is pleased that the emphasis of Xi's speech was on international cooperation.

USA-CHINA-JAPAN, *South China Morning Post*, 27 January 2021: **Japan key to US plan to rally allies against China in Indo-Pacific, observers say.** US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin urges Tokyo to strengthen its contribution to regional security Japan has been

guerrilla activa en el país andino. Lo que está en juego no es solamente un eventual acercamiento con el ELN o las relaciones de Estados Unidos con Cuba, “sino la posibilidad misma de llevar a cabo negociaciones de paz”, han advertido este viernes [Humberto de la Calle](#) y Sergio Jaramillo, los arquitectos del histórico acuerdo con las FARC, al defender el papel de la isla como garante.

GUATEMALA-USA, *El País*, 19 January 2021: La nueva caravana de migrantes que se dirige a los Estados Unidos camina por una carretera en El Florido, Guatemala, 16 de enero de 2021.



USA, *El País* ([YOLANDA MONGE](#)), 19 January 2021: **El FBI extrema la seguridad ante la toma de posesión de Biden.** Las autoridades evalúan a los miembros de la Guardia Nacional que vigilarán la ceremonia

30 days. Photograph: Alexander Nemenov/AFP/Getty Images. For more than a decade, [Vladimir Putin](#) has refused to say Alexei Navalny’s name in public, referring to him as “that gentleman”, or more recently, the “patient”, a reference to his suspected poisoning by FSB agents.

In the logic of politics, Putin is simply trying not to give the Russian opposition leader free advertising. But his linguistic game also points to a rivalry that has become deeply personal, stoked by a decade of attacks against friends and family, and made urgent by the understanding that Navalny will not back down despite the threat of death by poisoning or prison.

ALGERIA, *ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE (ALGIERS)*, 26 JANUARY 2021: **Algeria: Next Elections, Opportunity to Affirm State's Commitment to Political Action Moralization.** The next elections will be an opportunity to the State to affirm its commitment to "the moralization of the political action and the

conocido como Bobi Wine, rechaza el resultado que tacha como el “peor fraude electoral de la historia del país”.



Simpatizantes de Yoweri Museveni celebran la victoria electoral el 16 de enero de 2021 en Kampala (Uganda). [BAZ RATNER / REUTERS](#). El actual jefe de Estado de [Uganda](#), Yoweri Museveni, resultó vencedor de las elecciones presidenciales celebradas el pasado jueves con un 58,64 % de los votos, según los resultados anunciados este sábado por la Comisión Electoral. En segundo lugar ha quedado el candidato de la Plataforma de Unidad Nacional (NUP) y popular [líder opositor, Robert Kyagulanyi](#), más conocido como [Bobi Wine](#), que obtuvo el 34,83 % de los votos, principalmente en las zonas urbanas del país. El opositor advertía ayer viernes de que los resultados eran “el

stepping up its role in the region by building partnerships with neighbours and allies.



US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin has used the first conversation with his Japanese counterpart to reaffirm Tokyo’s importance to Washington’s Indo-Pacific strategy. Photo: Getty Images. Japan is expected to play a prominent role in the new US administration’s efforts to rally its allies in the Indo-Pacific region – including the South China Sea – in an attempt to counter China’s rise, according to observers. In a move that will deepen unease among Beijing policymakers, US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin used his first conversation with his Japanese counterpart Nobuo Kishi to reaffirm Washington’s commitment to its partnership with Tokyo. He also urged him to “strengthen Japan’s contribution to the role the alliance continues to play in providing security in the Indo-Pacific region”.

INDONESIA, *The Jakarta Post* ([Budi Sutrisno](#)), 29 January 2021: Better resolution needed amid decades of palm oil conflicts: Research.





Guardia Nacional a las afueras del Capitolio de Washington. ROD LAMKEY - POOL VIA CNP / AP.

A un día de que **Joe Biden jure su cargo como presidente de Estados Unidos**, la noticia de que el FBI lleva una semana investigando a los 25.000 miembros de la Guardia Nacional que protegerán el acto para extremar todas las precauciones ha incrementado el grado de ansiedad y preocupación por **la seguridad del presidente electo**, Joe Biden; de la vicepresidenta, Kamala Harris, y de todos los asistentes a la toma de posesión del demócrata en la capital estadounidense. El acto se produce solo dos semanas después del asalto contra el Capitolio que orquestaron partidarios del presidente saliente, Donald Trump.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, The Guardian (*Michelle Del Rey*), 19 January 2021: Dominican Republic activists fear total abortion ban banishes women to the dark ages. **Scores of Dominican women die each year from**

promotion of the performance of the people's elected members as part of the transparency and the fight against corruption," Minister of Communication, Spokesman of the Government Ammar Belhimer declared on Monday.

In a meeting with the site "Sabq Press," Belhimer said that "the anticipated legislative and local elections will be an opportunity to the State to affirm its commitment to the moralization of the political action, promotion of the performance the people's elected members as part of transparency, fight against corruption, equality of chances between men and women and the strengthening of the Algerian youths' participation."

EGYPT, EGYPT STATE INFORMATION SERVICE (CAIRO), 31 JANUARY 2021:

**Africa: Shoukry Discusses GERD, Next AU Summit With AUC Chief.**

Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry and Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) Moussa Faki probed here on Sunday ways to promote mutual cooperation. They also exchanged views

peor fraude electoral de la historia del país" africano. La votación se produjo sin violencia, aunque **en un gran ambiente de tensión** en el que hubo pocos observadores y se bloqueó el acceso a Internet. Museveni, de 76 años, en el poder desde 1986 y líder del oficialista Movimiento de Resistencia Nacional (NRM), buscaba en estos comicios su sexta reelección y se impuso con esta victoria a otros diez candidatos. En una rueda de prensa el viernes por la mañana, Bobi Wine insistió en que los ugandeses habían votado "de forma masiva para cambiar una dictadura por una democracia" y que luchará por "la voluntad del pueblo" a través de todas las vías legales posibles, incluida la protesta. El presidente de la Comisión Electoral, Simon Byabakama, rechazó las acusaciones de fraude de Wine y le pidió que mostrara pruebas, a lo que el opositor respondió que lo hará cuando se restablezca Internet. Nicholas Opiyo, reconocido defensor de los derechos humanos ugandés, arrestado en varias ocasiones por

A worker harvests fresh oil palm fruit in Pangkalan Bun, East Kalimantan, in December 2015. (JP/Dhoni Setiawan). Researchers have urged authorities in West Kalimantan to develop better schemes to resolve conflicts surrounding the palm oil business as the region has been marred by decades of unsolved conflicts and ineffective resolution mechanisms. About 66 percent of conflicts related to palm oil in West Kalimantan in the last two decades have yet to be resolved, according to a report recently issued by the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV). Moreover, most conflicts took an average of five years to be resolved. Resolving palm oil conflicts in West Kalimantan is deemed important as the province is the second-biggest palm oil producer in the country with 1.8 million hectares of plantations after Riau, according to Statistics Indonesia (BPS) in 2019.

INDIA, *The Jakarta Post* (Alasdair Pal Reuters), 31 January 2021: Modi says farmers protests an insult to country.



Protesters stand on the ramparts of Red Fort as farmers continue to protest against the central government's recent agricultural reforms in New Delhi on January 26, 2021.

## botched attempts to end unwanted pregnancies.



Women demonstrate to demand that the new penal code, which is in the process of being approved, include the decriminalization of abortion in the three causes, on 6 October 2020. Photograph: Orlando Barría/EPA

As Argentina becomes [the first major Latin American country to fully legalize abortion](#), activists in the Dominican Republic fear their own government is banishing its women to the dark ages by upholding a total ban first implemented in 1884. The [Dominican Republic](#) is one of four countries in Latin America – along with Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador – where abortion is illegal in all circumstances. Scores of Dominican women die each year from botched attempts to end unwanted pregnancies. Incomplete abortions and miscarriages are estimated to result in 8% of the country's maternal deaths every year.

on various issues of mutual concern, topped by the 34th AU Summit, slated for February 6-7, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) and the challenges facing the AU institutional reform process, said a statement by Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ahmed Hafez. Shoukry stressed that Egypt is always willing to engage in serious and active negotiations to reach a binding deal on GERD filling and operation rules as soon as possible, to protect the water interests of all the countries involved, Hafez said.

TURKEY, *The Washington Post* ([Kareem Fahim](#)), 4 February 2021:



### [Students and faculty at top Turkish university battle Erdogan's attempt at control](#)

The government, which has promised to enact democratic reforms this year, has responded to protests in a manner both heavy-handed and familiar.

sus críticas al régimen, consideró que “estas elecciones no han sido ni libres ni justas”, debido a los cientos de arrestos de partidarios de la oposición, la violencia contra los periodistas mientras hacían su trabajo o la alta presencia militar y policial en las calles. Todo esto hace que, en opinión de Opiyo, estas sean “las peores elecciones que Uganda ha visto en mucho tiempo”.

AFRICA, *El País* ([GONZALO FANJUL](#)), 19 January 2021:

### [Los peligros del nacionalismo inmunitario. El acopio de vacunas por parte de los países ricos pone en peligro la estrategia global contra la pandemia.](#)



Una enfermera se prepara para realizar pruebas de covid-19 en Sudáfrica. En países de renta media, una estrategia equivocada de inmunización global puede tener costes sin precedentes. SIPHIWE SIBEKO REUTERS. La vacuna contra la covid-19 ha pulverizado ya todos los récords científicos conocidos. Cuando todavía no se ha cumplido un año de la declaración formal de la pandemia, diez

(Agence France Presse/Sajjad Hussain) SHARES India's prime minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday protesters that stormed New Delhi's Red Fort had caused "insult" to the country, his first public comments on a months-long farmers' agitation that turned violent this week. Tens of thousands of farmers have camped on the outskirts of the capital for more than two months, protesting new agricultural laws they say benefit private buyers at the expense of growers. A tractor parade on Tuesday's Republic Day turned violent when some protesters deviated from pre-agreed routes, clashing with police and breaking into the historic Red Fort complex in the capital. One died and hundreds were injured. "The country was saddened by the insult to the Tricolor (Indian flag) on the 26th of January in Delhi," Modi said in a radio address on Sunday. "The government is committed to modernizing agriculture and is also taking many steps in that direction." Farm leaders say they were not responsible for violence, that was caused by a minority of those on the parade, and the government has left open the possibility talks between the two sides will resume. Modi told opposition party leaders on Saturday an offer to freeze the laws for 18 months still stands, according to a government summary of the meeting. Agriculture employs about half of

USA, *CNN (Maeve Reston)*, 21 January 2021: **'Democracy has prevailed'**. President Joe Biden ended his first day in office with a note of hope and optimism, closing [his inaugural activities](#) with an appearance at the Lincoln Memorial on Wednesday night, where he asked the nation to answer his call for unity, saying it will require "us to come together in common love that defines us as Americans."



President Joe Biden delivers his inaugural address. "We've learned again that democracy is precious. Because of you, democracy has prevailed," Biden said, alluding to [the insurrection at the US Capitol](#) on January 6, which was incited by [former President Donald Trump's](#) lies about a [stolen election](#) but which did not stop a peaceful transfer of power on Wednesday. But Biden noted that the nation is facing myriad challenges, including the pandemic, the recession, last year's calls for racial justice and equality after the police killing of George Floyd, the climate crisis and the

ITALY, *Pagina 12 (Elena Llorente)*, 4 February 2021: **El mundo financiero confía en las cualidades técnicas del economista para resolver la crisis. Italia: Mario Draghi intentará formar un nuevo gobierno** "La conciencia de la emergencia que estamos viviendo exige una respuesta a la altura de la situación" dijo el exdirector del Banco Central Europeo. Se encontrará con los dirigentes de todos los partidos en los próximos días.



**Mattarella recibió a Draghi en el palacio del Quirinale.** Imagen: EFE. [El presidente de Italia Sergio Mattarella dio la responsabilidad de formar un nuevo gobierno al economista y distinguido personaje Mario Draghi](#), después de que las tratativas del mandatario con los partidos de la coalición de centro izquierda (Partido Democrático, Movimiento Cinco Estrellas, Libres e

candidatas [están ya en el mercado](#) y otras 84 se encuentran en alguna de las tres fases de desarrollo. La frenética carrera por dar con un grupo de vacunas eficaces ha dado paso a un esfuerzo no menos frenético por fabricarlas y hacerlas llegar a los ciudadanos. Hasta aquí, todo son buenas noticias. El problema surge cuando un grupo de países –los más desarrollados– utilizan su poder económico y político para hacer acopio de un volumen desproporcionado de viales, muy por encima de las necesidades de su población. A finales de noviembre [advertíamos de este riesgo](#), que hoy se confirma. La [información recogida](#) por el Global Health Innovation Center de la Universidad de Duke (ver gráfico) muestra cómo Canadá ha adquirido un número de vacunas que multiplica por siete el de su población; el Reino Unido y los EE.UU. casi seis veces más; y la UE y Nueva Zelanda algo más de cuatro. Mientras tanto, África y otras regiones de ingreso bajo se enfrentan a la perspectiva de un [páramo inmunitario](#) que podría extenderse hasta el año 2023. Las consecuencias de esta desproporción obscena se cuentan, en

India's labour force, and unrest among an estimated 150 million landowning farmers is one of the biggest challenges to Modi's rule since he first came to power in 2014.

MYANMAR, *Pagina 12*, 4 February 2021:

**Anunciaron que sólo van a atender bajo un gobierno democrático. Golpe en Myanmar: médicos y trabajadores de la salud encabezan la resistencia civil.**



Imagen: EFE. Médicos y trabajadores sanitarios de Birmania se pronunciaron en contra [del golpe de Estado perpetrado por el Ejército birmano](#) y afirmaron que **sólo van a atender bajo el gobierno democrático**. El lunes, los militares pusieron fin a la transición democrática del país, impusieron un estado de emergencia por un año y **arrestaron a la líder del gobierno civil Aung San Suu Kyi**, así como a otros directivos de su partido, la Liga Nacional para la Democracia (LND). Dos días después del golpe, condenado por



attack on the country's system of government two weeks ago. "The question is: Are we up to it?" the President asked. "Will we meet the moment like our forbearers have? I believe we must and I believe we will. You the American people are the reason why. I've never been more optimistic about America than I am this very day. There isn't anything we can't do if we do it together."



Kamala Harris is sworn in as vice president as her husband, Doug Emhoff, holds the Bible. After Trump had refused to formally concede or host Biden at the White House in the morning, Biden and his family walked onto the White House grounds for the first time since he won the election Wednesday afternoon, as did Kamala Harris -- who **made history** Wednesday when she was sworn in as the first female, the first Black and first South Asian vice president of the United States.

USA-CHINA, *Xinhua*, 27 January 2021: Roundup: Biden signs memorandum condemning surge of anti-Asian racism amid pandemic.

Iguals, Europeístas e Italia Viva) que han sostenido al todavía primer ministro Giuseppe Conte, no dieron algún resultado. Draghi fue citado por el presidente Mattarella en el palacio del Quirinale a medio día del miércoles y al salir del encuentro dijo a la prensa que aceptaba el encargo "con reserva". Esto significa que lo acepta provisoriamente y cuando pueda verificar con los partidos políticos que un gobierno suyo es viable porque consigue apoyo en el Parlamento, aceptará definitivamente. **"Yo espero que del diálogo con los partidos, los grupos parlamentarios y las fuerzas sociales, surja una unidad y con ella la capacidad de dar una respuesta responsable y positiva al llamado del presidente de la República", declaró Draghi.** "La conciencia de la emergencia que estamos viviendo exige una respuesta a la altura de la situación (...) derrotar la pandemia, completar la campaña de las

primer lugar, en vidas humanas. Mientras la vacuna no alcance a los grupos de población más vulnerables de cada país, la enfermedad seguirá cobrándose un precio cuya magnitud solo somos capaces de imaginar. En el caso de los países más pobres, las muertes provocadas por el coronavirus se suman al **devastador impacto** en otras prioridades sanitarias como las campañas contra la malaria o los programas rutinarios de vacunación contra **la neumonía infantil**, una enfermedad que antes de esta crisis se llevaba cada año **la vida de 800.000 menores de cinco**. Pero existe también un riesgo creciente de que la codicia de los más ricos complique y alargue innecesariamente la inmunidad de grupo y, por tanto, la salida de este agujero. Ninguna normalidad económica y social es posible cuando una parte sustancial del planeta permanece aún expuesta al contagio. Más aún cuando las mutaciones del virus son naturales --como hemos visto en las últimas semanas-- y alguna de ellas **podría quedar pronto fuera del alcance** de las vacunas que ahora tenemos.

MALI, *Deutsche Welle* (Katrin Gänster), 22 JANUARY

muchas potencias extranjeras, surgieron los primeros **signos de resistencia**. Los médicos y profesionales de la salud eligieron llevar un lazo rojo en señal de protesta. **"Sólo obedeceremos al gobierno democráticamente elegido"**, afirmó Aung San Min, responsable de un hospital de cien camas en la región de Magway (centro).

MYANMAR, *Hurriyet Daily News* (Agence France-Presse), 10 February 2021: **Myanmar military tightens grip as protests enter fifth day.**



**Myanmar's military** tightened their post-coup grip on power, stepping up a campaign of intimidation against the ousted civilian leadership while pushing harsher tactics as a fifth consecutive day of nationwide demonstrations began on Feb. 10. Soldiers raided and ransacked the headquarters of detained leader Aung San **Suu Kyi's** party on Feb. 9 night, after police shot water cannon, tear gas and rubber bullets in a



A resident receives a dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California, the United States, Jan. 15, 2021. (Xinhua).

**The memorandum orders federal agencies to look into whether discriminatory rhetoric like "China Virus" is referred to in any existing policies or federal websites published by the previous administration.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (Xinhua) -- U.S. President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed a memorandum condemning the surge of anti-Asian racism in the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, while directing the Department of Justice to make more concerted efforts to address hate crimes and harassment against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. "During the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic,

vacunas, ofrecer respuestas a los problemas cotidianos de los ciudadanos y relanzar el país son los desafíos que se presentan", dijo Draghi a los periodistas luego de haber estado poco más de una hora con el presidente Mattarella.

SPAIN, Pagina 12, 4 February 2021:

**Explosiva carta de Luis Bárcenas dirigida a la Fiscalía Anticorrupción española. El extesorero del PP aseguró que Rajoy destruyó pruebas del financiamiento ilegal.** Bárcenas, que deberá declarar el próximo 8 de febrero, sostiene que el expresidente de España y líder del partido conservador entre 2004 y 2018 habría percibido sobornos mensuales extraídos de esa caja irregular.



Imagen: AFP. **El expresidente del gobierno español, Mariano Rajoy, conocía la**

2021: **Mali: French Military Operations Face Growing Resistance.**



© Gaëlle Laleix/RFI French troops with Operation Barkhane on patrol (file photo). *The French anti-terror mission Barkhane is losing support in Mali, as reflected in recent protests in the capital, Bamako. Attitudes to the former colonial power are ambivalent amid deteriorating security.* Moussa Dicko is angry. Wearing a green T-shirt and sunglasses, he is standing a short distance from Independence Square, a roundabout in the center of Bamako, Mali's capital city. He is one of about 30 young men who came to protest against France's military mission -- but their demonstration was banned at the last minute.

ANGOLA, **Angola Press Agency (Luanda)**, 25 JANUARY 2021: **Angola: UAE to Invest U.S.\$190 Million in Port of Luanda.** Luanda — One hundred and ninety million US dollars will be invested, in the next

sudden escalation of force against the **protests** sweeping the country. A doctor in Naypyidaw also confirmed the use of live rounds that left two people critically injured, but footage showed protesters in the capital were undeterred, returning to a blockade on a major highway on Feb. 10 morning. Condemning the use of force, United Nations special rapporteur Tom Andrews said the police fire had injured a young woman, images of whom have spread like wildfire online alongside expressions of grief and fury. "They can shoot a young woman but they can't steal the hope & resolve of a determined people," the human rights envoy wrote on Wednesday. "The world stands in solidarity with the protesters of Myanmar."

MYANMAR, *Hurriyet Daily News (Agence France-Presse)*, 15 February 2021: **Protests after Myanmar junta cuts internet, deploys troops**



inflammatory and xenophobic rhetoric has put Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) persons, families, communities, and businesses at risk," said the memorandum, which is part of a series of executive orders regarding racial equity and civil rights signed by the president. "The Federal Government must recognize that it has played a role in furthering these xenophobic sentiments through the actions of political leaders, including references to the COVID-19 pandemic by the geographic location of its origin," it said, "Such statements have stoked unfounded fears and perpetuated stigma about Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and have contributed to increasing rates of bullying, harassment, and hate crimes against AAPI persons."

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**(Opinión por Atilio A.**

**existencia de una red de financiamiento ilegal en el conservador Partido Popular (PP) y destruyó la documentación que la acreditaba, según aseguró el extesorero de la formación, Luis Bárcenas, en una carta remitida a la Fiscalía Anticorrupción. Bárcenas, que se hizo cargo de la tesorería del PP entre 2008 y 2009, se sentará en el banquillo el próximo ocho de febrero como principal acusado por los delitos de apropiación indebida y falsedad documental, por los que la Fiscalía pide cinco años de prisión. En la carta, que adelanta su declaración de ese día, el extesorero sostiene que **desde 1982 existió un sistema "institucionalizado" de financiación del PP con "percepciones en B" a través de donativos**, y que los hechos que se juzgarán la próxima semana parten del periodo 2004 a junio de 2008. **Además de conocer la existencia de la financiación****

twenty years, by the DP World Ltd company from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in the exploration, development, modernization and expansion of the multi-purpose terminal of the Port of Luanda, in the Angolan capital. The deal was announced last Monday to the press by the chairman of the Board of Directors of DP World Ltd, Sultan Ahmad Bin Sulayen, in the end of an audience with the Angolan President, João Lourenço.

BOTSWANA, *Botswana Daily News (Thamani Shabani)*, 25 JANUARY 2021:  
Botswana: Shun Corruption –

Letsholathebe. Tati East legislator, Dr Douglas Letsholathebe has appealed to the North East District leadership to shun corruption. Addressing the leadership in a joint meeting with his Tati West counterpart, Mr Simon Moabi recently, Dr Letsholathebe said corruption could destroy the economy. "You must be bold to talk about it and as the leadership of this country, we will support you in tackling corruption," he added. Dr Letsholathebe, who

Myanmar's junta cut the nation's internet and deployed extra troops around the country on Feb. 15 as it intensified a crackdown on anti-coup protests, but defiant demonstrators again took to the streets. The military has steadily escalated efforts to quell an uprising against their seizure of power two weeks ago, which saw civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi detained along with hundreds, including members of her democratically elected government. With protesters refusing to back down, the generals imposed an hours-long internet shutdown on Feb. 15 morning and ratcheted up the military's presence across the country. Extra troops were seen in key locations of Yangon, the nation's commercial hub and biggest city, including armored personnel carriers near the central bank. Live video streams on social media platforms before the blackout showed more military vehicles and soldiers moving through other parts of the country. However, fresh protests again flared in Yangon on Feb. 15 morning, including near the central bank. Hundreds of engineering and

**Boron**), 3 February 2021:  
**Disparan sobre Arauz**



Imagen: AFP. **La derecha internacional, con su gran director de orquesta residente en Washington, ha enfilado o todos sus cañones para impedir el triunfo del binomio Andrés Arauz(foto)-Carlos Rabascall**, apelando a cualquier recurso. Una frase erróneamente atribuida a **Donald Trump**, "todas las opciones están sobre la mesa", es tan vieja como la historia misma de las antiguas Trece Colonias inglesas que al independizarse se convirtieron en Estados Unidos de América. En el mundo actual una de esas opciones, me animaría a decir la preferida en la época del "poder blando" (que es tanto o más letal que el otro), es el ataque con la artillería mediática de que dispone sin contrapesos la derecha. Es sabido, aunque a veces se olvida, que ésta nunca es una fuerza política sólo nacional sino que siempre se ampara en la estrategia global diseñada y **orquestada por la Casa Blanca**, consciente de que para triunfar en una batalla

**irregular, el líder del PP entre 2004 y 2018, Mariano Rajoy, habría percibido sobresueldos mensuales extraídos de esa caja ilegal.**

RUSSIA, *The Moscow Times* (AFP), 14 February 2021: **Putin Accuses West of Using Navalny to 'Contain' Russia.**



**Putin spoke of Russia's "numerous successes."** Mikhail Klimentyev / TASS. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday accused the West of using jailed opposition figure Alexei Navalny to try to "contain" Russia. "Our opponents or our potential opponents... have always relied on — and used — ambitious, power-hungry people," Putin said in an interview with Russian media conducted on Wednesday but only broadcast on Sunday by public channel Rossiya 24. Putin suggested that the wave of protests recently held across Russia in the wake of Navalny's arrest and imprisonment had also been fed from abroad,

is also the Minister of Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology said corruption had led to loss of wealth, something that could destroy the future of Botswana. He appealed to the district leadership to support teachers so that they produce better results, adding that he was happy as most schools in the district were doing well in their academic performance, but emphasised that more support was still needed. Dr Letsholathebe said only a few schools were performing below par due to factors beyond their control. He also commended Water Utilities Corporation (WUC) for having performed well in the year under review, adding that Tati East constituency did not experience any water shortages and that water connections to households had also improved.

GHANA, *GHANA TODAY* (Juliet Etefe And Constance Evans-Kekrebesi), 26 JANUARY 2021: The President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo on Tuesday paid his last respect to late ex-president Jerry John Rawlings.

technology students protested in a northern district of the city, according to an AFP journalist. There was a fresh rally in the southern city of Dawei too, a verified live stream on Facebook showed, with hundreds of protesters accompanied by a marching band. Some carried banners against the military that read: "They kill in (the) day. They steal at night. They lie on TV."

IRAN-RUSSIA, *The Moscow Times* (AFP), 16 February 2021: **Iran, Russia Start Joint Naval Drill in Indian Ocean.**



**The Iranian army said the exercises will "expand bilateral relations" with Russia.** Kremlin.ru Iran's armed forces on Tuesday launched a joint naval drill with Russia in the north of the Indian Ocean designed to "enhance security" of maritime trade, state television reported. The "Maritime Security Belt Exercise" is to cover an area of 17,000 square kilometers and include units from the Iranian army and the elite Revolutionary Guards as well as Russia's Navy, the

nacional es preciso que la misma se instale en el gran tablero geopolítico mundial donde Estados Unidos puede hacer valer toda su influencia.

**BRAZIL, Pagina 12, 3**  
February 2021: **Se aleja la posibilidad de impeachment contra el mandatario brasileño. Dos bolsonaristas presiden el Congreso.**

Los partidos de Lira y Pacheco pertenecen al Centrao (el gran centro), una coalición conservadora famosa por aliarse con quien ofrezca más cargos y obras públicas.



**Arthur Lira.** Imagen: EFE. **La victoria del conservador Arthur Lira para la presidencia de la Cámara de Diputados le da un respiro al actual mandatario Jair Bolsonaro.** Lira pertenece al Partido Progresista (PP) y también es líder del grupo llamado "Centrao", una concertación de partidos de derecha. Con el triunfo de Lira (con 302 votos del total de 513) también se vio derrotada la derecha no bolsonarista. El nuevo presidente de

against the backdrop of the widespread "exhaustion, frustration and dissatisfaction" arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

**SPAIN, Hurriyet Daily News, 15 February 2021:**

**Catalan separatists boost majority in Spain regional election.**

**Catalan** separatist parties boosted their parliamentary majority in a regional **election** on Feb. 14 that was overshadowed by the pandemic and marked by low turnout, more than three years after a failed bid to break away from **Spain**. With Spain still grappling with a third wave of coronavirus infections, the vote in the wealthy northeastern region was held under tight restrictions to reduce the risk of contagion. With 99 percent of the votes counted, Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's Socialists won the most votes but the three separatist parties together were set to get 74 seats in the 135-seat assembly. That is up from 70 seats won in the last election in December 2017, just months after Catalonia's failed secession bid



*Pruneau/Wikimedia Commons.* Former president of Ghana Jerry Rawlings.

Other officials who paid their last respect to the former Ghanaian leader were Vice President Mahamudu Bawumia, former Presidents John Dramani Mahama and John Agyekum Kufour, Prof. Nana Jean Opoku Agyeman, Vice Presidential Candidate to former President John Dramani Mahama in the 2020 Presidential election, the Chief Justice, Kwasi Anin-Yeboah and Speaker of Parliament Hon. Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin. The mortal remains of the former President were laid in state in a glass to allow mourners to catch a glimpse of the long-serving President of Ghana while filing past. The funeral ground was decorated with photographs of the late President from his military rule (1981-1992) and civilian rule (1993-2000).

**BOTSWANA, The Patriot, 27 January 2021:**

**Botswana: Economic Disaster.** Looming massive job cuts by one of Botswana's largest employers Kgalagadi

broadcaster quoted drill spokesman Rear Admiral Gholamreza Tahani as saying. "The purposes of this drill are to enhance security of international maritime trade, confront maritime piracy and terrorism, and exchange information," he added. Russia's Baltic Fleet said in a statement on Monday that three ships will take part in the drill. Exercises will include "liberating a commercial ship abducted by pirates," and fighting fires, it said. According to Tahani, the Indian navy will also join the exercise, in a message of "peace and friendship for neighboring and regional countries." Iran's state news agency IRNA said the drill is to last three days. The Iranian army said the exercises will also "expand bilateral relations" with Russia. Iran, China and Russia held a similar drill in the area in 2019, and the Islamic republic participated in "Caucus 2020" drills held in Russia last September.

**IRAN-USA-RUSSIA, Al Ahram (AFP), 19 February 2021:** Kremlin welcomes US gestures on salvaging Iran nuclear deal. The Biden administration on Thursday offered talks with Iran led by European allies and reversed two largely symbolic steps against

Diputados **prometió "neutralidad" al comandar la Casa** y pidió un minuto de silencio en homenaje a las víctimas del covid-19. La decisión de llevar adelante un juicio político contra presidente de Brasil dependerá de Lira, por lo tanto, es esperable que no prospere.

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February 2021: **Cierre de campaña de Andrés Arauz en Ecuador: "el pueblo ecuatoriano está harto de traidores"**. El candidato de la revolución ciudadana se refirió a los tres ejes principales de su propuesta de gobierno: trabajo, dignidad y futuro.



Imagen: AFP. **Desde Quito. Andrés Arauz cerró este jueves su campaña presidencial en esta capital.** Estuvo acompañado por candidatos y candidatas que se presentarán para disputar la Asamblea Nacional en las elecciones del próximo domingo. "Una sola vuelta", fue

which led to the jailing of several separatist leaders.

TURKEY-THE NETHERLANDS, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 16 February 2021: Turkey files investigation into Dutch lawmaker



Turkish prosecutors filed an **investigation** on Feb. 16 into far-right Dutch lawmaker **Geert Wilders** over a social media post seeking to vilify **Turkey's** president. The chief public prosecutor's office in the capital Ankara said in a statement that the probe involving Wilders, who heads the Party for Freedom, was opened due to a Twitter post "including a photograph and written insult about President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Feb. 15." On Feb. 15, Wilders had shared a post on Twitter insulting Erdogan and calling NATO to expel Turkey. Dismissing remarks by Wilders and his "merry band of neo-Nazis" as having

Breweries Limited (KBL) due to the ban on alcohol sale is expected to plunge the s economy further into dire straits. The suspension of operations at KBL, anticipated to have collateral damage down the value chain, came in the same week as the second largest employer in Botswana after the government, Debswana Diamond Company announced termination of the Majwe Mining Cut-9 project contract. Experts say the recent developments could iopen floodgates of retrenchments and massive job losses throughout different sectors of the economy. President Mokgweetsi Masisi has his job cut out and will have to dig deep to attain economic recovery for Botswana anytime soon. The growing Covid-19 infections locally adds to the pressure of government to balance between sustaining the economy and surviving the pandemic, which has already claimed 105 lives, with the numbers growing.

SENEGAL, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 15 February 2021: **G5 Sahel : le Sénégal invité au sommet.**

Tehran imposed by Trump.



Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov REUTERS. Russia on Friday welcomed initial steps taken by the United States to find compromise on the Iran nuclear deal, the historic accord brokered in 2015 that collapsed under US President Donald Trump. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters it was a "good thing" that the Washington was no longer calling for international sanctions on Iran, but said ultimately more work was needed. "It is the restoration of the JCPOA regime that is important," he said, referring to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action as the Iran deal is formally known. "Sanctions pressure did not help the implementation of the agreement and brought the situation to a dead end," Peskov added. The deal brokered in 2015 by then president Barack Obama saw Iran drastically scale back its nuclear programme in exchange for promises of economic relief. Trump withdrew from the accord in 2018 and re-imposed sweeping sanctions on the Islamic state.

ARMENIA, *The Jakarta Post*, February 25, 2021:

una de las consignas más repetidas, en referencia **al intento de que el candidato de la revolución ciudadana gane en primera vuelta y evite el balotaje.**

“Este siete de febrero se verá reflejado en un voto contundente en una sola vuelta (...) **el pueblo ecuatoriano está harto de traidores y no va a aguantar una traición más, les puedo jurar total lealtad al proyecto de la revolución ciudadana**”, afirmó Arauz desde el escenario, donde fue precedido por un mensaje grabado del ex presidente **Rafael Correa.**

USA, *The Washington Post* (Anne Gearan, John Hudson and Missy Ryan), 5 February 2021: [Biden recommits U.S. to global alliances, ends support for Saudi-led war in Yemen in first major foreign policy speech](#). The president says the United States will rebound from the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol “better equipped” to help defend democracy around the world.

never "amounted to anything," Turkey's Communications Director Fahrettin Altun voiced concern that Europe's "seemingly moderate governments and ostensibly responsible policymakers" appeared to share the far-right politician's views. Referring to a leaked report by the Dutch National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV) containing various claims against the Turkish community in the Netherlands, Altun said the "groundless, biased and ignorant" document should be taken as a greater concern than Wilders. "Turkey and the Turkish community in Europe have always been a bulwark against terrorism and extremism. To say otherwise is to serve racism and Islamophobia," said the official.

TURKEY, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 16 February 2021: **US holds PKK responsible for Gara massacre.**



Le Sénégal prendra part mardi, en qualité de pays invité, à la séance élargie du Sommet du G5 Sahel qui s'ouvre ce lundi à N'Djamena, capitale du Tchad. La séance élargie, à laquelle le président Macky Sall assistera, vise à associer les pays et institutions partenaires du G5 Sahel à la recherche de solutions durables à la crise sécuritaire qui sévit dans l'espace sahélien, souligne le communiqué de la présidence parvenu à APA. Avec un effectif de 1305 soldats, le Sénégal est le deuxième pays contributeur de troupes à la Mission multidimensionnelle intégrée des Nations unies pour la stabilisation au Mali (Minusma). Le G5 Sahel est un cadre institutionnel de coordination et de suivi de la coopération régionale en matière de politiques de développement et de sécurité créé en février 2014 par cinq États du Sahel. Il s'agit de la Mauritanie, du Mali, du Burkina Faso, du Niger et du Tchad.

CHAD, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 16 February 2021: **Sahel: Macron annonce le maintien des forces françaises.**



Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan addresses his supporters gathered on Republic Square in downtown Yerevan on February 25, 2021. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on February 25 called on the army to fulfil its duty and obey the people and elected officials, after the military called for him to resign. (AFP/Karen Minasyan) SHARES Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan accused the military of an attempted coup and brought supporters to the streets on Thursday, as months of tensions over its defeat in last year's war with Azerbaijan came to a head. Thousands marched through the streets of the capital Yerevan in support of Pashinyan, with the opposition urging him to step down to avoid bloodshed or even civil war. President Armen Sarkisian, whose role is largely symbolic, said he was taking urgent steps to try to defuse the crisis, calling on all involved to "show restraint and common sense." Under pressure for his handling of the conflict over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region, Pashinyan has ignored repeated calls to resign for losing swathes of territory to Azerbaijan in the war. After largely backing the prime minister for months, the military's general staff



(Saul Loeb/AFP/Getty Images). President Biden on Thursday recommitted the United States to global alliances and a role in the world that projects democratic principles, using his first major foreign policy address to promise that he will counter “advancing authoritarianism” and to announce an end to U.S. support for offensive operations in Yemen that are blamed for thousands of civilian deaths. Biden also said he would increase the number of refugees admitted to the United States and freeze [troop redeployments from Germany](#), reversing Trump administration policies that the new president sees as out of step with American values. “We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again, not to meet yesterday’s challenges, but today’s and tomorrow’s,” Biden said during an address at the State Department that attempted to turn the page on isolationism and restore diplomacy as the tool of choice. “America is back. Diplomacy is back,” Biden said, vowing that



The United States has affirmed that PKK bears responsibility for the slaughter of 13 Turkish nationals in a cave in northern Iraq after [Turkey’s](#) strong reaction against the State Department’s initial statement which condemned the terror organization on the condition that the news about the incident was confirmed. “The Secretary expressed condolences for the deaths of Turkish hostages in northern Iraq and affirmed our view that PKK terrorists bear responsibility,” said a statement issued by the U.S. State Department on the phone conversation between U.S. Secretary of State Anthony [Blinken](#) and Foreign Minister [Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu](#) on late Feb. 15. This was the first contact established between the top Turkish and American diplomats after the new U.S. administration took



Pour Emmanuel Macron, un retrait prématuré des troupes françaises du Sahel « serait une erreur ». Une éventuelle baisse des troupes françaises au Sahel était récemment sur toutes les lèvres. Ça ne sera pas le cas. Le président français Emmanuel Macron a annoncé, mardi à Ndjamena (Tchad), lors du sommet G5 Sahel, que « la France ne réduirait pas dans l’immédiat » ses effectifs militaires dans la région. Lors de son intervention par visioconférence depuis Paris, le locataire de l’Elysée a toutefois souligné que « des évolutions sans doute significatives seront apportées à notre dispositif militaire au Sahel en temps voulu (...) », ajoutant qu’« il serait paradoxal d’affaiblir notre dispositif au moment où nous disposons d’un alignement politique et militaire favorable à la réalisation de nos objectifs ». D’ailleurs il a promis une « action renforcée » pour « essayer d’aller décapiter » les organisations terroristes. Car même si de « véritables résultats ont été obtenus dans la zone des trois frontières », entre le Mali, le Niger et le Burkina Faso, et le principal groupe visé, l’organisation État islamique au grand Sahara (EIGS), « a perdu son emprise et subit de

on Thursday joined calls for him to step down, saying in a statement that he and his cabinet “are not capable of taking adequate decisions”.

CHINA, *The Jakarta Post* (Reuters), February 25, 2021: China to allow air pollution to rise slightly in 2021: Environment ministry. China's air quality targets for this year will be set at a slightly higher level than last year's average, an official said on Thursday, after pollution fell significantly in the early part of 2020 due to coronavirus-related lockdowns. China will seek to keep average levels of small, hazardous airborne particles known as PM2.5 at 34.5 micrograms per cubic metre over the course of 2021, the environment ministry said on Thursday. That is slightly higher than the average of 33 micrograms registered in 337 monitored cities over the whole of 2020, with capital Beijing averaging 38 micrograms last year. "This year's target (for achieving good air quality) looks like it is a little lower than the 2020 figure, but if you eliminate the impact of the pandemic on air quality, the PM2.5 rate would have been 35 micrograms (last year)," said Liu Bingjiang, head of the air pollution unit at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE), speaking at a regular briefing. China's national "interim" air quality standard is currently 35 micrograms per cubic metre, well above the World Health Organization's recommendation for



the United States will rebound from the attempted insurrection at the U.S. Capitol last month “stronger, more determined and better-equipped to unite the world in fighting to defend democracy because we have fought for it ourselves.” Biden sketched his traditional foreign policy views with a broad brush, pledging to confront human rights abuses, tyranny and intolerance in China, Russia, Myanmar and elsewhere while seeking cooperation with competitors where possible. He promised American diplomats demoralized by the Trump years, “I’ll have your back.” As part of the effort to project American values abroad, Biden announced a policy of support for LGBT rights worldwide. On Russia, Biden drew a stark contrast with former president Donald Trump, who was frequently deferential to Russian President Vladimir Putin. “I made it clear to President Putin, in a manner very different from my predecessor, that the days of the United States rolling over in the face of Russia’s aggressive actions, interfering with our elections, cyberattacks, poisoning its citizens, are over,” Biden said. “We will not hesitate to

office on Jan. 20 amid Turkey’s strong reaction against the conditional condemnation by the U.S. State Department about the PKK’s killing of 13 Turkish nationals in the northern Iraqi cave.

RUSSIA, *The Moscow Times* ([Samantha Berkhead](#) and [Sonia Kopelev](#)), 16 February 2021: **Russian Women Form Human Chain Following Navalny Protest Crackdown.** The Valentine’s Day symbol of solidarity was inspired by last summer’s women-led protests in Belarus. Hundreds of women formed a "chain of solidarity" in central Moscow Sunday to support jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny’s wife Yulia and female victims of political repression. The Valentine’s Day demonstration follows weeks of harsh police [crackdowns](#) at pro-Navalny protests and was inspired by last summer’s protests in neighboring Belarus, where women [formed](#) human chains after thousands were beaten and detained. Women of all ages lined up along Old

nombreuses pertes », les organisations terroristes y sont toujours très actives. Emmanuel Macron a par la même occasion salué la décision du président tchadien Idriss Déby Itno d’envoyer 1200 soldats dans la zone des trois frontières. « Une décision forte et courageuse qui viendra conforter la force du G5 Sahel », a-t-il indiqué.

NIGERIA-WTO: *Le Journal de Bangui*, 15 February 2021: **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala nouvelle Directrice de l’OMC.**



La Nigériane Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (66 ans) est devenue ce lundi 15 février, la première femme et la première Africaine à la tête de l’Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC). «Les membres de l’OMC viennent d’accepter de nommer la Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala comme prochain directeur général de l’OMC. La décision a été prise par consensus lors d’une réunion spéciale du Conseil général de l’organisation aujourd’hui», a annoncé l’OMC, une quinzaine de minutes après l’ouverture de la réunion. Cette économiste chevronnée sera la septième personne à occuper ce poste. La désignation de Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala marque la fin d’un

average annual levels of no more than 10 micrograms. Though smog-prone regions in China's heavy industrial north have made significant improvements in air quality in recent years, concentrations of PM2.5 often jump to dangerous levels. Readings in Beijing over the Chinese new year holiday exceeded 200 micrograms. Liu said more work needed to be done in the coming five years to replace coal with cleaner forms of energy. "If China doesn't curb coal consumption growth, it will put big pressure on climate and pollution targets," he said. Liu noted that during the 2016-2020 period, China's natural gas consumption grew by 150 billion cubic metres (bcm) and could grow another 120 bcm over 2021-2025. But he added this would be "meaningless for the climate target" if it isn't used to replace coal.

IRAN, *El Pais* ([ÁNGELES ESPINOSA](#)), 26 February 2021: **El general Soleimani sigue luchando por Irán después de muerto. Ante la apatía electoral, el régimen islámico recurre a la imagen del militar asesinado por EEUU para apelar a la participación en las legislativas.**



Carteles electorales en una calle de Teherán,

raise the cost on Russia and defend our vital interests,” he said, while working alongside Russia on some international problems. Biden said [Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny](#) should be released from detention immediately and unconditionally.

USA, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 16 February 2021: **Pelosi says independent commission will examine Capitol riot**



House Speaker Nancy [Pelosi](#) said on Feb. 15 that Congress will establish an independent, Sept. 11-style commission to look into the deadly insurrection that took place at the U.S. Capitol. Pelosi said the commission will “investigate and report on the facts and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex, and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power.” In a letter to Democratic colleagues, Pelosi said the House will also put forth supplemental spending to boost security at the Capitol. After former

Arbat Street, a pedestrian tourist strip in the shadow of the Foreign Ministry, holding onto a long white ribbon. The White Counter crowd-monitoring NGO estimated that at least 230 showed up to protest. In a nod to the [red dress](#) Navalnaya wore in court as her husband was sentenced to nearly three years in prison on Feb. 2, protesters held red flowers, wore red scarves and hats and pinned red paper hearts to their jackets.

ALGERIA, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 19 February 2021: **Algérie: dissolution du Parlement et élections anticipées.**



Dans un discours à la Nation prononcé jeudi, Abdelmadjid Tebboune a annoncé qu’il allait procéder à un remaniement ministériel dans les 48 heures. Abdelmadjid Tebboune a annoncé sa décision de dissoudre le Parlement et d’appeler à des élections anticipées. Il va procéder à un remaniement ministériel dans les 48 heures et a décrété une grâce pour plusieurs dizaines de détenus du Hirak. « Le

feuilleton de plusieurs mois à la tête de cette institution aux 164 États membres, l’une des institutions financières les plus puissantes au monde. Sa mission première sera de s’atteler à la reprise de l’économie mondiale fortement touchée par la pandémie de la Covid-19.

IVORY COAST, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 17 February 2021: **Covid-19: la BM accorde un prêt de 163,5 milliards Fcfa à la Côte d’Ivoire**



La Banque mondiale a approuvé mercredi un accord de prêt d’un montant de 300 millions de dollars (163,5 milliards Fcfa) de l’Association internationale de développement (IDA) en faveur de la Côte d’Ivoire pour soutenir la riposte à la Covid-19 et la relance du secteur privé, selon un communiqué de l’institution. Cet appui budgétaire vise à « soutenir des réformes » et promouvoir une reprise économique durable, en plus de renforcer les mesures déjà en place pour accompagner les ménages, les entreprises impactés par la pandémie, et à renforcer la transparence dans la gestion des finances publiques et des fonds d’urgence Covid-19. « La pandémie de Covid-19 continue d’affecter des vies et l’économie du

este martes. En vídeo, ciudadanos iraníes opinan sobre las elecciones. ATTA [KENARE](#) (AFP) / **VÍDEO: REUTERS-QUALITY**. Una imagen destaca sobre el resto entre los carteles electorales que salpican Teherán en vísperas de los comicios legislativos del próximo viernes: la de Qasem Soleimani. Obviamente, [el general iraní asesinado por Estados Unidos](#) a principios de año no es un candidato. Sin embargo, el régimen está tratando de capitalizar el tirón popular del militar para movilizar a una población desencantada y que acusa a los gobernantes de buscar legitimarse con su voto, pero ignora sus necesidades y aspiraciones. El líder supremo, [el ayatolá Ali Jamenei](#), ha insistido este martes en que acudir a las urnas “es un deber religioso”. “Votar por cualquiera de las listas es convertirse en cómplice de un régimen que mató a cientos de manifestantes el año pasado y que en enero tardó tres días en reconocer que había derribado el avión de pasajeros ucraniano”, resume Nahid, administradora de una pequeña empresa familiar, ante la anuencia de sus compañeros de trabajo. Es un razonamiento que esta corresponsal ha oído

President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appeared to be growing for an independent commission to examine the deadly insurrection. Investigations into the riot were already planned, with Senate hearings scheduled later this month in the Senate Rules Committee. Pelosi, D-Calif., asked retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré to lead an immediate review of the Capitol's security process. In her letter on Feb. 15, Pelosi said, "It is clear from his findings and from the impeachment trial that we must get to the truth of how this happened." She added, "As we prepare for the Commission, it is also clear from General Honoré's interim reporting that we must put forth a supplemental appropriation to provide for the safety of Members and the security of the Capitol." Lawmakers from both parties, speaking on Sunday's news shows, signaled that even more inquiries were likely. The Senate verdict Saturday, with its 57-43 majority falling 10 votes short of the two-thirds needed to convict Trump, hardly put to rest the debate about the Republican former

Hirak béni a sauvé l'Algérie. J'ai décidé d'accorder la grâce présidentielle à une trentaine de personnes pour lesquelles une décision de justice avait été rendue ainsi qu'à d'autres pour lesquelles aucun verdict n'a été prononcé. Entre 55 et 60 personnes rejoindront à partir de demain leur familles », a-t-il déclaré dans un discours télévisé à la Nation.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN, *Al Ahrām*, 19 February 2021: East Mediterranean: Friendship forum. Two weeks before the activation of the East Mediterranean Gas Forum charter, countries from the Eastern Mediterranean and Gulf regions sought to intensify coordination.



Friendship forum. On 11 February Greece hosted the Philia Forum, a conference which brought together the foreign ministers of Cyprus, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Iraq, and the minister of state for international cooperation of the United Arab Emirates. The French foreign

pays. Cette opération vient renforcer le soutien de la Banque mondiale aux mesures de riposte entreprises par le gouvernement pour sauver des vies, venir en aide aux plus défavorisés et soutenir les entreprises à faire face aux impacts de la crise », a déclaré Coralie Gevers, directrice des opérations de la Banque mondiale pour la Côte d'Ivoire, le Bénin, la Guinée et le Togo.

NIGERIA, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 17 February 2021: **Nigeria: une centaine d'élèves et leurs professeurs enlevés.**



Des hommes armés ont envahi mardi soir un pensionnat situé dans l'Etat du Niger, dans le centre-ouest du Nigeria, où ils ont enlevé « des centaines d'élèves et plusieurs professeurs. » Une scène de terreur, pour le millier d'élèves nigériens de ce lycée. « Des bandits sont entrés dans le collège gouvernemental de Kagara la nuit dernière et ont enlevé des centaines d'élèves et leurs professeurs », a déclaré un responsable local de la zone à l'AFP. Un rapt massif qui pose encore la lancinante question de la sécurité dans les écoles au Nigeria. Il intervient deux mois après l'enlèvement de 344 adolescents dans un pensionnat de l'Etat voisin de Katsina par des

también en boca de un médico, una profesora universitaria, varios estudiantes, una artista, un jubilado... Gente de distinta condición y edad que asegura que nadie en su entorno inmediato tiene intención de participar. La enorme energía de Teherán, en cuya área metropolitana reside una quinta parte de los 83 millones de iraníes, puede resultar engañosa. Tras el ajetreo de sus calles y sus inveterados atascos de tráfico, se esconde un estado de ánimo crecientemente sombrío. La convicción de que el Gobierno mintió antes de admitir que un misil de la Guardia Revolucionaria era el responsable de la muerte de los 176 ocupantes del vuelo PS752 ha sido [la última gota en el proceso de pérdida de confianza en el régimen islámico](#). Apenas dos meses antes, la brutal represión de [las protestas por el aumento del precio de la gasolina](#) causó al menos 304 muertos, según Amnistía Internacional. "A muchos se les ha caído la venda de los ojos; han comprendido que la reforma en la que habían depositado sus esperanzas no va a producirse", explica un analista crítico desde el anonimato. "Es una realidad innegable que hay mucha gente descontenta, pero la

president's culpability for the Jan. 6 assault.

USA, *Al Ahram (Reuters)*, 19 February 2021: Biden says US commitment to NATO is 'unshakeable'. 'The United States is fully committed to our NATO alliance, and I welcome your investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defenses,' Biden said. The United States is fully committed to NATO and its principle that an attack on one member of the transatlantic alliance is an attack on all, U.S. President Joe Biden told the Munich Security Conference on Friday. "The United States is fully committed to our NATO alliance, and I welcome your investment in the military capabilities that enable our shared defenses," Biden said. "An attack on one is an attack on all. That is our unshakeable vow."

CHILE, *La Nacion (Santiago; Patricia Schüller Gamboa)*, 25 February 2021: **REUNIÓN DE PROSUR: CHILE PROPONE IMPULSAR UN TRATADO GLOBAL CONTRA LAS PANDEMIAS.**

*"Hoy día ha quedado de manifiesto que la arquitectura internacional es muy débil para el tratamiento de las pandemias: no existen mecanismos de alerta temprana cuando se producen los brotes, tampoco existen mecanismos de coordinación para el acceso a las vacunas,*

minister participated via video link. Held in Athens, the Philia Forum — its full title includes the coda "Building Friendship, Peace and Prosperity from the Mediterranean to the Gulf" — allowed for an exchange of views on development in the Mediterranean and Gulf region, and ways to foster greater cooperation, stability, and better use of the region's resources. Philia is the Greek word for friendship. "Egyptian-Greek-Cypriot cooperation is the core that could be expanded to include Gulf states which share close ties and common interests in maintaining Arab national security, and a joint vision of cooperation and regional challenges", Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukri said in a phone interview following the conference. With the charter of the East Mediterranean Gas Forum (EMGF), signed in September, due to be activated on 1 March, and the likely establishment of the Cyprus-based Tripartite Secretariat this spring, meetings like the Philia Forum provide an opportunity to improve cooperation within the Mediterranean region not over natural gas, but also on issues directly linked to security and stability. "The forum paves the way for wider

groupes criminels. Pour l'instant, il est difficile de connaître le nombre exact de personnes enlevées dans cet établissement d'enseignement secondaire qui compte environ 1.000 élèves.

CONGO, *African Arguments (ANALYSIS By Kris Berwouts)*, 17 FEBRUARY 2021: **Congo-Kinshasa: DRC - New Prime Minister, New Era?**



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Sama Lukonde Kyenge.

*Tshisekedi has outmanoeuvred his predecessor and has now appointed a PM. But is a victory for the president one for the Congolese people?* On 15 February, President Felix Tshisekedi appointed Jean-Michel Sama Lukonde Kyenge as the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) new prime minister. A 43-year-old politician and former director of the state-owned mining company Gémacines, Sama Lukonde's promised in his first statement to prioritise security in the eastern Congo and his home province of Katanga. Tshisekedi's appointment came faster than most expected. It was only

pregunta es con quién están descontentos: ¿con los conservadores? ¿o con los reformistas que han gobernado la República Islámica durante 30 de sus 41 años?", plantea por su parte un comentarista afín al régimen, haciendo la trampa de remontar el reformismo a antes incluso de su aparición con **el presidente Mohamed Jatamí** en 1997. La misma fuente asegura que quienes protestan contra el sistema islámico "son una minoría". A falta de elecciones abiertas o encuestas fiables, resulta difícil de evaluar el peso de esa "minoría", pero todo apunta a que la desafección está creciendo. "El sistema necesita una reforma interna para recuperar la confianza perdida de la gente; tenemos que mirar hacia dentro para hacernos más fuertes", admite un alto funcionario en una conversación privada. Sin embargo, ha perdido una ocasión de oro para hacerlo en estos comicios permitiendo una mayor diversidad. El problema de base ya no es si se apoya a reformistas o conservadores, sino que

la distribución de las mismas, la organización de las redes y las cadenas logísticas, y un conjunto de otras materias”, dijo el canciller Allamand en un punto de prensa ofrecido junto con el ministro de Salud, Enrique Paris, luego que acompañaran al Presidente Piñera en el encuentro.



En el marco de la **quinta reunión extraordinaria de los presidentes de los países del Foro para el Progreso de América del Sur (Prosur)**, dedicada a coordinar los esfuerzos regionales para enfrentar el Covid-19, el **canciller Andrés Allamand destacó que el bloque “respaldó unánimemente la iniciativa de Chile en torno a impulsar un tratado global contra las pandemias”.**

**“Hoy día ha quedado de manifiesto que la arquitectura internacional es muy débil para el tratamiento de las pandemias:** no existen mecanismos de alerta temprana cuando se producen los brotes, tampoco existen mecanismos de coordinación para el acceso a las vacunas, la distribución de las mismas, la organización de las redes y las cadenas logísticas, y un conjunto de otras materias”, comentó Allamand en un punto de prensa ofrecido junto con el

cooperation between states in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Gulf, which explains Turkey’s angry reaction to the convening of the meeting,” said a diplomat speaking on condition of anonymity. Turkey’s Foreign Ministry described the forum as “hostile”. The Turkish daily Sabah reported the Turkish Foreign Ministry saying in a written statement that “the Greek foreign minister’s accusatory and slanderous remarks at the meeting in Athens indicate this enterprise is not about friendship.” “Tense relations with Turkey will not be the only area of difficulty facing the EMGF. Israel’s relations with other member states, especially Palestine and Lebanon, which is expected to join the EMGF at some point, will place obstacles before the fledgling body,” said the diplomat. Major natural gas finds off the coasts of Egypt, Cyprus, Israel, and Lebanon have made cooperation between the gas-producing countries increasingly necessary. Egypt, Greece, and Cyprus agreed to establish the EMGF in 2018. The forum was formed in January last year and its charter signed by its founding members — Egypt, Greece, Cyprus, Italy, Israel, Jordan, and Palestine — in

at the end of January 2021 that the previous government had collapsed, following a parliamentary [motion of censure](#) against Prime Minister Sylvestre Ilunga and his resignation two days later. This departure had marked another political victory for an ascendent Tshisekedi who, since [unexpectedly](#) being declared the winner of the presidential election two years ago, has gradually managed to wrest control from his predecessor.

By appointing his own choice of prime minister with Sama Lukonde, Tshisekedi has fulfilled another important ambition. Former president Joseph Kabila is far from powerless now, but much of tight control that he managed to retain when stepping down in 2019 have been wrested from him. He no longer dominates the DRC's legislative and judicial branches. By playing old school Congolese politics, Tshisekedi has come a long way in emerging from the shadow of Kabila's 18-year reign. But his next set of challenges are arguably just as complex and fraught as those he has overcome in the past two years. Sama Lukonde's appointment may be a

los poderes no electos, que en la República Islámica coexisten con el Parlamento y el Gobierno salidos de las urnas, terminan neutralizando el voto popular. “La parte republicana del sistema islámico nunca ha estado tan debilitada como hoy; si la gente no participa en las elecciones, vamos a perder este pequeño espacio que hacer cambios para el pueblo”, advierte Mohsen Rafsanyani, un hijo del [fallecido expresidente Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanyani](#), durante un mitin en apoyo de la lista de los herederos políticos de su padre en Teherán. A ambos lados del estrado, el retrato del general Soleimani aparece junto a los del ayatolá Jomeini (fundador de la República Islámica), el ayatolá Jamenei y el propio Rafsanyani. Resulta altamente significativo del camino recorrido por Irán que estos conservadores pragmáticos concurren bajo el nombre Gran Coalición de los Reformistas. En realidad, se trata de una lista que une a lo que queda de estos (como los exdiputados

ministro de Salud, Enrique Paris, luego que acompañaran al Presidente Piñera en la reunión. “De esta manera, es muy importante que Prosur haya respaldado esta iniciativa del Gobierno de Chile”, agregó el canciller. **La idea de establecer un tratado internacional que sea jurídicamente vinculante, de preparación y respuesta a las pandemias, fue promovida también por el ministro Allamand en la reciente reunión ministerial de la Alianza para el Multilateralismo, donde llamó a involucrarse a los más de 60 países participantes de esa instancia.**

En la reunión de Prosur, en la que participaron los mandatarios de Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay y Perú, se abordó también cómo se orientarán los esfuerzos para coordinar los procesos de vacunación en curso en América Latina.

USA, *El Economista*, 25 February 2021: Janet Yellen pide el apoyo del G20 para que países pobres compren vacunas contra Covid. Expertos y activistas firman una carta en la que plantean que se ofrezcan recursos adicionales al Fondo Monetario Internacional.

September. The forum is open to all countries that share the same values and goals and have the desire to cooperate more closely on regional security and prosperity.

ITALY-CONGO, *la Repubblica*, 22 February 2021: L'ambasciatore italiano nella Repubblica Democratica del Congo Luca Attanasio, Vittorio Iacovacci, il carabiniere della sua scorta, e Mustapha Milambo, l'autista, sono stati uccisi in un attacco a un convoglio delle Nazioni Unite nel Congo orientale.



RUSSIA, *The Jakarta Post* (Anna Smolchenko Agence France-Presse Moscow), 26 February 2021: Kremlin critic Navalny moved from jail: lawyer.



Russian opposition politician Alexei Navalny speaks during an interview with prominent Russian YouTube blogger Yury Dud, in Berlin, Germany, in this still image taken from a

canny move, but will it be enough?

ETHIOPIA, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 17 February 2021: **Ethiopie: le chef rebelle du Tigré annonce la poursuite du conflit.**



Le conflit entre les troupes fédérales éthiopiennes et les combattants rebelles du Front populaire de libération du Tigré (TPLF), se poursuivra sur différents fronts, a déclaré l'un des dirigeants fugitifs du mouvement. Dans un entretien accordé mardi au Tigray Media House, Getachew Reda, ancien ministre des Communications du gouvernement fédéral, a déclaré qu'il y a eu dans ce conflit des pertes importantes des deux côtés, avec 100.000 victimes. Il a déclaré que les forces fédérales et celles de leurs alliés érythréens ont subi davantage de pertes depuis que le conflit a éclaté en novembre de l'année dernière.

SUDAN, *Al Ahram* (Lamis ElSharqawy), 18 February 2021: Sudan faces towering economic challenges, including a huge budget deficit and widespread shortages of essential goods and soaring

Mostafa Kavakebian y Mohamed Ali Vakili) con centristas como el vicepresidente Majid Ansari, después de que el Consejo de Guardianes (un órgano no electo) descalificara a cientos de candidatos reformistas, incluidos un tercio de los miembros del Parlamento saliente. Salvo en Teherán, que elige a 30 de los 290 escaños de la Cámara, el resto del país prácticamente solo puede optar entre conservadores y ultraconservadores. Los ultras, integrados por el clero más conservador, los Pasdarán (miembros de la Guardia Revolucionaria) y el poder judicial, siempre han controlado las palancas del poder. Pero ahora han aprovechado la debilidad de los sectores más pragmáticos del régimen, partidarios del acercamiento a Occidente y de una mayor apertura social, cuya apuesta por el acuerdo nuclear se ha estrellado ante la decisión de la Administración Trump de **abandonar el pacto y reimponer sanciones** a Irán. Además, les ha envalentonado la



La secretaria del Tesoro de Estados Unidos, Janet Yellen, apoyó una nueva asignación de los Derechos Especiales de Giro del Fondo Monetario Internacional (DEG), pero dijo que se necesitan parámetros amplios para impulsar la transparencia sobre cómo se usan y negocian las reservas. En una carta dirigida a los ministros de finanzas del G20, Yellen dijo que una nueva asignación de los DEG podría mejorar la liquidez de los países pobres y ayudar a sus esfuerzos de recuperación económica y sanitaria, lo que revierte la oposición anterior del gobierno de Estados Unidos. La jefa del Tesoro de EU no especificó el tamaño de la posible asignación de los DEG, que pueden ser convertidos en moneda fuerte por los miembros del FMI. Los funcionarios de finanzas del G20 debatirán el asunto hoy en su videoconferencia.

COLOMBIA, *El Espectador*, 27 February 2021: **Desplazamiento masivo en Peque, Antioquia, por enfrentamientos entre grupos armados.** El Clan

handout video released Tuesday. (Reuters/YouTube-vDud via Reuters TV) **SHARES** Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny has been transferred from a Moscow jail to an unknown location, his aides said Thursday, suggesting he may be beginning a prison sentence condemned as politically motivated. Russian President Vladimir Putin's most prominent opponent was this month sentenced to more than two years in a penal colony for breaching his parole terms while recovering in Germany from a poisoning attack. Navalny lawyer Olga Mikhailova said the defence team did not know where Navalny was being taken but suggested he could be transferred to a penal colony. "They didn't tell anyone where he is being sent," Mikhailova told AFP.

EGYPT, *El Pais* (**JUAN CARLOS SANZ**), 26 February 2021: **Una capital faraónica para el Egipto de Al Sisi. Una nueva sede de la Administración emerge en el desierto entre el Nilo y el mar Rojo mientras el país supera los 100 millones de habitantes.**

prices of bread and other staples.



Protesters build a brick barrier on a main road during demonstrations against rising prices (photos: AFP). A long-awaited government in Sudan was announced last week amid violent protests decrying the dire economic conditions, which were the key reason behind mobilising the Sudanese people in a historic uprising in 2019 that led to the ouster of the Omar Al-Bashir's regime. Today, with the same levels of poverty and economic meltdown, a new government is taking over. It faces, in addition to traditional problems, such as tackling the stormy relations with neighbouring Addis Ababa and waves of opposition due to the normalisation deal with Israel. The new 25-member government replaced a caretaker cabinet of technocrats that has been running the country since July last year. It includes seven ex-rebel chiefs as ministers, in the framework of a power-sharing deal which the transitional authorities struck last year with a rebel alliance fighting government forces in the west and south. Days before announcing the

respuesta popular al asesinato de Soleimani, uno de los suyos, pero a cuyos funerales asistieron cientos de miles de iraníes (varios millones según las autoridades) de un amplio espectro social. Aunque sobre el papel el Parlamento tiene la potestad de controlar al Gobierno y puede someter a una votación de censura a sus miembros, a menudo actúa como una caja de resonancia del régimen. El resultado electoral no tendrá por tanto impacto en la política exterior o la cuestión nuclear, que son prerrogativa del líder supremo. Sin embargo, el giro conservador abre el camino para que el sector más intransigente se haga con la presidencia el año que viene y monopolice todos los poderes.

INDONESIA, *The Jakarta Post* (**Marchio Irfan Gorbiano**), 28 February 2021: **Lauded graft fighter Nurdin Abdullah named bribery suspect.**

del Golfo y Disidencias de las Farc serían los responsables del desplazamiento forzado de 114 personas de la vereda Nueva Granada, del municipio antioqueño. La Personería municipal informó que otras 200 personas están en riesgo.



Desde el 25 de febrero 114 personas abandonaron sus casas tras la muerte de una mujer habitante de la vereda. / @GarantiasPsg El jueves 25 de febrero, mientras que en Ituango cuatro personas resultaron heridas tras ser atacadas por un grupo armado aún no identificado, habitantes de la vereda Nueva Granada, jurisdicción del municipio Peque, estuvieron entre el fuego cruzado de dos grupos criminales que serían las Disidencias de las Farc y el Clan del Golfo. Elisabeth Ortega, quien tenía 9 meses de embarazo, recibió el impacto de una bala perdida que le quitó la vida.



Obras de construcción de la futura sede del Consejo de Ministros en la Nueva Capital Administrativa de El Cairo, en mayo de 2019. REUTERS. “Será una plaza más grande que Tiananmen”, se ufana Ahmed (nombre figurado) entre la asfixiante polvareda levantada por decenas de camiones que deambulan en un lugar del desierto sembrado de grúas entre el Nilo y el mar Rojo. El empleado de la empresa pública que construye [la Nueva Capital Administrativa de Egipto, 40 kilómetros al este de El Cairo](#), señala las flamantes fachadas de los ministerios, alineados como los milenarios palacios de Luxor, que delimitan el ágora gubernamental ante la imponente mole del Parlamento. En el lejano horizonte — “es por razones de seguridad”, musita— se atisba la futura residencia del presidente Abdelfatá al Sisi, padre del faraónico proyecto. Hasta donde alcanza

new government, Sudan’s Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok dissolved the previous cabinet which only includes two ministers from the military, with the remaining coming from the Forces for Freedom and Change group, which was the driving force behind the anti-government protests that toppled Al-Bashir. However, Sudanese demands remain the same. Protests continued across the country’s main cities ahead of installing the new government, demanding better economic conditions. Sudan faces towering economic challenges, including a huge budget deficit and widespread shortages of essential goods and soaring prices of bread and other staples. The country is \$70 billion in debt and its annual inflation rose beyond 200 per cent in the past months, along with chronic hard currency shortages and a flourishing black market.

NIGER, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 18 February 2021: **Niger : dernière ligne droite dans la course au palais.**



Mohamed Bazoum et Mahamane Ousmane, adversaires pour le second tour de l’élection présidentielle du 21



South Sulawesi Governor Nurdin Abdullah (center) arrives at the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) office in Jakarta on Saturday. Graft busters arrested Nurdin and five others in relation to a corruption case in South Sulawesi. (Antara/Dhemas Reviyanto) The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) has named South Sulawesi governor Nurdin Abdullah – who has been celebrated for his antigraft stance – a suspect in a bribery case following his arrest on Saturday. Nurdin has been accused of accepting Rp 2 billion (US\$139,874) in bribes from Agung Sucipto, a director of a Bulukumba-based construction company, to facilitate certain projects in the province.

SYRIA, *The Jakarta Post (News Desk Agence France-Presse Washington)*, 26 February 2021: The US military struck facilities in eastern Syria used by Iran-backed armed groups Thursday, saying President Joe Biden's new administration was sending Tehran a message after recent rocket attacks on US troop locations in Iraq. In its first military action against Iran-linked groups since Biden became president five weeks ago, the US Defense Department said it had carried out airstrikes at a Syria-Iraq border



USA, Utsa Patnaik and Prabhat Patnaik. 2021. **Capital and Imperialism: Theory, History, and the Present. Monthly Review Press:** Those who control the world's commanding economic heights, buttressed by the theories of mainstream economists, presume that capitalism is a self-contained and self-generating system. Nothing could be further from the truth. In this pathbreaking book—winner of the Paul A. Baran-Paul M. Sweezy Memorial Award—radical political economists Utsa Patnaik and Prabhat Patnaik argue that the accumulation of capital has always required the taking of land, raw materials, and bodies from noncapitalist modes of production. They begin with a thorough debunking of mainstream economics. Then, looking at the history of capitalism, from the beginnings of colonialism half a millennium ago to today's neoliberal regimes, they discover that, over the long haul, capitalism, in order to exist, must metastasize itself in the practice of imperialism and the immiseration of countless people. A few hundred years ago, write the Patnaiks, colonialism began to ensure vast, virtually free, markets for new products in burgeoning cities in the

la mirada se alzan bloques de viviendas, con evocadores nombres en castellano como El Patio o La Vista, donde pronto vivirán dos millones de personas.

**EUROPE-NATO, The Jakarta Post (Max Delany Agence France-Presse), 26 February 2021: EU leaders debate push to boost defences**



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg removes his protective face mask during a press conference following a video conference with NATO Defence Ministers, at the NATO headquarters in Brussels on Feb. 18. (AFP/Virginia Mayo) SHARES EU leaders on Friday will discuss efforts aimed at bolstering the bloc's ability to tackle security threats, as Brussels looks to convince sceptics over its drive for a more assertive Europe. NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg will join the video summit to talk cooperation in the face of worries from some member states that the EU's push could

février, ont sillonné pendant une dizaine de jours le pays. Le verdict des urnes est proche. Dans trois jours, 7,4 millions de Nigériens, sur une population globale estimée à 24 millions, se prononceront pour départager le candidat du Parti Nigérien pour la Démocratie et le Socialisme (PNDS Tarayya) et celui du Rassemblement Démocratique et Républicain (RDR Tchanji). Bazoum, crédité au premier tour de 39,3 % des suffrages valablement exprimés contre 16,99 % pour Ousmane, a la faveur des pronostics. En valeur absolue, le dauphin du président sortant, Mahamadou Issoufou, a récolté plus d'un million de voix par rapport à son rival. Si l'ancien ministre de l'Intérieur et de la Sécurité publique a récemment affirmé que « le pouvoir est déjà entre nos mains », c'est en partie grâce au ralliement de Seïni Oumarou et d'Albabé Abouba. Occupant respectivement la 3e et la 4e place au terme du premier acte, les leaders du Mouvement National pour la Société de Développement (MNSD Nassara) et du Mouvement Patriotique pour la République (MPR Jamhuriya) ont finalement adoubé le candidat du parti au pouvoir dont le slogan de campagne est « Ensemble, consolidons et avançons ».

SENEGAL, *Le Journal de Bangui*, 18 February 2021:

control point used by those groups, destroying "multiple facilities." "At President Biden's direction, US military forces earlier this evening conducted airstrikes against infrastructure utilized by Iranian-backed militant groups in eastern Syria," said spokesman John Kirby in a statement.

INDONESIA, *The Jakarta Post (A. Muh. Ibnu Aqil)*, February 27, 2021:



Protesters hold banners during a demonstration against the Job Creation Law on Jl. Medan Merdeka Barat in Jakarta on Oct. 28, 2020. The poster in the foreground reads, "Revoke the omnibus law for our children and grandchildren." (Antara/Hafidz Mubarak A.) SHARES The government has issued dozens of implementing regulations for the Job Creation Law to specify its standards and requirements, bringing radical changes to the country's labor system, while the Constitutional Court delays hearing legal challenges to the law to focus on election disputes. On Feb. 20, the State Secretariat announced that President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo had signed 45 government regulations and four presidential regulations for the implementation of the law.

MYANMAR, *The Jakarta Post (Kyodo News)*, 1 March 2021: Malaysia

West. But even after slavery was generally abolished, millions of people in the Global South still fell prey to the continuing lethal exigencies of the marketplace. Even after the Second World War, when decolonization led to the end of the so-called "Golden Age of Capitalism," neoliberal economies stepped in to reclaim the Global South, imposing drastic "austerity" measures on working people. But, say the Patnaiks, this neoliberal economy, which lives from bubble to bubble, is doomed to a protracted crisis. In its demise, we are beginning to see—finally—the transcendence of the capitalist system.

MEXICO, *El Economista*, 1 March 2021: AMLO: Ya van 25 gobernadores que se han unido al acuerdo en favor de la democracia. López Obrador destacó que es muy probable que se adhieran más gobernadores al acuerdo.



López Obrador en la conferencia mañanera del 1 de marzo del 2021. El presidente Andrés Manuel López Obrador destacó esta

undermine the US-backed alliance. Debate has raged for decades over what role Brussels should play on defence, and individual nations have often been reluctant to agree moves to integrate military capabilities. France is championing a doctrine of "strategic autonomy" -- arguing the coronavirus pandemic and former US leader Donald Trump's threats to cut off allies show Europe has to be able to stand alone. Draft conclusions for Friday's meeting seen by AFP foresee leaders reaffirming that "in the face of increased global instability, the EU needs to take more responsibility for its security", but no concrete new announcements are due. The 27 nations will insist they are looking to strengthen the EU's partnership with NATO and work closely with the new US leadership under President Joe Biden. "This global cooperation will benefit from a stronger EU in the field of security and defence," the draft says. Leaders will also focus on a drive by Europe to better protect itself from cyber attacks, and ask Brussels to come up with a roadmap for boosting the development of strategic technologies. EU ambitions on common defence have gathered steam in recent years, and all but two nations

### Nouveau cadre de coopération entre le Sénégal et l'USAID



Ce nouveau programme d'un montant de six cent millions de dollars US, soit plus de 325,8 milliards F CFA, est constitué de quatre conventions de financement, sous forme de dons. Cet accord de coopération quinquennal constitue la contribution de l'USAID à la mise en œuvre du PAP 2A, notamment dans les réformes clés entreprises par le gouvernement, a fait savoir le ministre sénégalais de l'Economie, Amadou Hott. Le PAP 2A est le Plan d'action prioritaire 2 ajusté et accéléré du Plan Sénégal Émergent (PSE) pour la relance de l'économie, post Covid-19. Ce nouveau cadre de coopération 2020-2025 développe une nouvelle approche appelée « Le parcours vers l'autonomie ». Il s'articule autour de trois axes, à savoir : une croissance économique inclusive et durable ; un capital humain amélioré ; et une efficacité et redevabilité du gouvernement accrues.

CONGO, *Deutsche Welle* (Isaac Mugabi, Reuters, AP), 23 FEBRUARY 2021: **Uganda: FDLR Rebels Blamed for Killing of Italian**

wants ASEAN to act "constructively" on Myanmar.



Malaysian Foreign Minister Hishammuddin Hussein calls on ASEAN on March 1, 2021 to engage in a dialogue regarding Myanmar. (EPA via The Straits Times/-). Malaysian Foreign Minister Hishammuddin Hussein on Monday called for a "constructive" ASEAN role in dealing with the Myanmar situation and urged all parties there to exercise "utmost restraint from the use of violence," a day after 18 deaths were reported in anti-coup protests. Hishammuddin's call came as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations is set to hold an online special ministerial meeting on Tuesday to discuss the military takeover of the government that has sparked massive street protests in various cities in Myanmar. "We are deeply concerned over the loss of innocent lives and injuries during the on-going situation in Myanmar," he said in a statement after his visit to Brunei, which currency chair ASEAN. "It is crucial that ASEAN leads a sincere discussion and constructively engage with Myanmar and all stakeholders to show that ASEAN is effective as a cohesive regional grouping, in addressing the expectations of our external partners and in avoiding unnecessary

mañana en conferencia de prensa en Palacio Nacional que ya son 25 los gobernadores (incluida la jefa de Gobierno de la Ciudad de México, **Claudia Sheinbaum**), que [han manifestado su adhesión al acuerdo en favor de la democracia](#). El pasado martes 23 de febrero, [el mandatario exhortó, por medio de una carta, a todos los gobernadores de los estados de la República](#) a no intervenir para apoyar a ningún candidato ni a ningún partido en las elecciones de junio de este año. AMLO destacó que es muy probable que se adhieran más gobernadores al acuerdo. Por medio de una relectura de la carta, López Obrador recordó que el propósito de este acuerdo es hacer un acuerdo nacional en favor de la democracia, “por mi parte les manifiesto que actuare como siempre con absoluta rectitud y en defensa de la soberanía popular y a esto mismo les convoco a ustedes”, dijo. Detalló que hay que dejar a los ciudadanos que libremente decidan “sobre quién debe gobernarlos, representarlos”, señaló.

MEXICO, *El Economista*, 1 March 2021:  
ELECCIONES 2021.

signed up to the landmark PESCO (Permanent Structured Cooperation) pact in 2017 to increase cooperation. The departure of Britain from the European Union saw the bloc lose some military and diplomatic heft, but also removed a fierce opponent of anything that might lead to a European army from the Brussels conversation. The EU now seeks a multibillion-euro fund to co-finance industrial defence projects and the five-billion-euro European Peace Facility (EPF), allowing it to provide military equipment and assistance to partner countries. But key questions remain on how projects like the EPF will be implemented, with one senior diplomat saying some countries refuse to go beyond training missions. "There will be bumps along the implementation road in these early years, requiring political will," according to an analysis from the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Right-sizing ambitions and a strong trans-Atlantic dialogue will be crucial." Diplomats say Brussels received backing from Biden's administration for its efforts when Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke to EU foreign ministers on Monday. But a senior

## Ambassador to DR Congo



MONUSCO/Force/Flickr. A MONUSCO patrol in North Kivu. *The Democratic Republic of Congo has accused the FDLR rebels of killing the Italian ambassador to the country on Monday. But the rebels are shifting the blame to the armies of DR Congo and neighboring Rwanda.*

Ambassador Luca Attanasio died of his injuries after the World Food Programme (WFP) convoy in which he was traveling came under gunfire near Goma, the capital of eastern North Kivu province on Monday.. His bodyguard and a driver in the WFP convoy were also killed. North Kivu Governor Carly Nzanu told DW that the attackers were fighters of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda (FDLR), a militia founded by Hutu extremists partly responsible for the 1994 Rwandan genocide. "According to our information, the six attackers spoke Kinyarwanda, and the armed groups in the region where the attack took place are mostly FDLR," Nzanu said.

unilateral responses that may affect the region unfavorably," he added. The military has justified its takeover by claiming there was widespread fraud in last November's general election in which ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party, the National League for Democracy, scored another landslide victory. Suu Kyi has been placed under house arrest and faces multiple charges that rights groups and the international community deem as frivolous and politically motivated. "All relevant parties must exercise utmost restraint from the use of violence that could affect the safety of members of the public and further escalate the situation in the country," Hishammuddin said.

USA-SAUDI ARABIA, *The Jakarta Post* (Sebastian Smith Agence France-Presse, Washington), February 26, 2021 : Biden, Saudi king speak ahead of Khashoggi murder report, United States



A handout picture provided by the Saudi Royal Palace on Thursday, shows Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman attending a video meeting with the Shura council in the capital Riyadh. (AFP/Bandar Al Jaloud/Saudi Royal Palace). President Joe Biden held a long-delayed first phone call Thursday

<p>¿Cómo funcionará la propaganda política en redes sociales durante las campañas electorales de México en 2021? Tras el escándalo de Cambridge Analytica de 2016, cuando se manipuló al electorado estadounidense por medio de mensajes en Facebook, las principales plataformas de redes sociales han realizado serios ajustes a sus políticas de publicidad. Este año, México podrá verificar la efectividad de los cambios, durante la elección más grande de la historia. El 6 de junio de 2021 se celebrarán las elecciones más grandes de la historia por la cantidad de cargos que se renovarán en México. Se espera elegir cargos populares en 32 estados, entre ellos 500 diputados federales, 15 gubernaturas, 1,063 diputaciones locales de 30 congresos y la jefatura de 1,926 ayuntamientos en 30 estados a través del voto ciudadano. No hay duda de que las redes sociales serán parte fundamental de las contiendas electorales, pero ¿cómo funcionará la propaganda política en las plataformas digitales</p>	<p>EU official admitted the push has worried some in the bloc, who look towards NATO as a bulwark against a more aggressive Moscow. "The capacity for the EU to act in a more autonomous way unnerves member states on the front line against Russia because they fear a disengagement from NATO," the official said. Those nerves were reinforced last week when French President Emmanuel Macron again questioned if the transatlantic alliance was "still pertinent" in the post-Cold War world. Those views have found little support, and leading economic power Germany remains firmly committed to NATO. The alliance with North America, which includes 21 EU members, has been the bedrock for European security since it was founded over seven decades ago to confront the Soviet Union. Trump rattled NATO as he accused Washington's allies of underspending on defence and taking advantage of the US -- but Biden has declared the "trans-Atlantic alliance is back". Officials in Brussels insist any push for greater autonomy is not a threat but an opportunity. "The US is right to tell Europeans to 'do your part'," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said. "A</p>	<p>The attackers had attempted to kidnap the Italian diplomat for ransom, the governor told DW. "The rebels stopped the WFP convoy with warning bullets before bringing down the passengers on board, including the ambassador. According to survivors, the rebels wanted money from the ambassador." The FDLR is often accused of atrocities against the civilian population in DR Congo. Kidnapping for ransom would be a relatively new strategy for the militias. "The FDLR have been in the region for more than 20 years and so far, have exploited natural resources, especially wood. Today, however, together with other local armed groups, they could be involved in the kidnapping of convoys civilians or humanitarian workers." Nzanzu said. Fredrick Golooba Mutebi, a commentator on the Great Lakes region, said he wonders why the FDLR has so been quickly accused of being behind the attack. "Many groups are roaming in that area. It could be the FDLR or any other group. Besides, there are other Kinyarwanda-speaking Congolese," Mutebi told DW.</p> <p>MOZAMBIQUE, <i>The Jakarta Post</i> (Joaquim Nhamirre Agence</p>	<p>with Saudi King Salman ahead of an imminent US intelligence report expected to link the Arab kingdom's powerful crown prince to the killing of dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Biden kept the king waiting in his long list of calls to US allies after being sworn in five weeks ago. And when he did finally reach out to the Saudis, it was pointedly to the king and not the expected successor Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, commonly known as MBS. The telephone diplomacy was all part of what the White House is calling a reset in relations in the wake of Khashoggi's horrific 2018 murder inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Turkey. A US intelligence report on the incident, in which Khashoggi is believed to have been killed and then chopped into pieces, is being made public "soon," the White House says. It is expected to state that the crown prince in some capacity was connected to the killing, which involved a whole squad of Saudi agents positioned at the consulate before Khashoggi visited. Khashoggi, a Saudi national who wrote for The Washington Post and was a US resident, had been an outspoken critic of the young prince. The White House said that Biden and the 85-year-old king emphasized the countries' security ties and "the US commitment to help Saudi Arabia defend its territory as it faces attacks from Iranian-aligned groups."</p>
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durante este periodo electoral?

USA, *Iran Daily*, 1 March 2021: [Trump repeats election lies, raps disloyal Republicans, and hints at 2024 run](#)



REUTERS

Former US president Donald Trump speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, on February 28, 2021. **Former US president Donald Trump hinted on Sunday at a possible presidential run in 2024, attacked President Joe Biden and repeated his fraudulent claims he won the 2020 election in his first major appearance since leaving the White House nearly six weeks ago.**

Addressing the Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida, Trump vowed to help Republicans try to regain majorities – lost during his presidency – in the US House of Representatives and Senate in 2022

stronger and more capable and strategically focused European Union is not a rival to NATO, it is a stronger transatlantic member."

FRANCE, *Iran Daily* ([GONZALO FUENTES/REUTERS](#)), 1 March 2021: [Former French president Sarkozy sentenced to jail in corruption trial](#)



Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy (C) arrives for the verdict in his trial on charges of corruption and influence peddling, at Paris courthouse, France, on March 1, 2021. **A French court found former president Nicolas Sarkozy guilty on Monday of trying to bribe a judge and influence peddling, making him the second head of state in modern-day France to be convicted of corruption.**

Sarkozy, who led

*France-Presse*), 25 February 2021: Mozambique democracy under threat as opposition loses leaders.



In this file photograph taken on October 13, 2014, Mozambican Democratic Movement (MDM) President and then presidential candidate Daviz Simango gestures as he speaks during an interview with AFP in Maputo, ahead of the country's 2014 general elections. - The leader of Mozambique's second largest opposition party and a top mayor who fought climate change in his low-lying coastal city Beira, Daviz Simango, died on February 22, 2021, aged 57, his family said. He was transferred to a South African hospital last week for treatment, his brother Lutero Simango said in a text message, without disclosing the nature of the illness. (AFP/Gianluigi Guercia). The death this week of an opposition leader has inflicted a heavy blow to Mozambique's fragile democracy after the loss of Afonso Dhlakama, a charismatic former guerrilla fighter, analysts say. Daviz Simango, the 57-year-old founder of Mozambique's second largest opposition party, died of an undisclosed illness in a South African hospital. His sudden

However, in a shift from the Donald Trump era, Biden also "affirmed the importance the United States places on universal human rights and the rule of law." The Saudi state news agency said in its readout that the king and Biden stressed "the depth of the relationship between the two countries" and discussed Iran's "destabilizing activities and its support for terrorist groups" in the region. Human rights emphasis Trump paid little attention to Saudi Arabia's human rights violations. His son-in-law and Middle East adviser Jared Kushner became texting friends with 35-year-old Prince Mohammed. Biden is likely to have his hands tied to some extent, because the reality is that MBS is lined up to take over Saudi Arabia and is already the de facto ruler. Typically, the United States does not impose sanctions on top-level foreign leaders. With its vast oil reserves and rivalry with Iran, Saudi Arabia is also a vital strategic ally. A reminder of shared US and Saudi interests in the region came Thursday when the US military struck at facilities they said were being used by Iran-backed forces in Syria. But the intelligence report's publication, which could come as early as Friday, is a sharp departure in tone, reinforcing the administration's policy of calling out Saudi Arabia on rights issues. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Thursday had

congressional elections and dangled himself as a possibility for president in 2024, Reuters reported. "With your help, we will take back the House, we will win the Senate and then a Republican president will make a triumphant return to the White House. I wonder who will that be?" he said, smiling. "Who, who, who will that be, I wonder." Trump's weeks away from Washington do not appear to have dimmed his anger at Republicans who voted to impeach or convict in a failed congressional effort to hold him responsible for inciting a deadly attack on the US Capitol on Jan. 6.

**BRAZIL, Zero Hora, 10 March 2021: Lula crítica Lava-Jato e projeta futuro eleitoral com foco na pandemia e na economia.**



Ex-presidente falou na sede do Sindicato dos Metalúrgicos, em São Paulo, após ter recuperado seus direitos políticos.

**BRAZIL, Povo (Renato Revolta), 10 March 2021: 'Não tenho mágoas', diz Lula após anulação de**

France from 2007 to 2012, was found guilty of offering a plum job in Monaco to a judge in exchange for inside information on an inquiry into his campaign finances, AFP reported. He was sentenced to three years in prison, including two years suspended. The same sentence was handed down to his co-defendants – lawyer Thierry Herzog and Judge Gilbert Azibert. The former president and his lawyer were found guilty of seeking to bribe Judge Azibert for information on an inquiry into claims the former leader had received illicit payments from L'Oreal heiress Liliane Bettencourt during his successful 2007 presidential campaign. The state's case was based on wiretaps of conversations between Herzog and Sarkozy, with prosecutors accusing him of "using secret telephone lines" to cover up his attempt to infiltrate the court.

**VATICAN, Folha de S. Paulo, 10 March 2021: Papa Francisco questiona venda de armas a terroristas após viagem histórica ao Iraque.**

death came little more than two years after Dhlakama died following a heart attack. Dhlakama, the former leader of the Renamo rebel movement, had been the face of opposition to the Frelimo government after the country's long and brutal civil war. The loss of these two prominent figures deprives the country of two nationally-heard voices of dissent, say commentators. "The opposition was already dying, fighting this big elephant which is the ruling Frelimo party," said political science professor Domingos do Rosario of the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo. "It is a dark scenario." Dhlakama signed a historic peace accord in 1992, ending a 14-year civil war that devastated the economy, left a million people dead and caused 1.5 million others to seek refuge in neighbouring countries.

**NIGERIA, Iran Daily, 2 March 2021: [Nigerian governor: 279 kidnapped schoolgirls freed.](#)**



**REUTERS. Hundreds of Nigerian schoolgirls abducted last week from a boarding school in the northwestern Zamfara state have been released, the state's governor said Tuesday. Zamfara state governor Bello**

his own telephone call with Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan. They "discussed the importance of Saudi progress on human rights, including through legal and judicial reforms," State Department spokesman Ned Price said. Prince Mohammed has said he accepts Saudi Arabia's overall responsibility in Khashoggi's killing but denies a personal link. Sarah Leah Whitson, executive director of Democracy for the Arab World, an advocacy group founded by Khashoggi, said that Biden needed to take more concrete action. "President Biden should now fulfill his promise to hold MBS accountable for this murder by, at minimum, imposing the same sanctions on him as those imposed on his underlying culprits and ending the weapons transfers to Saudi Arabia that would be controlled by an unelected, brutal murderer," she said. Whitewash In Saudi Arabia, five people were handed death sentences over the murder. But a Saudi court in September overturned them while giving jail terms of up to 20 years to eight unnamed defendants following secretive legal proceedings. Human rights advocates called the judicial process a whitewash aimed at blaming the hit men while not touching the mastermind. CNN, quoting documents filed in a Canadian civil lawsuit, reported that two private

**condenações;  
acompanhe aqui.**



O ex-presidente Lula afirmou que não tem mágoas pela condenação e pelo tempo em que permaneceu preso na Lava-Jato após a decisão do ministro do Supremo Tribunal Federal Edson Fachin que anulou os processos da operação que condenaram o ex-presidente.

— Se tem um brasileiro que tem razão de ter muitas e profundas mágoas, sou eu. Mas não tenho.

Sinceramente, eu não tenho porque o sofrimento que o povo brasileiro está passando é infinitamente maior que qualquer crime que cometeram contra mim. É maior que cada dor que eu sentia quando estava preso na Polícia Federal — afirmou Lula.

USA, *Foreign Affairs* (**Binyamin Appelbaum**), **March/April 2021: review of** *Mike Konczal*,



Pontífice repreende fabricantes de armamentos e faz apelo por fraternidade como resposta a guerras.

RUSSIA, *Le Monde diplomatique* (**HÉLÈNE RICHARD**), March 2021: UN OPPOSANT PEUT-ÊTRE PLUS GÊNANT QUE LE KREMLIN NE L'IMAGINE. Alexeï Navalny, prophète en son pays? Victime d'une tentative d'empoisonnement, l'opposant russe Alexeï Navalny se trouve aujourd'hui derrière les barreaux. Tout en appelant à sa libération, les chancelleries occidentales préparent l'adoption de nouvelles sanctions. Si le Kremlin n'entend rien céder aux pressions internationales, qu'il qualifie d'ingérences, il surveille les conséquences de l'affaire à l'intérieur du pays.

UK, *The Japan Times*, 15 March 2021: **Boris Johnson moves to defuse anger over**

Matawalle announced that 279 girls have been freed. Gunmen abducted the girls from the Government Girls Junior Secondary School in Jangebe town on Friday, in the latest in a series of mass kidnappings of students in the West African nation. An Associated Press reporter saw hundreds of girls dressed in light blue Muslim veils and barefoot sitting at the state Government House in Gusau. After the meeting, the girls were escorted outside by officials and lined up to be taken away in vans. They appeared calm and ranged in ages from 10 and up. Matawalle said they would be taken for medical examinations before being reunited with their families. “God be praised! It gladdens my heart to announce the release of the abducted students of GGSS Jangebe from captivity. This follows the scaling of several hurdles laid against our efforts. I enjoin all well-meaning Nigerians to rejoice with us as our daughters are now safe,” Matawalle said in a post on Twitter early Tuesday.

NIGERIA, *The Economist*, 4 March 2021: On gay rights, young Africans share the intolerance of their elders. Gay

jets used by the squad that allegedly flew to Istanbul to kill Khashoggi were owned by a company earlier seized by Prince Mohammed. A respected veteran journalist and editor, Khashoggi was in self-exile and residing in the United States, writing articles critical of the crown prince when he was assassinated on October 2, 2018. The 59-year-old writer had been told by Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States to go to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul if he wanted to obtain documents for his forthcoming marriage. There he was killed, and his body dismembered by a team sent from Riyadh under the direction of Prince Mohammed's top security aide, Saud al-Qahtani.

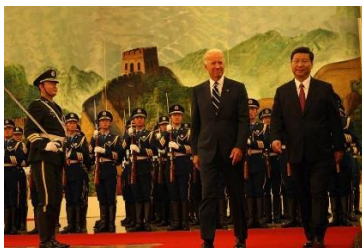
SAUDI ARABIA-YEMEN, *The Jakarta Post* (*Agence France-Presse Riyadh*), February 28: Saudi Arabia says Huthi missile attack on Riyadh thwarted



A handout photo taken and released by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) on March 29, 2020 shows Saudi-led coalition spokesman Colonel Turki Al-Malki giving explanations during a press conference, in Riyadh, on the displayed

2021. Freedom From the Market: America's Fight to Liberate Itself From the Grip of the Invisible Hand. New Press.

USA, *Foreign Affairs* (Kevin Rudd), March/April 2021 Short of War. How to Keep U.S.-Chinese Confrontation From Ending in Calamity.



Officials in Washington and Beijing don't agree on much these days, but there is one thing on which they see eye to eye: the contest between their two countries will enter a decisive phase in the 2020s. This will be the decade of living dangerously. No matter what strategies the two sides pursue or what events unfold, the tension between the United States and China will grow, and competition will intensify; it is inevitable. War, however, is not. It remains possible for the two countries to put in place guardrails that would prevent a catastrophe: a joint framework for what I call "managed strategic competition" would reduce the risk of

## U.K. police violence



Images of male officers pinning down female demonstrators at a Saturday event meant to draw attention to violence against women have drawn criticism.

UE, *The Japan Times* (CAROLINE COPLEY, ANDREAS RINKE AND ALLISON MARTELL), 15 March 2021: **As vaccine nationalism deepens, governments pay to bring production home.** Governments across the globe are rushing to access fragmented vaccine production after manufacturing setbacks deprived European Union members of drugs made on their own soil this year.

LIBYA, *Libya Harald* (Sami Zaptia), 13 March 2021: **GNU freezes spending of state investment funds and companies.**

Africans demanding equality face a violent backlash.



When gay Nigerians took to the streets to join massive protests against police brutality last year, it was not just the police who attacked them. Fellow protesters also hurled insults at them, ripped up their rainbow flags and tore placards from their hands. "I felt like a lot of people just wanted me dead," says Matthew Blaise, a 21-year-old student. In many parts of the world the young are far more tolerant than their elders of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (lgbt) people. But with a few exceptions, such as in Botswana, which decriminalised homosexuality in 2019, young Africans seem to be almost as homophobic as their grandparents.

BURKINA FASO, *Reuter* (Sam Mednick), 4 March 2021: **Burkina Faso: Affordable Housing Push Fuels Land Tensions in Burkina Faso.**

missile's debris fired on March 28 by Yemeni Huthi military group and intercepted by Riyadh. (Agence France Presse/SPA). Loud explosions shook Riyadh on Saturday as a Saudi-led military coalition said it thwarted a missile attack launched by Yemen's Huthi rebels, which sent debris raining down on civilian homes. The Iran-backed Huthis have escalated attacks on the kingdom, while they step up an offensive to seize the Saudi-backed Yemeni government's last northern stronghold of Marib. The Saudi-led coalition said it intercepted a Huthi ballistic missile targeting Riyadh, according to the official SPA news agency. Fragments of the missile scattered over several Riyadh neighbourhoods, damaging at least one home but no casualties were reported, state-run Al-Ekhbariya television said. AFP correspondents in the Saudi capital reported hearing multiple loud explosions. The night sky lit up with a bright flash following the interception of a missile, state television footage showed. Separately, the coalition said it intercepted six Huthi drones targeting the kingdom, including the southern cities of Khamis Mushait and Jizan. The rebels did not immediately claim responsibility for any of the attacks. They frequently strike southern areas and have previously targeted Riyadh with missiles and drones.



competition escalating into open conflict.

USA, *The Japan Times*

(**HIROKO**

**TABUCHI AND MICHAEL**

**CORKERY**), 14 March 2021:

**Exports of U.S. plastic garbage rise, despite ban**



Trash pickers search for recyclable plastic and other items of value at a landfill in Bantar Gebang, Indonesia, in February 2020. | ADAM DEAN / THE NEW YORK TIMES. Environmental watchdog groups say exporters are ignoring the new rules that went into effect last year.

USA, *Monthly Review* (**Zhun Xu**), March 2021: **The Ideology of Late Imperialism. The Return of the Geopolitics of the Second International**



Aldabaiba started issuing decrees today after moving into the PM's Office (Photo: GNU). In its first decree (1/2021) since physically moving into the Tripoli Prime Minister's Office, the incoming Libyan Government of National Unity (GNU) of Abd Alhamid Aldabaiba today froze all financial activities of all state investment funds and companies. The temporary freeze excludes the payment of salaries. The GNU said this is to avoid any suspicion of corruption.

LIBYA, *Libya Harald (Sami Zaptia)*, 15 March 2021: **Presidency head Menfi stresses government's tasks in solving bottlenecks, preparing for elections and starting reconciliation.**



Presidency Council head Mohamed Menfi (Photo: PC). During his speech at the swearing-in ceremony for the Government of National Unity (GNU) before parliament in



Sam Mednick/Thomson Reuters Foundation

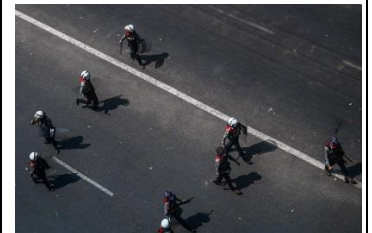
Joanny Nakoulima stands on his farm in front of a row of severed trees, which he says were bulldozed in January by a real estate agency that's claiming his land in Burkina Faso, February 5, 2021.

***Unfair or illegal deals pit neighbours and families against each other as Burkina Faso aims to build 40,000 new homes.***

- Project aims to build 40,000 affordable homes
- Villagers say developers are making unfair deals for land
- Government will look at reforms to land law

While Joanny Nakoulima was visiting neighbours in January, bulldozers blazed through his farm in central Burkina Faso unannounced, destroying his crops within minutes. The machines belonged to a property developer that claims it was granted the right to develop his land and that of other residents in Boassa village, as part of a government drive to increase affordable housing across the country, Nakoulima said. "I'm frustrated and I'm afraid," said the 66-

JAPAN-MYANMAR, *The Jakarta Post (Kyodo News Tokyo)*, 1 March 2021:



Japan condemns killing of protesters by Myanmar security forces . Police walk on a street in Yangon on February 28, 2021, as security forces continue to crackdown on demonstrations by protesters against the military coup. (Agence France Presse/Ye Aung Thu) SHARES Japan on Monday condemned the use of deadly force by Myanmar security forces against protesters of last month's military coup. At least 18 protesters were killed and over 30 wounded on Sunday as live ammunition was reportedly fired into crowds in a half dozen cities across the country including Yangon, according to the UN Human Rights Office. "The use of force against peaceful protesters is unacceptable, and we strongly urge Myanmar security forces to immediately stop the violence against civilians," the government's top spokesman, Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato, told a press conference on Monday.

AFGHANISTAN, *El Pais (ÁNGELES ESPINOSA)*, 1 March 2021: **EE UU firma un acuerdo con los talibanes para sacar a sus tropas de Afganistán antes de 14**

Stuttgart Congress of the Second International, 1907. In 1990, when renowned Indian Marxian economist Prabhat Patnaik asked “Whatever Happened to Imperialism?,” once vibrant and influential schools of theories on imperialism were at a postwar historic low. When he left the West to return to India in 1974, imperialism was at the center of all Marxist discussions. But when he came back to the West merely fifteen years later, imperialism already seemed out of fashion. After all, the end of the Soviet Union and liberals’ declaration of the end of history were near.

USA-RUSSIA, *La Repubblica* (Rosalba Castelletti), 18 March 2021: Russia, Putin risponde a Biden che lo ha chiamato "killer": "Chi lo dice, lo è".



USA, NYT (AZI PAYBARAH and MARIA CRAMER), 22 March 2021: First Atlanta, then Boulder: Two mass shootings in a week. Before the shootings in

Tobruk today, Presidency Council head, Mohamed Menfi summarized the GNU’s tasks in its short term in office as solving bottlenecks of services and goods to citizens, preparing for the 24 December elections and starting the process of reconciliation. Here is his speech in full: “We wish you success at this beginning, and we know that this is a short period of eight to nine months in order to accomplish a set of tasks, the first of which is related to the government and the executive tasks of solving some bottlenecks that concern the citizen. We hope that the Prime Minister and the ministers will focus on creating the appropriate atmosphere in order to reach the main point that we all want, which is the elections at the end of this year, specifically on December 24th. [...]”.

SYRIA, 16 March 2021: *Le Monde* (Benjamin Barthe), 16 March 2021: Asma Al-Assad, première dame de Syrie, passée des bonnes œuvres aux basses œuvres. A côté de ses activités caritatives, Asma Al-Assad s’est associée

year-old farmer, standing in front of a row of severed trees on his farm. "I'm powerless. But I know that one day the truth will be revealed ... because I won't give up." Conflict over land in the West African nation has been ongoing for years, fuelled by competition between farmers and cattle breeders for territory, pasture and water, say locals and land rights advocates. But a recent push by the government to develop rural land for housing, with the help of property companies, is inflaming tensions as locals say they are being exploited by developers and the government is doing little to help.

BURUNDI, *The East African* (Moses Havyarimana), 9 MARCH 2021: **Burundi: President Grants Amnesty to 5,000 Prisoners**



*Antéditeste Niragira/Deutsche Welle.* President Evariste Ndayishimiye. Burundi's President Evariste Ndayishimiye has granted amnesty to more than 5,000 prisoners. A presidential decree dated March 5, 2021 and made public on Monday granted amnesty to 5,255

**meses. El pacto intenta lanzar un proceso de reconciliación interno que conduzca a la paz después de cuatro décadas de conflicto**



El embajador estadounidense en Afganistán, Zalmay Khalilzad (a la izquierda), y el líder talibán, Abdul Salam Zaeef, tras la rubrica, este sábado. REUTERS. Estados Unidos y los talibanes, la guerrilla a la que la superpotencia ha combatido durante 19 años, han firmado este sábado un acuerdo para la total retirada de las tropas extranjeras de Afganistán antes de 14 meses. El paso, que no garantiza el fin de la guerra, intenta lanzar un proceso de reconciliación interno y cuenta con el compromiso de los insurgentes de iniciar un diálogo interafgano en los próximos días. Tras cuatro décadas de conflictos, la población ha recibido el gesto con tantas expectativas como cautela. Nadie se atreve a pronosticar cuál será el resultado de las conversaciones con los extremistas islámicos que disputan el control del país al Gobierno de Kabul. “Este acuerdo va a

Atlanta last week, there had been no such killings since March 2020, according to the Violence Project.



USA, *NYT* (BRYAN PIETSCH, NEIL VIGDOR and WILL WRIGHT), 23 March 2021: Gunman Kills 10 in Grocery Store. The shooting in Colorado comes only six days after another deadly mass shooting in the Atlanta area, which left eight people dead.



USA, *NYT* (Veronica Escobar), 24 March 2021: **Solving the Migrant Crisis Means Going Beyond Our Border**. Until we address what motivates people to leave their home countries, they will continue to come.

à des affairistes, qui ont fait fortune grâce à la guerre, pour assurer les intérêts de son clan. On l'a d'abord encensée comme une « Lady Di arabe », au début des années 2000, pour la touche glamour qu'elle apportait à un régime poussiéreux. Elle a ensuite été qualifiée de « Marie-Antoinette syrienne », frivole et sans cœur, quand, en 2012, en pleine répression du soulèvement anti-Assad, le piratage des courriels du couple présidentiel a révélé qu'elle commandait des escarpins Louboutin sur Internet. Puis entre 2018 et 2019, alors qu'elle luttait contre un cancer, la propagande d'Etat l'a dépeinte en mère courage, poursuivant ses activités caritatives malgré la chimiothérapie, pour mieux exalter la résilience du régime tout entier.



Le couple présidentiel syrien, Bachar et Asma Al-Assad, lors de la visite d'une société indienne

inmates countrywide with the exception of those who committed crimes against humanity and other major crimes. It grants amnesty to "prisoners definitively sentenced to less than or equal to five years for all offences with the exception of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, armed robbery, illegally owning arms, armed robbery, terrorism machinery or bioterrorism, voluntary homicide, rape, and human traffickers." Inmates convicted of other minor crimes, pregnant women or those with children in the prison, minors, prisoners with chronic diseases, prisoners aged 70 years and above and inmates with mental disorders are expected to benefit from the president's amnesty. "Those convicted of corruption and/or corruption-related offences regardless of the sentence imposed, provided they have paid the amounts of embezzlement and the damages and interest pronounced by the courts and tribunals will benefit," the statement reads. This comes as the president has launched a clampdown on corruption that is said to have greatly impacted the country's economy for decades.

probar la sinceridad de los talibanes”, ha declarado el secretario de Estado norteamericano, Mike Pompeo, tras advertirles de que “no canten victoria” porque el pacto no significará nada si no cumplen su parte. Pompeo intervenía antes de la firma celebrada en Qatar, donde han tenido lugar los contactos entre los representantes de Washington y de los insurgentes. No ha sido, sin embargo, él quien ha rubricado el compromiso sino los respectivos jefes negociadores, el embajador estadounidense Zalmay Khalilzad y Abdul Ghani Baradar, cofundador de la milicia talibán. Después se han dado la mano en medio de aplausos e invocaciones de “Dios es el más grande”.

VATICAN-IRAQ, *The Economist*, 6 March 2021: The pope is heading for Iraq, where Christians remain afraid. The country is rebuilding churches, but will anyone fill the pews?



Things are moving quickly in Qaraqosh, a sleepy Christian town just outside Mosul in northern Iraq. Pope Francis arrives on March 7th, four years



HONDURAS, NYT (EMILY PALMER and KIRK SEMPLE), 23 March 2021: [A Damning Portrait of Presidential Corruption, but Hondurans Sound Resigned.](#)



President Juan Orlando Hernández of Honduras figured prominently in a U.S. drug trial, but few think it will matter in a country mired in corruption.

USA, NYT (**David E. Sanger**), 26 March 2021: **Biden invites world leaders, including Putin and Xi, to a climate summit.**

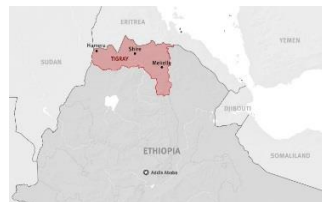


A climate change protest in New Delhi last week. Among the invitees are the leaders of all the United States' major European

d'informatique, à Bangalore, en Inde, en 2008. AIJAZ RAHI / AP. Depuis un an et demi, l'épouse du président syrien Bachar Al-Assad donne à voir une autre facette de sa personnalité : la femme d'affaires sans scrupule, déterminée à enrichir son clan malgré la guerre. Celle que le magazine de mode américain *Vogue* avait qualifiée de « *rose du désert* », en février 2011, quelques semaines avant le début du soulèvement anti-Assad, a aiguisé ses épines. La transformation n'a pas échappé aux limiers du Trésor américain qui l'ont placée sous sanctions, en juin 2020, de même que des membres de sa famille et des entrepreneurs proches d'elle. Avant d'apparaître comme une « *profiteuse de guerre* », selon Washington, Asma Al-Assad gérait les bonnes œuvres du régime. A la tête du Syria Trust for Development (STD), une ONG fondée en 2007, elle coordonnait la distribution d'aide aux handicapés, aux femmes ou aux régions rurales. La fondation jouait le rôle de vitrine civile d'un régime à forte connotation sécuritaire et militaire.

According to Transparency International report of 2020, Burundi ranks at 165 out of 180 countries in the corruption index. Dozens of government officials, including law enforcers (police), have been arrested for corruption and relieved from their duties indefinitely.

ETHIOPIA, *The Daily Nation* (Tesfa-Alem Tekle) <sup>1</sup> MARCH 2021: **Ethiopia: U.S. Urges Withdrawal of Eritrean, Ethiopian Forces From Tigray:**



Human Rights Watch. Ethiopia Tigray map (file photo).

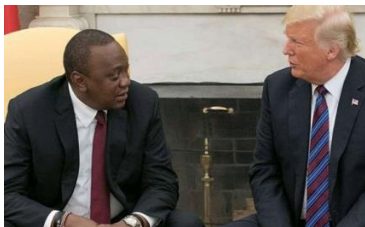
The US government has urged Eritrea and Ethiopia to immediately withdraw their deployed forces from the war-torn Tigray region.

In a statement issued over the weekend, the US State Department said that it is "gravely concerned" over reported atrocities and the overall deteriorating situation in the northern Tigray region bordering Eritrea. "We strongly condemn the killings, forced removals and displacements, sexual assaults, and other extremely serious

after Islamic State (is) was chased out. So local priests have been hurriedly cleaning up al-Tahira, their cathedral and one of Iraq's largest churches. They have refurbished its burnt interior and repaired most of the masonry that the jihadists used for target practice. When your correspondent visited, five days before the pope, smashed chandeliers and a golden crucifix torn down by is still littered the forecourt. Father Ammar Yako, the priest overseeing the project, says he has received no support from the Iraqi government; the funding has come from Catholic groups in the West. He says he will finish just in time for the Holy Father. Pope Francis is the first-ever pontiff to visit Iraq, where over 95% of the population is thought to be Muslim. He arrives at a difficult time for its Christians, whose forebears have been in the country since the first century. Churches are being rebuilt, but there are fewer believers to fill the pews. Around 1.2m Christians lived in Iraq in 2003. War and misery have pushed that number down to around 250,000, or less than 1% of the population (see chart).

and Asian allies, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India. Credit... Altaf Qadri/Associated Press. President Biden on Friday invited 40 world leaders, including Presidents Vladimir V. Putin of Russia and Xi Jinping of China, to participate in a climate summit next month. The summit will begin on Earth Day, April 22. Like all of Mr. Biden's international meetings so far, it will be held virtually, and a White House announcement said it would be "live streamed for public viewing."

USA-KENYA, *The East African* (Brian Ngugi), 5 APRIL 2021: **Kenya: Biden Team Set to Review Kenya, Trump Trade Talks**



Joan Pereruan/Daily Nation. President Uhuru Kenyatta and former U.S. president Donald Trump at the White House in Washington, DC during an official visit on August 27, 2018 (file photo).

The Biden administration will review bilateral trade negotiations and targets that ex-President Donald Trump regime made with Kenya last year over a potential free trading deal.

The new US administration wants to make sure that the negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement and talks objectives are

Puis, à partir de 2012 et de la militarisation du soulèvement, le Syria Trust s'est transformé en un ministère des affaires humanitaires de fait, doté de 1 500 employés.

GERMANY, *Le Monde* (Thomas Wieder), 16 March 2021: La droite allemande se fait peur à six mois des élections législatives. Le double scrutin régional de dimanche a conforté les Verts et jeté le trouble dans le parti d'Angela Merkel. Dirigeront-ils le prochain gouvernement ? Seront-ils même en mesure d'y participer ? Après leur double revers électoral, dimanche 14 mars, dans le Bade-Wurtemberg et en Rhénanie-Palatinat, les conservateurs allemands n'excluent plus un tel scénario catastrophe. A six mois des législatives du 26 septembre, qui doivent déboucher sur l'élection du successeur d'Angela Merkel à la chancellerie, leurs dirigeants semblent juger sérieuse l'hypothèse de se voir chasser du pouvoir et

human rights violations and abuses by several parties that multiple organisations have reported in Tigray," said Antony J. Blinken, US Secretary of State. This comes days after Amnesty International reported that hundreds of people were massacred by Eritrean troops in the historic city of Axum. The withdrawal of Eritrean and Amhara forces from Tigray is a significant step forward towards normalising the worrying situation in the region, the statement said. "This should be accompanied by unilateral declarations of cessation of hostilities by all parties to the conflict and a commitment to permit unhindered delivery of assistance to those in Tigray," Blinken said. He also urged all parties to refrain from using force and exercise maximum restraint in a bid to allow humanitarian access to millions of people who are in desperate need. Since the Tigray conflict broke out in early November, Asmara and Addis Ababa have repeatedly denied involvement of Eritrean forces in the ongoing war.

AFRICA, *Le Monde diplomatique* (FRANÇOIS MISSER), March 2021: DU

Many of those who left will never come back.

IRAQ-VATICAN, *Iran Daily*, 6 March 2021: [Pope Francis meets with Ayatollah Sistani during visit to Iraq.](#)



**Pope Francis, head of the Roman Catholic Church, held closed-door talks with Iraq's prominent Shia cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani on the second day of his visit to the Arab country.** The meeting took place at Ayatollah Sistani's residence in the holy city of Najaf on Saturday morning. The office of Ayatollah Sistani said in a statement that he highlighted challenges facing mankind and stressed the role of belief in God and commitment to high moral values in overcoming them, Press TV reported. Ayatollah Sistani cited injustice, oppression, poverty, religious persecution, repression of fundamental freedoms, wars, violence, economic siege and displacement of many people in the region, especially the Palestinians in the occupied territories as some of the major problems which afflict the world. The cleric touched

consistent with Biden's \$4 trillion revamp of the American economy that focuses on a muscular industrial policy with an eye on fighting climate change. This means that the start of the trade talks could be delayed and the objectives of the bilateral pact recast to recognise Biden's agenda with some of the aims of the negotiations set by the Trump administration likely to be dropped. Newly appointed US trade Chief, Katherine Tai, said on Friday that the negotiations over a bilateral trade pact with Kenya must reflect the priorities of the new administration -- which is pushing for procurement of America-made goods both in the US and outside. "Ambassador Tai highlighted her ongoing review of the negotiations to ensure that any agreement aligns with the Biden-Harris administration's Build Back Better agenda," said a statement from the US government after a virtual meeting between Ms Tai and Kenya's trade Cabinet Secretary Betty Maina. "They also discussed the bilateral trade negotiations conducted under the previous administration." A trade agreement with Kenya, which would be the first US free trade deal in sub-Saharan Africa, comes amid a growing concern about China's investments

reléguer sur les bancs de l'opposition.

MOROCCO, *Le Monde*, 16 March 2021: Au Maroc, la direction d'« Akhbar al-Yaoum » annonce la fermeture du journal. Le quotidien indépendant arabophone, dont le directeur de publication et le rédacteur en chef sont en prison, dénonce un « harcèlement continu ».



Un homme lit le journal à Rabat, le 12 novembre 2014. FADEL SENNA / AFP. La direction du quotidien indépendant [marocain Akhbar al-Yaoum](#) (« les informations du jour »), dont le directeur de publication et le rédacteur en chef se trouvent en prison, a annoncé que le journal allait cesser de paraître, évoquant un « calvaire » financier. Le journal a subi un « harcèlement continu à travers un boycott publicitaire » et a été « privé » des aides à la presse débloquées par le gouvernement pendant la crise

CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE AU BOTSWANA, UNE DIFFICILE RIPOSTE POUR LES ÉCOLOGISTES. [Le pétrole, nouvelle attraction des parcs naturels africains](#). Contraintes de mener des explorations de plus en plus onéreuses dans l'offshore ultraprofond, les compagnies pétrolières se lancent aussi à l'assaut de la dernière frontière terrestre où les coûts d'exploitation sont moindres : les parcs naturels et les réserves d'eau douce d'Afrique. Cette ruée rencontre une résistance de la société civile et d'associations du Nord. Mais la lutte est très inégale.

AFRICA, International Affairs ([Xuwan Ouyang](#)), Volume 97, Issue 2, March 2021, Pages 577–578. **The end of China's non-intervention policy in Africa; Peacebuilding in the Asia Pacific.** Review of **The end of China's non-intervention policy in Africa**. By Obert Hodzi. London: Palgrave Macmillan. 2019 **Peacebuilding in the Asia Pacific**. Edited by Carmela Lutmar and James

on the role which religious and spiritual leaders can play in tackling some of these problems. Ayatollah Sistani said religious leaders have to encourage parties involved in conflicts, particularly the world powers, to give primacy to rationality over confrontation. He also stressed the importance of efforts to strengthen peaceful coexistence and solidarity based on mutual respect among the followers of different religions and intellectual groups. Ayatollah Sistani emphasized that the Christian citizens of Iraq, like all other Iraqis, should live in security and peace and enjoy their fundamental rights. He referred to the role played by the religious authority in protecting Christians and all those who have suffered from the criminal acts of terrorists over the past years. After the one-hour meeting, Pope Francis traveled to the Iraqi city of Ur, which is believed to be the birthplace of Prophet Abraham (PBUH). The pontiff arrived in Iraq on Friday for a three-day trip amid concerns about the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to Ayatollah Sistani, Pope Francis has so far met with Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi and President Barham Salih. Iraq's Christian community has

across Africa. The Biden administration is seeking to cut China's share of the global trade. Kenya and the US formally launched negotiations in July last year for a bilateral trade pact that the two economies hope could serve as a model for additional agreements across Africa. Kenya wants to do a deal with Washington before the expiry of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (Agoa), which allows sub-Saharan states to export thousands of products to the US without tariffs or quotas until 2025. Two-way goods trade between the US and Kenya totalled Sh118 billion in 2019, up 4.9 percent from 2018. The bilateral talks paused in the wake of American presidential elections last November. Mr Joe Biden was sworn in as US President on January 20, ending the tumultuous four-year presidency of his predecessor Trump. A change of guard at the White House raised uncertainty over the FTA deal, with Mr Biden embarking on the reversal of many policies that had been rolled out by the Trump administration. Ms Tai on Friday expressed US commitment to the Kenya deal. Biden's "Build Back Better" blueprint aims to revive the US economy from the ravages of Covid-19 through a sweeping use of government power to

sanitaire, a affirmé la direction dans un communiqué diffusé dimanche 14 mars sur Facebook. La rédaction de ce journal arabophone fondé en 2009 conteste une décision « unilatérale », dénonce une « mauvaise gestion » et espère encore « sauver le journal », selon des témoignages recueillis par l'AFP sur place. La direction n'a pas précisé quand le journal allait fermer, mais selon des journalistes de la rédaction, le dernier numéro est paru lundi. L'annonce de la fermeture du journal fait suite aux démêlés judiciaires de trois de ses journalistes, considérés comme des « affaires politiques » par leurs soutiens. Le directeur de publication, Taoufiq Bouachrine, a été condamné à douze ans de prison en 2018, une peine alourdie à quinze ans en appel, pour des « violences sexuelles » qu'il a toujours niées.

## Une décision « unilatérale ».

La journaliste Hajar Raissouni a été condamnée à un an de prison ferme en 2019 pour « avortement illégal » et « sexe hors mariage », avant d'être graciée par le roi. Son oncle, Souleimane

Ockey.  
London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

MOZAMBICO, **Agencia de Informacao de Mocambique (Maputo)**, 9 MARCH 2021: **Mozambique: PGR Has Not Withdrawn Bribery Charges Against Prinvest.**

The Mozambican Attorney-General's Office (PGR) has not withdrawn accusations of bribery against the Abu Dhabi based group, Prinvest, which is at the heart of the scandal of Mozambique's "hidden debts".

This term refers to the loans of over two billion US dollars made in 2013 and 2014 by the banks Credit Suisse and VTB of Russia to three fraudulent Mozambican companies, Proindicus, Ematum (Mozambican Tuna Company) and MAM (Mozambique Assets Management). The loans were only possible because the banks carried out no due diligence on the three companies, which had no business record and were effectively run by the Mozambican security service, SISE, and because the Mozambican government of the day, under the then President, Armando Guebuza, issued illegal

seen its numbers drop from nearly 1.5 million to about 250,000, less than 1% of the population over the last two decades. Iraqi Christians fled the country to escape the chaos and violence that ensued after the US invasion of the country in 2003. Tens of thousands were also displaced when the Daesh terrorist group overran vast swathes in northern Iraq in 2014, targeting various ethnic and religious groups of the country. The Takfiri terrorist group was vanquished in December 2017 after a three-year anti-terror military campaign with the crucial support of neighboring Iran. Daesh's remnants, though, keep staging sporadic attacks across Iraq, attempting to regroup and unleash a new reign of terror. The terrorist group has intensified its deadly attacks in Iraq since January 2020, when the US assassinated legendary anti-terror Iranian commander General Qassem Soleimani and his Iraqi trenchmate Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis near Baghdad airport. Saraya Awliya al-Dam group, part of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Units better known as Hash al-Sha'abi, announced in a statement that it had stopped all its anti-terror operations during the pope's visit and out of

reshape the world's largest economy and counter China's rise. His policy mix includes increasing corporate taxes to fund innovation and buy American products to expand jobs; tax incentives and penalties to encourage US firms to keep and create jobs in the US as well as \$2 trillion investment in clean energy. He bets on creating millions of jobs building infrastructure, such as roads and tackle climate change -- a topic that Trump gave little prominence. The Biden's plans signal that the US will be keen to protect American firms in the quest to shore up manufacturing and seek a larger share of the global trade currently in the hands of China while pushing for bilateral trade deals.

ECUADOR, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 13 April, 2021: *La vittoria del presidente Lasso decreta la fine del socialismo andino.*



**Guillermo Lasso**, ex banchiere e leader di *Creo* (*Creando Oportunidades*) sarà il nuovo presidente dell'Ecuador, subentrando a Lenin Moreno. [Una vittoria](#)

Raissouni, rédacteur en chef du quotidien, se trouve en détention préventive depuis près de neuf mois pour une affaire d'agression sexuelle qu'il nie aussi. Son procès a été reporté deux fois et renvoyé au 30 mars.

UK, *Le Monde* (Cécile Ducourtieux), 16 March 2021: Au Royaume-Uni, le meurtre de Sarah Everard provoque un débat inédit sur les violences faites aux femmes. Un policier attaché à la sécurité du palais de Westminster est soupçonné d'avoir kidnappé et tué la femme de 33 ans. Lors d'un hommage organisé samedi, l'une des manifestantes a été menottée, visage à terre, sous les flashes des photographes.



Manifestation contre les violences faites aux femmes après le meurtre de Sarah Everard, sur le pont de Westminster à Londres, le 15 mars. HENRY NICHOLLS / REUTERS. Un terrible fait divers provoque un

loan guarantees, in violation of the 2013 and 2014 budget laws, and of the Mozambican constitution. The loan guarantees were signed by the then Finance Minister Manuel Chang, who is currently languishing in South African custody, awaiting a decision as to whether he will be extradited to Mozambique or to the United States. Both countries wish to put him on trial for crimes concerning the fraudulent scheme. Massive corruption was involved in the loans, as was admitted by the three Credit Suisse managers who negotiated them, Andrew Pearce, Detelvina Subeva, and Surjan Singh. These three people were among those charged by American prosecutors, who took a close interest in the case because the US financial system had been abused, and US investors were swindled. According to the prosecutors, at least 200 million dollars of the loan money was diverted into bribes and kickbacks. Prinvest was closely involved in the bribery as became clear in the 2019 trial in New York of Prinvest official Jean Boustani. Prinvest was very much an interested party since it became the sole supplier to

respect for Ayatollah Sistani. The statement also condemned the assassination of Muhandis and General Soleimani who was targeted during an official visit to Iraq. "We, Arabs, warmly receive our guests. Unlike the United States which betrayed the official guest of Iraq and warrior of Islam, General Soleimani, we will never follow such an approach," the statement said.

CHINA, *The Economist*, 6 March 2021: In Hong Kong, 47 activists were charged with violating the territory's national-security law.



As a court began hearing defendants' petitions to be released on bail, hundreds of supporters gathered outside. The activists' alleged crimes relate to an informal primary ballot held last year by pro-democracy politicians in order to produce strong candidates for the Legislative Council. The government saw this as a plot to gain control of the council and block its work.

**China's** Communist Party began a purge of agencies involved in maintaining law and order, including the police, secret police,



[\(52.49% contro 47.51%\)](#) ottenuta sul candidato correista **Andrés Arauz**, che aveva vinto nettamente il primo turno di febbraio, alimentando fallaci speranze per il ripristino dell'*oficialismo* – il socialismo andino incentrato sul welfare e lo sviluppo economico svincolato dal sistema bancario e dal Fmi – che **Rafael Correa** aveva sostenuto per due mandati fino alle dimissioni del 2016 e all'avvento del suo successore Moreno nell'anno seguente.

NATO-RUSSIA, *Deutsche Welle*, 13 April 2021:  
**Ukraine: NATO slams Russia's troop buildup on border.** NATO has vowed to back Ukraine amid tensions in the in eastern Donbass region. The Kremlin accused the US and NATO of turning Ukraine into a "powder keg."



Stoltenberg (right) expressed NATO's "unwavering" support for Ukraine while meeting with Kuleba (left). NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg called on [Russia to withdraw](#)

débat inédit au Royaume-Uni sur les violences faites aux femmes, déstabilise la police et met le gouvernement de Boris Johnson au défi d'agir. Le 3 mars, Sarah Everard, une femme de 33 ans, disparaît dans le quartier de Clapham (sud-ouest de Londres) en rentrant à pied, de nuit, d'une visite chez un ami. Son corps est identifié, le 10 mars, dans un sous-bois du Kent (sud-est de l'Angleterre), alors qu'un policier attaché à la sécurité du palais de Westminster est inculpé : il est soupçonné d'avoir kidnappé et tué la jeune femme. Ce drame suscite d'abord un déluge de témoignages sur les réseaux sociaux, des femmes de tous horizons et de tous âges expliquant leur ras-le-bol de vivre dans un pays où il n'est toujours pas sûr de sortir seule la nuit. Samedi 13 mars, les Londoniens rendent hommage à Sarah Everard, à Clapham Common, un parc du quartier où elle a été vue pour la dernière fois. Même la duchesse de Cambridge fait discrètement le déplacement, un bouquet de fleurs à la main.

Proindicus, Ematum and MAM. An independent audit into the two companies in 2017 showed that Privinvest had vastly inflated the prices it charged for the fishing boats and other assets it supplied. This over-invoicing was estimated at around 700 million dollars. The PGR began proceedings in London in 2019 against five companies in the Privinvest group - namely Privinvest Shipbuilding S.A.L. Abu Dhabi (Branch), Abu Dhabi Mar LLC, Privinvest Shipbuilding Investments LLC, Logistics International SAL (Offshore), and Logistics International Investments. It is also suing Credit Suisse and the three Credit Suisse officials who have admitted taking Privinvest bribes, Pearse, Subeva and Singh. The key demand from the PGR is that the London court should declare null and void the government guarantee on the 622 million dollar loan arranged by Credit Suisse for Proindicus, on the grounds that this debt, along with the rest of the loans were part of a gigantic fraud.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA, *Radio France Internationale*, (Laura Angela Bagnetto), 10 MARCH 2021: **Equatorial**

courts and the prison system.

IRAN, *Iran Daily*, 7 March 2021: [British-Iranian national Nazanin Zaghari freed: Lawyer.](#)



**A British-Iranian national jailed in Iran for espionage was released on Sunday after having served a five-year, her lawyer said.** Speaking to IRNA on Sunday, Hojjat Kermani added that Nazanin Zaghari was freed after the termination of her jail term and her ankle monitor was removed. "Today (Sunday) the five-year [prison] sentence of Ms. Zaghari was finished and her ankle monitor was removed taking into account that since a year ago she was under house arrest, carrying an ankle monitor, which allowed her to get as far as 300 meters from her father's home," he added, according to Press TV. The lawyer, however, said his client was to attend another court hearing in a separate case involving propaganda against the Islamic Republic, adding that the hearing is scheduled later this month. It is not yet

**troops** from Ukraine's borders on Tuesday. Stoltenberg's comments came ahead of an emergency meeting of allied foreign and defense ministers over the conflict in the eastern Ukraine region. "In recent weeks, Russia has moved thousands of combat-ready troops to Ukraine's borders, the largest massing of Russian troops since the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014," Stoltenberg said at a news conference with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba. Stoltenberg said Russian troops' movement at Ukraine's borders was "unexplained, unjustified and deeply concerning." "Russia must end this military buildup in and around Ukraine, stop its provocations and deescalate immediately," Stoltenberg said.

**SOUTH AMERICA-EUROPE, Il Fatto Quotidiano, 14 April 2021: Europa secondo più grande importatore al mondo di prodotti derivati da deforestazione tropicale. E l'Italia è ai primi posti in Ue.** È quanto emerge da un nuovo report del Wwf. Nella fattispecie, tra il 2005 e il 2017 i prodotti arrivati nel Vecchio Continente e che hanno avuto il maggiore peso

**ITALY-EGYPT, Il Fatto Quotidiano (Gianni Rosini), 22 MARZO 2021: Navi militari all'Egitto, ma quale affare? Maxisconto di Fincantieri ad al-Sisi che le ha pagate almeno 210 milioni meno dello Stato italiano.**



Dovevano finire alla Marina italiana, invece due delle 10 ordinate sono state "dirottate" al Cairo. Dai calcoli svolti da Osservatorio MilEx e Ilfattoquotidiano.it sul Documento programmatico pluriennale (Dpp) del ministero della Difesa, emerge che, all'anno 2020, la spesa prevista per la costruzione di tutte le dieci nuove fregate ammonta a 5 miliardi 992 milioni e 330mila euro: circa 1,2 miliardi per una coppia di navi. Ma i documenti ufficiali relativi all'affare in possesso del Fatto dicono che la "Spartaco Schergat" e la "Emilo Bianchi" sono state vendute ad al-Sisi a 990 milioni. Una perdita alla quale devono

**Guinea: Death Toll in Equatorial Guinea Blast Tops 100, NGOs Urge Independent Probe.**



Ben Sutherland/Flickr. The Torre de la Libertad in Bata, Equatorial Guinea.

A number of countries have arrived on the scene in Bata, Equatorial Guinea, to help the government with rescue services three days after a blast at the barracks in the centre of town killed more than 100 and maimed 615. Human Rights Watch has urged the government to conduct an independent probe. "The most important thing we need right now is search and rescue," said Tutu Alicante, the head of **EG Justice**, a human rights group based in the US. "They were able to find people still alive in Lebanon up to a week after the disaster, and I hope more aid is coming," he said, referring to the accidental 2020 blast at a Lebanese port that killed at least 178 people. "The aid needs to be given directly to international and local NGOs - it must go to the people affected," Alicante added. France and Spain are sending

clear if Zaghari can leave the country.

**IRAQ-VATICAN, Iran Daily, 8 March 2021: Iran: Pope's visit thanks to calm, secure Iraq**



**VATICAN MEDIA. Pope Francis is accompanied by Iraq's President Barham Salih and his wife Sarbagh Salih before departing for Rome, at Baghdad International Airport in Baghdad, on March 8, 2021. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said on Monday that the Pope Francis' "constructive" trip to Iraq was made possible thanks to a "calm and secure Iraq".** Khatibzadeh called the Pope's trip to neighboring Iraq "very good" and "constructive," and described his meeting with Iraq's senior Shia cleric Ayatollah Ali Sistani as conveying inter-religious peace, according to AFP. Pope Francis met Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani in the Iraqi city of Najaf during the first-ever visit to the country by a pontiff. "The Pope's visit to Iraq was a very good and important visit," Khatibzadeh told reporters at a press conference. The "constructive" trip was

sono soia, olio di palma e carne bovina, seguiti da prodotti legnosi da piantagioni, cacao e caffè.

USA-AFGHANISTAN, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021:

**What we know about the US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.**

*President Joe Biden is set to officially announce a September 11 deadline for withdrawal of US troops on Wednesday.*



US troops first invaded Afghanistan in 2001 in pursuit of Osama bin Laden following the September 11 attacks. [Massoud Hossaini/The Associated Press]. United States President Joe Biden is set to officially announce plans to [withdraw](#) US troops from Afghanistan by September 11, ending the longest war in US history. The date will mark twenty years since the September 11 attacks on the US, the event that precipitated the [US-led invasion](#) of Afghanistan and the following war, which toppled the Taliban's five-year rule.

USA, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: **Former cop who shot Wright faces manslaughter charge.**

*Wright's death has fueled*

essere poi aggiunti i costi di gestione, gli interessi sui mutui e la spesa per lo smantellamento delle tecnologie Nato che possono far crescere il passivo fino alla cifra di 556 milioni di euro. Fonti Farnesina: "Nessuna competenza sulle cifre". Fincantieri e Leonardo non commentano l'operazione.

EUROPE AND THE WORLD, *Etudes (FRANÇOIS EUVÉ), NUMÉRO DE MARS 2021*



**Le vaccin contre le coronavirus devrait être considéré comme un bien commun de l'humanité. C'est la ligne d'action proposée par Emmanuel Macron, le 1<sup>er</sup> mai 2020: le vaccin, une fois trouvé, devra être « un bien mondial de l'humanité, et pas la propriété de l'un ou l'autre », reprenant une déclaration d'Ursula von der Leyen qualifiant le futur vaccin de « notre**

supplies to the central African country, including staff, health kits and tents, while Israel and the US are on the ground to help with search and rescue. State television TVGE said the death toll was at 105 after more bodies were found in the rubble.

SENEGAL, *African Arguments (OPINION By Various Co-Signatories)*, 12 MARCH 2021: Senegal: Impunity for Macky Sall's Regime Must End.



*@SonkoOfficiel. Ousmane Sonko, president of Senegalese opposition party Pastef (file photo). A collective of Senegalese artists and academics calls for President Macky Sall to be held accountable for his crimes.*

Since the arrest of leading opposition politician Ousmane Sonko on March 3, Senegal has been gripped by unprecedented popular protests. Rather than listen to the demands of the largely peaceful protest movement, the government has set out to crush it using all the means at its disposal: arbitrary arrests, the use of live ammunition, and the deployment of marauding militias. In

made possible thanks to a "calm and secure Iraq," he said. Tehran helped Iraqi troops fight the Daesh terrorist group. Iraq proclaimed victory over the terrorist group in late 2017. "Iraq, with the braveries of the Iraqi people, the wisdom of the (religious) authority, and the pure blood that was shed in the face of extremism and foreign conspiracies, has now reached a state of security," he added. "The meeting with Iraq's high (religious) authority, Ayatollah Sistani, on its own showed interreligious dialogue and closeness between religions," Khatibzadeh said. He noted that it conveyed "no other message than dialogue, peace, and friendship between religions and cooperation between civilizations, in contrast to those who seek violence and bloodshed". In Baghdad on Friday, Pope Francis called for an end to violence and extremism and urged officials in Iraq to do more to fight corruption. Pope Francis ended his historic tour of Iraq on Monday, departing by plane from Baghdad after visiting conflict-torn cities, meeting Muslim and Christian leaders and preaching peace and coexistence over war, according to Reuters. He toured four cities, including Mosul, Daesh's

tensions in Minneapolis as cop accused of murdering George Floyd stands trial.



An activist holds a sign during a march for Daunte Wright, 20, who was shot and killed by former Brooklyn Center Police Officer Kim Potter, in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, on April 13, 2021 [Nick Pfosi/Reuters]. Kimberly Potter, the former Brooklyn Center police officer who [shot and killed Daunte Wright](#), a Black man, will face second-degree manslaughter charges, local media reported on Wednesday. The Minneapolis Star Tribune said the Washington County Attorney Peter Orput confirmed the charge, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years prison and a \$20,000 fine. Know their names: Black people killed by the police in the USUS protesters rally for third night over killing of Black man. Minnesota protests continue over police killing of Black man Al Jazeera's requests for confirmation to the Washington County Attorney's office were not immediately returned. Potter was arrested on Wednesday, according to the Reuters news agency.

**bien commun et universel ».**

EUROPE-WORLD, *Etudes*, March 2021: Débat entre Gaël Giraud et Thomas Piketty.



**Dans le contexte actuel de menace de désastre écologique et social, le capitalisme est-il réformable? Quelles sont vos propositions respectives? Deux thèmes principaux ont été abordés: le traitement des inégalités et la critique de la sacralisation de la propriété privée.**

EGYPT, *NYT*, 24 March 2021: **The Suez Canal Is Blocked. It Could Affect Global Shipping Soon.** The nearly quarter-mile-long ship caused a traffic jam in one of the world's most vital shipping lanes, leaving more than 100 ships stuck at each end.



ISRAEL, *NYT*, 24 March 2021:

February, Sonko, president of the opposition PASTEF party (Patriots of Senegal for Work, Ethics, and Fraternity), was accused of rape and making death threats by an employee of a beauty parlour and has been subsequently stripped of his parliamentary immunity by an ad hoc commission dominated by pro-government MPs.

EGYPT-ETHIOPIA-SUDAN, *Le Monde*, 16 March 2021: Grand barrage sur le Nil: Khartoum demande la médiation de l'ONU et de Washington. L'Egypte, le Soudan et l'Ethiopie sont en négociation depuis des années au sujet de la gestion et du remplissage du réservoir de l'édifice construit sur le Nil Bleu.



Le grand barrage de la Renaissance sur le Nil Bleu, en Ethiopie, en juillet 2020. - / AFP. Le Soudan a demandé officiellement lundi 15 mars à l'ONU et aux Etats-Unis de jouer les médiateurs dans les négociations que mènent

former stronghold where vast areas still lie in ruins, telling Iraqis that "peace is more powerful than war".

MYANMAR, *Iran Daily*, 8 March 2021: [Three protesters killed in Myanmar; shops, factories closed.](#)



**REUTERS.** Three demonstrators were killed in Myanmar on Monday, witnesses said, while shops, factories and banks were closed in the main city Yangon in protests against last month's military coup. Security forces were also deployed at hospitals and universities, state media said. Two of the victims died of gunshot wounds to the head in the northern town of Myitkyina, the witnesses said. It was not immediately clear who fired on the protesters although both police and the military were at the scene, Reuters wrote. Photos posted on Facebook showed the bodies of two men lying on the street. Witnesses said they were taking part in a protest against the coup when police fired stun grenades and tear gas. Several people were then hit by gunfire from nearby buildings. One witness, who said he

She started working with the Brooklyn Center police in 1995, when she was 22, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported. The 26-year veteran allegedly shot and killed Wright, 20, on Sunday after confusing her pistol and her Taser. Former Brooklyn Center Police Chief Tim Gannon called the incident an “accident” after unveiling body-worn camera footage showing Wright’s shooting.

**CANADA-TURKEY, Hurriyet Daily News, 15 April 2021: No damage to Turkish drone maker from Canadian move: Bayraktar.**



Canada's cancellation of drone technology export permits to Turkey will not harm major Turkish aviation firm Baykar, its chief technology officer said on April 14. Criticizing the cancellation, Selçuk Byraktar said on Twitter that if Turkey decides not to sell Canada armed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) during an emergency, this may cause it serious problems as Turkey is one of only four countries in the world that make battle-tested **drones**. Foreign



After 4th Vote in 2 Years, Israelis Wonder: When Will the Political Morass End?

**ITALY-RUSSIA, La Repubblica, 2 April 2021: L'ambasciatore russo: "La vicenda Biot non pesi sulle nostre relazioni"**.



Water Biot (ansa). *La risposta della rappresentanza diplomatica dopo l'espulsione delle due spie di Mosca fermate per aver comprato dal capitano di fregata italiano - che chiederà di essere ascoltato dalla Procura - notizie riservate della Nato.*

**ISRAEL, Haaretz, 5 April 2021: Bankrupt Bibi Is Teetering on the Brink.** On trial for corruption and scrambling to put together a coalition, Israel's prime minister is facing unprecedented challenges to his record-breaking tenure. Host Simon Spungin is joined by senior

Khartoum et Le Caire avec l’Ethiopie concernant la gestion et le remplissage du réservoir du grand barrage de la Renaissance sur le Nil Bleu. « *Le premier ministre a adressé une lettre à l’ONU et une autre aux Etats-Unis pour leur demander d’intervenir et de jouer un rôle de médiateur pour régler les divergences concernant le barrage de la Renaissance* », a déclaré à l’AFP Faisal Saleh, porte-parole du chef du gouvernement soudanais, Abdallah Hamdok. Le ministère soudanais des affaires étrangères a, de son côté, indiqué dans un communiqué que M. Hamdok avait écrit à l’ONU, aux Etats-Unis, à l’Union européenne et à l’Union africaine. Le Soudan avait proposé le mois dernier une médiation quadripartite incluant ces acteurs. Le Soudan, l’Egypte et l’Ethiopie négocient sans succès les modalités de gestion et de remplissage du réservoir du grand barrage de la Renaissance, lancé en Ethiopie en 2011 et destiné à devenir la plus grande installation hydroélectrique d’Afrique.

helped move the bodies, said two people were shot in the head and died on the spot. Three people were wounded. “How inhumane to kill unarmed civilians,” said the witness, a 20-year-old man. “We must have our right to protest peacefully.” Police and military have killed more than 50 people to quell the daily demonstrations and strikes against the Feb. 1 coup, according to the United Nations.

**SAUDI ARABIA-YEMEN, Iran Daily, 8 March 2021: Saudi Arabia confirms Yemeni drone, missile attacks on oil facilities**



**REUTERS. Saudi Arabia confirmed that a Yemeni drone attack targeted a petroleum tank farm at Ras Tanura port and a ballistic missile targeted Saudi Aramco’s facilities in the city of Dhahran.** In a statement on Sunday, a spokesman for the Saudi Energy Ministry acknowledged that a drone coming from the sea hit one of the petroleum tank farms at the Ras Tanura Port – one of the largest oil shipping ports in the world, in the morning, Press TV reported. The spokesman also said a "ballistic

Minister Marc Garneau announced on Monday that Canada was canceling arms sales permits to Turkey. The decision came after last year it suspended sales over allegations that its technology was being used in Turkish support for Azerbaijan's effort to liberate the Upper Karabakh region from Armenian occupation.

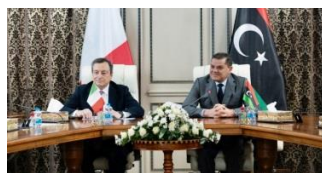
USA-RUSSIA, *The Guardian* ([Andrew Roth](#)), 20 April 2021: US ambassador to leave Moscow as tensions rise. **John Sullivan's departure will leave both countries' embassies without their top diplomats at key moment.**



John Sullivan (left) shakes hands with the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, in Moscow in January 2020. Photograph: Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP  
Washington's ambassador to Moscow has announced that he will return to the US for consultations, days after the Russian government [recommended he leave the country](#) during what it said was an "extremely tense situation".

Haaretz columnist and Netanyahu biographer, Anshel Pfeffer, to discuss the aftermath of Israel's unprecedented fourth election in two years. We ask: What are the prospects for a fifth election, how will the resumption of the prime minister's corruption trial muddy the waters and is there really there's a silver lining in 220,000 Israelis voting for a racist, misogynist and homophobic party? We also discuss the Iranian nuclear talks.

ITALY-LIBYA, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 10 April 2021: *Draghi, la Libia e i cantori della realpolitik.*



"Sul piano dell'immigrazione noi esprimiamo **soddisfazione** per quello che fa nei salvataggi la Libia che aiutiamo e assistiamo. Ma il problema non è solo geopolitico, è anche umanitario e in questo senso l'Italia è uno dei pochi paesi che tiene attivi i corridoi umanitari". Così – nella conferenza stampa

KENYA, *Thomson Reuters Foundation* ([Nita Bhalla](#)), 17 MARCH 2021: **Kenya Court Ruling Gives Boost to Fight Against FGM.** *Kenya court upholds a ban on female genital mutilation (FGM) giving boost to end FGM while one in five Kenyan women (15 to 49 years old) experience serious health problems.* Kenya's High Court ruling upholding a ban on female genital mutilation (FGM) will give a much needed boost to the fight to end the widely condemned practice in the East African nation, women's rights groups said on Wednesday. One in five Kenyan women and girls aged between 15 and 49 have undergone FGM, which usually involves the partial or total removal of the female genitalia and can cause a host of serious health problems, says the United Nations.

SOUTH AFRICA, *Daily Maverick* ([Ferial Haffajee](#)), 18 March 2021: **DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY.** National campaign set up to stop Zuma from 'assailing the Constitution' and to

missile's shrapnel" fell near Saudi Aramco's residential area in the city of Dhahran after it was intercepted. None of the attacks resulted in any injury or loss of life or property, the spokesman added. Saudi Defense Ministry spokesman Brigadier General Turki al-Malki said in a statement later on Sunday that both attacks were intercepted before reaching their targets. "The attacking bomb-laden UAV that came via the sea was intercepted and destroyed prior to reaching its target. The ballistic missile that was launched to target Aramco facilities in Dhahran was intercepted and destroyed as well," al-Malki said. The oil market reacted to the news as details of the retaliatory attack trickled in. Brent crude futures surged above \$70 a barrel on Monday for the first time in more than a year. While Brent jumped 2.65% to trade at \$71.20, US crude futures also rose 2.56% to \$67.78. Spokesman for the Yemeni Armed Forces Brigadier General Yahya Saree said the Yemeni Army launched eight ballistic missiles and 14 bomb-laden drones in a "wide operation in the heart of Saudi Arabia".

MYANMAR, *Folha de S. Paulo* ([Richard C. Paddock](#)), 10 March 2021: Além de matar,

John Sullivan's departure will leave both countries' embassies without their top diplomats at a crucial moment, with Washington and Moscow recently announcing new sanctions, a [Russian military buildup near Ukraine](#), and concerns about the opposition leader [Alexei Navalny's health](#) while in detention.

"I believe it is important for me to speak directly with my new colleagues in the Biden administration in Washington about the current state of bilateral relations between the United States and [Russia](#)," Sullivan said in a statement on Tuesday.

NEW ZEALAND, *The Guardian* ([Liam Hehir](#)), 20 April 2021: New Zealand National MPs should stop their intrigues – changing the leadership won't help right now. Judith Collins may trail badly in the polls, but MPs should only think about replacing her if a natural alternative leader emerges.



National party leader, Judith Collins, trails New

organizzata a Tripoli lo scorso 6 aprile con il premier libico **Abdulhamid Dabaiba** – il Presidente del Consiglio **Mario Draghi** valuta la collaborazione in ambito migratorio tra Italia e Libia.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE, *The Japan Times* ([ANDREW E. KRAMER](#)), 11 April 2021: Russian troop movements and talk of intervention cause jitters in Ukraine.



Armored personnel carriers bristling with weapons line a highway in southern Russia. Rows of tanks are parked beside major roads. Heavy artillery is transported by train. Videos of military movements have flooded Russian social media for the past month ...

TURKEY-LIBYA, *Al Jazeera*, 12 April 2021: **Turkey and Libya renew commitment to contested maritime deal.** *Turkish president and Libyan interim PM agree to maintain 2019 Mediterranean accord*

fight 'unrestrained, large-scale looting'.



ANC veterans, the country's two leading Covid-19 scientists, the SACP, the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, business leaders, churches and leading organisations of civil society have come together to form a Defend Our Democracy front to resist attacks on the Constitution and the judiciary, notably by former president Jacob Zuma. Various organisations and individuals have signed a declaration of support for the newly launched Defend Our Democracy programme of action, which is similar to the Save SA campaign organised at the height of State Capture. At two launches this week, ANC veterans such as Murphy Morobe, Mavuso Msimang and Cheryl Carolus pledged support, while Morobe called for a new political system. The campaign is non-partisan. Mmusi Maimane with the One South Africa Movement is part of it, as is Mojanku Gumbi, the former adviser to former president Thabo Mbeki and a veteran of the

militares estupram mulheres e usam minorias como escudos humanos em Myanmar. Vítimas da brutalidade do Exército contam suas histórias à medida que repressão aumenta após golpe de Estado.

CHINA, *Le Monde diplomatique* ([JORDAN POUILLE](#)), March 2021: Alibaba, épopée chinoise. Grâce à la collecte des données personnelles de ses clients et à son idylle avec le régime chinois, Alibaba est devenu un puissant acteur mondial du commerce électronique, de la finance en ligne et de la santé. Aujourd'hui, Pékin prend conscience de sa dépendance envers ce conglomérat qui fait trembler les banques. Il espère que la population se détournera progressivement de son fondateur, M. Jack Ma.

MYANMAR, *Le Monde diplomatique* ([CHRISTINE CHAUMEAU](#)), March 2021: APRÈS LE COUP D'ÉTAT, UNE MOBILISATION DÉTERMINÉE MAIS FRAGILE. [La jeunesse birmane défie la junte.](#) Craignant de perdre leurs privilèges, les militaires birmans ont accaparé le pouvoir et arrêté des dirigeants élus. Mme Aung San Suu Kyi

Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, in opinion polls. Photograph: Phil Walter/Getty Images. Followers of baseball in the US have a saying: winning fixes everything. A team can suffer player scandals and be beset by dysfunctional management. If they're hitting enough home runs, however, things don't tend to fall apart. The corollary of this would be that losing breaks everything. And while it's a bit trite to compare sports to politics, New Zealand's opposition National party resembles nothing if not a losing baseball team. Thumped in last year's general election, conceding a rare absolute parliamentary majority to Jacinda Ardern's Labour, nothing seems to have gone right for the party that was once called the natural party of government in [New Zealand](#).

USA-TURKEY, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: Erdogan voit dans la reconnaissance du génocide arménien par les Etats-Unis « des pressions des milieux antiturcs ». Samedi, le président américain était devenu le premier président des Etats-Unis à qualifier de « génocide » la mort d'un million et demi d'Arméniens massacrés

that has angered Greece and Cyprus.



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, right, said the deal 'secured the national interests and future of the two countries' after meeting with Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah in Ankara [Presidential Press Office via Reuters]. The head of Libya's new interim government and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan have affirmed their commitment to a controversial 2019 maritime agreement that has angered Greece and Cyprus. Speaking following a meeting on Monday in Ankara with Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, who was on his first official visit to Ankara, Erdogan pledged to support Libya's unity, its reconstruction and its military. Turkey would also be sending 150,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses, as well as managing a pandemic hospital in Tripoli to help the North African country battle its outbreak, Erdogan said. Libya's interim government, which [took power last month](#), is meant to

Black Consciousness Movement. Professors Salim Abdool-Karim and Glenda Gray were present – one on each day – to support the initiative. SACP secretary-general Solly Mapaila, one of the first people to coin the term 'State Capture', bemoaned what he called a “descent into chaos”. The South African Council of Churches (Sacc) has spoken out against attempts to destabilise South Africa and sees the Defend Our Democracy campaign as a continuation of that work.

NIGER, *NYT (REUTERS)*, 22 March 2021: [137 People Killed in Niger in Series of Attacks on Villages Along Mali Border](#). Gunmen on motorcycles struck in coordinated raids on villages on Sunday in southwestern Niger, a country being ravaged by Islamist violence.



CONGO, *NYT (RUTH MACLEAN and MADY CAMARA)*, 22 March 2021: [Presidential Challenger Dies of Covid-19 Just Hours After Voting](#)

est poursuivie pour « détention illégale de talkie-walkie » et pour « non-respect de la loi sur les désastres naturels ». Trois semaines après le coup d'État et malgré la répression qui se durcissait, la population continuait à manifester dans tout le pays.

INDIA, *Foreign Affairs (Surupa Gupta and Sumit Ganguly)*, 3 March 2021: **India's Farmers Will Benefit From Reforms**. Right Now They Are Up in Arms, but Change Is Necessary.

JAPAN, *The Japan Times*, 15 March 2021: **Virus and scandals weighing on Suga government six months after launch**



Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga has apparently lost steam after starting out strong six months ago with a flurry of implementations of key policies. | POOL / VIA REUTERS. Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga finds himself struggling to maintain public support for his



par l'Empire ottoman en 1915.



Recep Tayyip Erdogan lors d'une conférence de presse avec le premier ministre hongrois Viktor Orban, à Budapest, le 7 novembre 2019. [BERNADETT SZABO / REUTERS](#). « *Le président américain a eu des propos sans fondement, injustes et contraires à la réalité* » : la réaction du président turec Recep Tayyip Erdogan, lundi 26 avril, à la reconnaissance du génocide arménien par son homologue américain Joe Biden est vive. « *Nous pensons que ces propos ont été inclus dans la déclaration à la suite des pressions de groupes radicaux arméniens et des milieux antiturs. Mais cela ne change rien à l'impact destructeur de ces propos pour les relations entre les deux pays* », a ajouté M. Erdogan. **Un million et demi de morts.** Samedi, le président américain était [devenu le premier président des Etats-Unis](#) à qualifier de « *génocide* » la mort d'un million et demi d'Arméniens massacrés

bring together a country that has been torn apart by civil war for nearly a decade. It also aims to steer the country until a general election on December 24, 2021.

GREECE-LIBYA, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: **Greece, Libya to hold talks over maritime border demarcation.**

*Greece and Libya to discuss delineating maritime boundaries, Athens says after a visit by Libya's al-Menfi.*



Mitsotakis said Athens aimed to reset relations with Libya, which were soured by the Tripoli government's signing a maritime boundary accord in 2019 with Turkey [Costas Baltas/Reuters]. Greece and Libya have agreed on the “immediate resumption” of talks to mark out their maritime zones in the Mediterranean Sea, according to Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. His comments on Wednesday came after meeting in Athens with the president of the Libyan Presidential Council, Mohamed al-Menfi. [Can Turkey and](#)

[Ends](#). Guy-Brice Parfait Kolélas, the main opposition candidate in the Republic of Congo, gave his final speech from his hospital bed, urging his fellow citizens to vote to expel an entrenched government.

CHAD, *The Conversation Africa* (ANALYSIS By Helga Dickow), 24 MARCH 2021: **Chad: How a Popular Movement Could Threaten Idriss Déby Itno's 30 Years in Power.**



*Donat Sorokin/TASS Host Photo Agency*. Chad's President Idriss Déby Itno in 2019. Chadian President [Idriss Déby Itno](#), who has ruled since 1990, is gearing up to take on his sixth mandate as head of state. Elections are scheduled for 11 April 2021. And the country's [2018 constitution](#) allows him to stay in office, if elected, until 2033. Déby is an [experienced military man](#) who first joined the army in the 1970s during the former French colony's civil war. He eventually became commander in chief of the armed

administration amid coronavirus response blunders as he marks half a year since his coming to power on Tuesday.

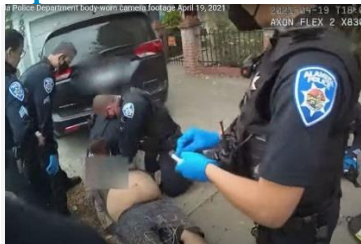
Wining-and-dining scandals at the communications ministry, including one involving Suga's eldest son, are also weighing on the prime minister, who has apparently lost steam after starting out strong with a flurry of implementations of key policies such as the lowering of mobile phone fees. **Sensitive to ratings.**

“Protecting people's lives and livelihoods has been our top priority,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Katsunobu Kato, Japan's top government spokesman, said at a news conference Friday, reflecting on the six months since the launch of the Suga administration. Immediately after taking office, the prime minister began working on lowering mobile phone fees, eventually leading Japan's three major carriers to announce low-cost plans. He also introduced a set of bills on digital transformation, centered around the establishment of a digital agency that will lead the digitalization of Japan's administrative services,

<p>par l'Empire ottoman en 1915. Ces derniers avaient été tués de manière systématique pendant la première guerre mondiale par les troupes de l'Empire ottoman, alors allié à l'Allemagne et à l'Autriche-Hongrie. La Turquie, issue du démantèlement de l'empire en 1920, reconnaît des massacres mais récusé le terme de génocide, évoquant une guerre civile en Anatolie, doublée d'une famine, dans laquelle 300 000 à 500 000 Arméniens et autant de Turcs ont trouvé la mort. Malgré cette contestation turque, le génocide arménien est reconnu par plus de vingt pays et par de nombreux historiens. <b>« Regardez-vous dans un miroir ».</b> <i>« Si vous parlez de génocide, vous devez vous regarder dans un miroir. Je n'ai même pas besoin de mentionner les Amérindiens. On le sait déjà. Quand tout cela est connu, vous ne pouvez pas accuser la nation turque de génocide »</i>, a encore lancé M. Erdogan à l'adresse de son homologue américain. <i>« Les accusations de génocide sont tellement sensibles qu'elles ne peuvent être utilisées à des fins politiques »</i>, a-t-il ajouté. En dépit de ses critiques, M. Erdogan</p>	<p><u>Greece resolve their maritime dispute?</u>  <u>Greece accuses Turkey of trying to provoke it with migrant boats</u>  <u>Turkey and Libya renew commitment to contested maritime deal</u>  <u>Greece FM Dendias to visit Turkey amid Mediterranean crisis.</u> “I want you to know that in Greece, Libya will always have a stable friend and ally within the European Union, so that ... [it] can find its way back to stability and prosperity,” Mitsotakis told al-Menfi. For his part, al-Menfi stressed the historical ties and friendship between the two countries and described Greece as the main “gateway” of Libya to the European Union.</p> <p>ITALY-EGYPT, <i>La Repubblica</i>, 14 April 2021: Patrick Zaki, in Senato la mozione per dare la cittadinanza italiana allo studente imprigionato.</p> <p>ITALY, <i>La Repubblica</i> (Sandro De Riccardis, Luca De Vito), 14 April 2021: Moby, indagini sui soldi ai partiti: da Grillo e Casaleggio a Fdi e Pd.</p>	<p>forces under former president <a href="#">Hissène Habré</a> who served from 1982 to 1990. In that year, an insurrection led by Déby hounded President Habré out of office. Déby promised to establish a functioning multiparty democracy and to put an end to the previous regime's lawlessness and violence. That promise was short lived. Déby's ambitions quickly shifted to staying in power by any means and enriching his extended family. Thirty years later, he is governing a population that has long suffered from extreme poverty despite the country's oil wealth. The country also has an inadequate healthcare system, poor educational opportunities, lack of career prospects among the youth, and high unemployment. The United Nations Human Development Index (2020) ranks the country <a href="#">187 (out of 189)</a>. <a href="#">Political liberties</a> are almost non-existent; <a href="#">human rights violations</a> are part of everyday life, and opposition leaders, human rights activists, journalists and trade unionists live under permanent threat. Over the years, <a href="#">various protests</a> have been staged against Déby's rule. Opposition parties</p>	<p>to the ongoing session of the Diet. Furthermore, Suga's government has been considering expanding health insurance coverage to newly include fertility treatment starting in April next year, and has greatly expanded existing subsidy measures to support those receiving such treatment until the insurance coverage expansion is implemented. In the meantime, the country saw a rapid resurgence of novel coronavirus infections from late last year. The COVID-19 state of emergency that was declared for Tokyo and three neighboring prefectures in January, currently set to run through Sunday, has been extended twice already, with some experts arguing for yet another extension. Despite a source from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party explaining that Suga has been dealing with the coronavirus crisis day and night, the prime minister has been criticized for being slow in implementing measures. Among the moves made by Suga that have been slammed as too late was his decision to suspend the Go To Travel tourism promotion scheme, a</p>
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s'est toutefois dit « *convaincu* » que sa rencontre prévue en juin avec M. Biden en marge du sommet de l'OTAN à Bruxelles leur offrirait une opportunité pour apaiser les tensions entre les deux pays. Le ministère turc des affaires étrangères avait convoqué, samedi, l'ambassadeur américain pour protester contre la position américaine, a rapporté l'agence de presse d'Etat Anatolia. La Turquie n'a « *de leçons à recevoir de personne sur son histoire* », avait, auparavant, déclaré le chef de la diplomatie turque, Mevlut Cavusoglu.

USA, Pagina 12, 28 April 2021: **Un crimen similar al de George Floyd. Estadios Unidos: un hombre murió tras ser inmovilizado en el suelo por la policía de California**



La policía del departamento de Alameda, en el norte de California, publicó imágenes en las que se ve cómo varios **agentes reducen de forma violenta a un joven latino** durante más de cinco minutos **hasta**



*Il faro dei pm di Milano anche sulle donazioni da parte della compagnia di navigazione alle fondazioni di Renzi e di Toti*

MILANO - Erogazioni che hanno aggravato la situazione contabile del gruppo e forse influenzato le scelte legislative nel settore marittimo. Sulla travagliata vicenda finanziaria di Moby, la società di navigazione della famiglia Onorato, si è acceso il faro della procura di Milano. [...]. Al centro delle verifiche del dipartimento specializzato in reati contro la pubblica amministrazione, guidato dall'aggiunto Maurizi o Romanelli, ci sono i finanziamenti erogati da Moby a Beppe Grillo srl, Casaleggio Associati, fondazione Change di Giovanni Toti, fondazione Open di Matteo Renzi, Fratelli d'Italia e anche Pd. In attesa dell'udienza di domani che dovrà decidere il destino di Cin - che nel 2015 ha acquisito Tirrenia - è questo il nuovo fronte di indagine

and trade unions have held [repeated demonstrations](#) to demand free and fair elections, and also to bring attention to the poor socio-economic status of ordinary Chadians. Northern Chad has also witnessed a [number of rebellions](#) against Déby's rule. And in 2006 and 2008, members of Déby's Zaghawa clan and former allies who defected to the opposition [tried to overthrow him](#) by military force. Most recently, [protests broke out in February 2021](#), when Déby announced that he would run for a sixth term. The president dispatched his security forces to disperse them immediately. **Run-up to the elections.** The resistance during this election cycle is even more passionate than in recent years. Chadians are turning to the example set by [Burkina Faso](#) and [Mali](#), where presidents Blaise Compaore and Ibrahim Boubacar Keita were ousted following protests in 2014 and 2020, respectively. Prominent opposition politician [Succès Masra](#), who leads The Transformers party, has been at the forefront of the protests against Déby. Masra gave up a post at the

flagship initiative implemented by the prime minister. Suga was also forced to apologize for having a steak dinner with LDP Secretary-General Toshihiro Nikai and others while urging the public to avoid dining out with people in large numbers as a measure against the pandemic.

CHINA, *Le Monde (Florence de Changy)*, 16 March 2021: L'opposition prodémocratie à Hongkong assommée par la réforme électorale de Pékin. La Chine souhaite installer des patriotes à la tête de l'ancienne colonie britannique et s'emploie à empêcher aux opposants de se présenter après l'adoption par l'Assemblée nationale populaire (ANP) chinoise d'une décision visant à « améliorer » le système électoral hongkongais.



La chef de l'exécutif hongkongais, Carrie Lam, à Hongkong, le 13 août 2019. THOMAS PETER / REUTERS. « *Nous vivons actuellement l'assaut le plus virulent contre nos aspirations*

**causarle la muerte.** Este nuevo caso, tipificado como racismo, recordó el asesinato del afroamericano [George Floyd](#) que dio a luz al movimiento "Black Lives Matter". **Mario Arenales González, de 26 años, dejó de respirar tras un forcejeo con la policía el pasado 19 de abril en un parque de Alameda. Un comunicado policial indicó que González había sufrido una emergencia médica** después de que los agentes intentaron colocarle las esposas. Sin embargo, **su familia denunció que fue asesinado por la policía** al utilizar una fuerza innecesariamente excesiva. **"Lo mataron de la misma forma en que mataron a George Floyd"**, sentenció Gerardo, el hermano de la víctima, refiriéndose al hombre afroamericano asesinado en Minnesota en mayo del año pasado por el oficial [Derek Chauvin](#), quien tras someterse a juicio fue declarado culpable de asesinato.

USA, *Clarín (Paula Lugones)*, 29 April 2021: [Logros y tropiezos.](#)



[Los cien días de Biden, una presidencia que](#)

che si apre in procura a Milano.

SOUTH AMERICA-EUROPE, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 14 April 2021: **Europa secondo più grande importatore al mondo di prodotti derivati da deforestazione tropicale. E l'Italia è ai primi posti in Ue.** È quanto emerge da un nuovo report del Wwf. Nella fattispecie, tra il 2005 e il 2017 i prodotti arrivati nel Vecchio Continente e che hanno avuto il maggiore peso sono soia, olio di palma e carne bovina, seguiti da prodotti legnosi da piantagioni, cacao e caffè.

BULGARIA, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: **Bulgaria's PM Borissov says he will not lead new government.** *Long-time leader announces he will not seek another term as prime minister in bid to avoid national 'divide' following inconclusive election.*



Huge anti-government protests shook Borissov's administration last year amid widespread anger over rampant high-

African Development Bank to join politics in 2018. But Chad's [revised constitution of 2018](#) barred him from running for president because he is 38. Presidential candidates must now be 40 or older, despite the [majority of the population](#) being younger than 45.

ANGOLA, *Voice of America (Lisa Schlein)*, 26 MARCH 2021: **Angola: Hunger Rises As Severe Drought Grips Angola.**



*Carolyn Parsons (Gindungo)/Wikimedia Commons.* A farm near Bongo, Huambo, Angola (file image).

The World Food Program is warning of severe food shortages and rising hunger in Angola as the country is gripped by its worst drought in nearly four decades.

Angola's rainy season, which normally runs from November to April, is delivering a trickle of the rainfall needed to grow a good crop and raise healthy livestock. The abnormal dryness is adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions of people in the country's

*démocratiques que Hongkong ait jamais connu depuis la rétrocession. Depuis l'adoption de la loi de sécurité nationale l'an dernier, l'arrestation de presque 90 % des personnalités d'opposition, et ce nouveau projet de réforme électorale, notre marge de manœuvre est quasi inexistante* », résume Avery Ng, président de la Ligue sociale-démocrate (LSD), l'une des rares personnalités de l'opposition encore en liberté, grâce, ironiquement, à son récent séjour en prison.

HONG KONG-MYANMAR-THAILAND, *Le Monde (Brice Pedroletti)*, 16 March 2021: L'« alliance du thé au lait », ou la solidarité des jeunesses asiatiques contre l'autoritarisme. A l'origine, une dispute, en avril 2020, a réuni les internautes thaïlandais, hongkongais et taiwanais dans un combat contre des hordes de trolls chinois.



Rassemblement de l'« alliance du thé au lait »,

cambió el tono en Estados Unidos.

ARGENTINA, *Pagina 12*, 29 April 2021: **También intimó a las empresas a incrementar la producción. El Gobierno congeló los precios del oxígeno líquido, clave para los enfermos de covid-19 graves**



. Imagen: Télam. El Gobierno dispuso en **congelamiento de precios del oxígeno líquido medicinal** e intimó a quienes lo elaboran a incrementar su producción. La medida apunta a garantizar que el sistema de salud disponga de ese insumo clave en esta etapa de la pandemia de coronavirus para atender a los pacientes de covid-19 con cuadros graves y evitar cualquier tipo de abuso. El congelamiento es tanto para el **oxígeno a granel y también para el envasado en tubo.**

Incluye a todos los integrantes de la cadena de producción: transporte, distribución y acarreo. El Gobierno dispuso la medida a través de la Resolución Conjunta 6/2021 de los ministerios

level corruption [File: Julien Warnand/Pool via Reuters]. Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov has said he will not be a candidate to lead the country's next government after his centre-right party fell well short of a majority in a parliamentary vote earlier this month. Borissov's GERB party, which has led Bulgaria for most of the past decade, remained the biggest political force in the country following the April 4 polls. But it lost a fifth of its seats as public anger grew over rampant corruption, which boosted new protest parties and delivered a more fragmented parliament. Bulgarian PM's party ahead in vote count, early results show Bulgarians vote for new parliament amid corruption, COVID woes Fears of low turnout as Bulgarians prepare to vote in pandemic Bulgaria expels two Russian diplomats for suspected espionage.

TURKEY-ITALY, *Il Fatto Quotidiano*, 14 April 2021: **Erdoğan risponde a Mario Draghi: "Totale maleducazione. Non è stato eletto e ha danneggiato le**

southwestern provinces.

RWANDA, *The New Times* (James Karuhanga)

30 MARCH 2021: **Rwanda: Activists React to French Report on Tutsi Genocide.**



*Rémi Jouan/Wikimedia Commons.* Emmanuel Macron (file photo).

The recently released report by a team commissioned by the French government to probe the latter's role in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, does not give enough explanation and leaves a bitter taste because it does not admit complicity. This is the observation of Yolande Mukagasana, a Genocide survivor and president of the Yolande Mukagasana Foundation whose objectives include fighting against denial and revisionism of the 1994 Genocide. In a statement published on Monday, March 29, Mukagasana noted that her foundation salutes the French government's effort but pressed that Genocide suspects living in the European country be brought to justice. France is known to be home to at least 47 indicted Genocide suspects. President

en soutien aux manifestants prodémocratie de Birmanie, à Bangkok, le 28 février 2021. **JACK TAYLOR / AFP.** Quand ils partagent sur les réseaux sociaux les dernières exactions de la soldatesque, nombre de jeunes Birmans mentionnent aujourd'hui le hashtag #MilkTeaAlliance, l'« alliance du thé au lait ». Tout comme les Thaïlandais et les Hongkongais quand ils expriment leur solidarité avec les manifestants du Myanmar, ou revendiquent la libération de leurs militants respectifs emprisonnés – et comme le fit, le 21 novembre 2020, le [jeune leader politique hongkongais Joshua Wong](#) en publiant une lettre ouverte de soutien aux manifestants thaïlandais au nom des « *militants hongkongais en détention* ». A Taïwan, des internautes ordinaires, mais aussi des politiques, et même la représentante officielle de Taïwan aux Etats-Unis ont invoqué l'« alliance » pour rappeler l'attachement inconditionnel de l'île à la démocratie, et son aspiration à servir de modèle, dans une région où elle est sérieusement malmenée. Sur les dessins brandis dans les manifestations ou diffusés en ligne sous la bannière

de Salud y de Desarrollo Productivo, publicada este jueves en el Boletín Oficial, que precisa que se considerará **precio máximo de venta del oxígeno líquido el vigente en este día.**

Asimismo, la normativa **intima a las empresas que forman parte integrante de la cadena de producción, distribución y acarreo de oxígeno líquido, a incrementar su producción hasta el máximo de su capacidad instalada** y a arbitrar las medidas conducentes para asegurar su transporte, distribución y comercialización en todo el país durante el período que dure la emergencia sanitaria.

ARGENTINA, *Página 12 (Adriana Meyer)*, 29 April 2021: **El territorio de Bariloche ya reconocido por el Instituto Nacional de Asuntos Indígenas. La justicia ordenó al Estado entregar sus tierras a la comunidad Lofche Mapuche Buenuleo.** "Pedimos al INAI que no apele el fallo, y es fundamental que tampoco lo haga la Procuración del Tesoro. Sería un enorme logro para el Gobierno pasar de la obstrucción a la construcción de un estado plurinacional", dijo a Página12 el abogado Fernando Kosovsky, en apoyo al planteo de su

**relazioni tra i nostri Paesi”.**



Dopo una settimana di silenzio, durante la quale a scagliarsi contro le parole del presidente del Consiglio, **Mario Draghi**, sono stati solo alcuni membri del governo turco, anche il presidente **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** commenta l'uscita del premier italiano che lo aveva definito **“un dittatore con il quale si deve cooperare”**: “La dichiarazione del presidente del Consiglio italiano è stata una **totale indecenza, una totale maleducazione**”, ha detto il *Sultano* in un discorso a un gruppo di giovani nella biblioteca del suo palazzo presidenziale di Ankara.

TURKEY-EGYPT, *Hurriyet Daily News*, 14 April 2021: **New era begins between Turkey, Egypt: FM Çavuşoğlu.**

François Mitterrand who was in power in France during the Genocide, and his government and relatives, bear great responsibility in the 1994 Genocide, Mukagasana noted.

NIGER, *Deutsche Welle*, 31 MARCH 2021: **Niger - Attack On Presidential Palace an 'Attempted Coup'**



M.Kanta/Deutsche Welle. Niger's presidential palace in the capital Niamey (file photo).

*A military unit attempted to seize the presidential palace in Niger's capital, according to the government, just days before the country's new president Mohamed Bazoum takes office.*

A military unit made a failed coup attempt in Niger's capital Niamey on Wednesday, a government spokesman said, coming just two days before the country's first ever democratic transition of power. President-elect Mohamed Bazoum is due to be sworn in on Friday -- taking over from President Mahamane Ousmane, who disputed the election results.

MilkTeaAlliance, des tasses de thé symbolisent la manière populaire de consommer ce breuvage dans ces territoires (au lait à Hongkong, glacé et avec des boules de tapioca à Taïwan, sucré en Thaïlande ou à la mode taïwanaise), qui se distinguent du thé nature et austère que lampent à cours de journée les habitants de Chine populaire. « *Ces thés au lait déclinent des spécificités locales, mais on retrouve dans ces mouvements des valeurs communes : la défense de la démocratie, de l'Etat de droit, de la liberté, une lutte contre l'usurpation du droit du peuple à choisir sa destinée* », rappelle la sinologue Chloé Froissart, de l'Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales (Inalco), lors d'un séminaire en ligne organisé le 10 mars par *Asialyst*, le site français spécialisé sur l'Asie. **S'opposer à des reprises en main autoritaires.** Car si des solidarités se tissent entre les jeunesses politiquement engagées d'Asie, c'est pour s'opposer à des reprises en main autoritaires qui puisent dans la boîte à outils du géant chinois et se réclament, plus ou moins explicitement, du discours anti-valeurs universelles en vogue à Pékin. A l'origine,

colega Matias Shraer.



**El juez federal de San Carlos de Bariloche, Gustavo Javier Zapata (subrogante) le ordenó al Estado Nacional, por intermedio del Instituto Nacional de Asuntos Indígenas (INAI), que en un plazo de 90 días realice la mensura del territorio de ocupación tradicional de la Comunidad Mapuche Lofche Buenuleo y que "concluido ello, ejecute los actos tendientes a la instrumentación de la propiedad comunitaria en favor de la comunidad accionante".**

Firmada recientemente, esta sentencia subsana la demora estatal en dar seguridad jurídica a los derechos territoriales de los pueblos originarios. A partir de ahora quedaría allanado el camino para una solución definitiva, en tanto el Estado no apele a través de sus instituciones querellantes. "Pedimos al INAI que no apele el fallo, y es fundamental que tampoco lo haga la Procuración del Tesoro; sería un enorme logro para el gobierno pasar de la obstrucción a la construcción de un estado plurinacional, sería una



A new era has started between **Turkey** and **Egypt** and mutual visits may come to the agenda, Foreign Minister **Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu** has said. Speaking to reporters on April 13, he announced that a meeting will be held between the two countries at the level of deputy foreign ministers, but the planning is ongoing, and the date is not clear yet. Ankara and Cairo have recently exchanged positive signals on establishing contacts and dialogue. Turkey on March 12 said it had held its first diplomatic contacts with Egypt since President Abdel Fattah al-**Sisi** ousted the country's former leader, Mohamed Morsi, in 2013. Çavuşoğlu spoke over the phone with his Egyptian counterpart last week and exchanged greetings on the approaching Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The move was preceded by another statement from Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa **Madbouly**, thanking Turkish President Recep

Spokesman Abdourahamane Zakaria said the coup attempt was intended to "imperial democracy." The government claimed the security situation was under control after the militants attempted to seize Niamey's presidential palace, with several arrests having been made.

CAMEROON, *Deutsche Welle* (Jean Marie Ngong Song And Ineke Mules), 31 MARCH 2021: **Cameroon: Is Franck Biya the President's Son and Successor?**



Republic of Cameroon Presidency. Cameroon President Paul Biya and his wife Chantal.

*President Paul Biya's son is making a name for himself on Cameroon's political scene. Some observers think he is being groomed to take over the job of his 88-year-old father.* In recent years, the debate over who will succeed Cameroon's long-time president Paul Biya has become a point of political contention. The 88-year-old, who has held the top office since 1982, is due to end his latest term in 2025. Until recently, Biya's eldest son kept a

l'« alliance » est née d'une rixe en ligne, en avril 2020, qui opposa des internautes thaïlandais, hongkongais et taiwanais à des hordes de trolls chinois soutenus par l'ambassade de Chine à Bangkok et le *Global Times*, le quotidien chinois va-t-en guerre. Un acteur thaïlandais avait d'abord été pris à partie par des ultranationalistes chinois pour avoir écrit « pays » sous des photos de Taïwan et Hongkong et dut s'excuser pour ce crime de lèse-majesté géopolitique. Puis sa petite amie, mannequin, se vit accusée d'avoir retweeté l'hypothèse d'une origine laborantine du coronavirus en Chine. Appuyés par les Hongkongais et les Taïwanais, les Thaïlandais ripostèrent par des bordées de caricatures et de moqueries.

IRAQ, *Esprit (Saad Salloum)*, March 2021: **L'avenir de la diversité en Irak. Les droits des minorités religieuses et linguistiques sont massivement bafoués en Irak, dans un contexte de ruine des institutions, d'inégalités économiques et politiques, et de préjugés. Face à une situation de plus en plus tendue et préoccupante,**

verdadera solución", explicó a **Página/12** el abogado Fernando Kosovsky, especialista en derecho de los pueblos indígenas, al respaldar la presentación de Matías Schraer, representante legal de la comunidad.

**ECUADOR, Pagina 12, 29 April 2021: Siete niñas menores de 14 años dan a luz por día en el país. En un fallo histórico, Ecuador despenalizó el aborto en casos de violación**



Ecuador se convirtió en el **sexto país de América Latina en despenalizar el aborto en casos de violación** gracias a un fallo de la Corte Constitucional. La lucha de las ecuatorianas, que durante años se manifestaron en las calles a favor de la interrupción voluntaria del embarazo por causales, tuvo su primer gran logro. **“Esto es por las 2.000 niñas que cada año paren producto de violación, porque una niña embarazada es una niña violada”**, celebraron los colectivos feministas. Ecuador es el segundo país de Latinoamérica con mayor número de embarazos de niñas y adolescentes. Siete

Tayyip Erdogan for Ankara's efforts during its term presidency of the Developing-8 (D-8) Organization.

**RUSSIA-UKRAINE-UE, Le Monde, 15 April 2021: Ukraine : Joe Biden et Angela Merkel demandent à la Russie de réduire ses troupes à la frontière. L'objectif est de permettre « une désescalade » de la situation en Crimée. Emmanuel Macron reçoit, vendredi, le président ukrainien. Tous deux s'entretiendront par téléphone avec la chancelière allemande, a annoncé l'Élysée, jeudi.**



Un soldat ukrainien en poste à Marinka, dans la région de Donetsk, près de la frontière avec la Russie, le 12 avril. STR / AFP. Le président français, Emmanuel Macron, le président ukrainien, Volodymyr Zelensky, et la chancelière allemande, Angela Merkel, s'entretiendront vendredi en visioconférence des

relatively low profile. Most Cameroonians knew little about Franck Biya, who has worked as a businessman and entrepreneur. But now, speculation is mounting that he may be preparing to take over his father's role as leader. Social media has been flooded with images of Franck Biya as he allegedly gathers support for his own political party. Some of the videos are calling for his candidacy. A group of businessmen, politicians and government allies have even formed The Frankistes Citizen Movement for the Peace and Unity of Cameroon. Led by businessman Mohamed Rahim Noumeau, they are calling on Franck Biya to run for the presidency in the next general election.

**IVORY COAST, Radio France Internationale (By Daniel Finnan), 1 APRIL 2021: Cote d'Ivoire: Gbagbo Acquittal At ICC Raises Questions Over Much-Needed Court Reforms.**



© CPI. Laurent Gbagbo, l'ex-président ivoirien, lors d'une

**comment rétablir la confiance indispensable à la paix sociale?** Les conséquences énormes des conflits qui ont submergé l'Irak depuis la fin de l'invasion conduite par les États-Unis en 2003 ont exposé les membres des minorités religieuses et linguistiques à des violations massives de leurs droits. Dans les cas les plus graves, ces violences ont pris la forme d'atrocités collectives, de crimes contre l'humanité, de crimes de guerre, de nettoyages ethniques et même de génocides, particulièrement dans les régions où les minorités sont concentrées, telles que le Sinjar (yézidis), Tall Afar (Turkmènes) et l'ensemble de la plaine de Ninive (chrétiens, Shabaks et autres minorités).

**AFGHANISTAN, NYT (THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF and ZABIHULLAH GHAZI), Foes in Afghan War See a Common Threat of Islamic State's Return.** An unusual truce between the government and the Taliban has kept the Islamic State out of one former stronghold. But there is a peace paradox: Unemployed fighters looking for work.



niñas menores de 14 años dan a luz por día en el país, de acuerdo a cifras oficiales.

**BRAZIL, Pagina 12, 29 April 2021: La sorprendente declaración del general retirado Luiz Eduardo Ramos. El jefe de gabinete de Brasil confesó que se vacunó a escondidas de Bolsonaro.** En el audio filtrado de una reunión del Consejo de Salud, Ramos dijo que intenta convencer al mandatario de ultraderecha para que también se vacune porque "su vida corre riesgo".



. Imagen: AFP

**El jefe de gabinete de Brasil, el general retirado Luiz Eduardo Ramos, confesó haber recibido la vacuna contra el coronavirus a escondidas de Jair Bolsonaro, quien pese a tener más de 65 años se niega a ser inoculado.** En el audio filtrado de una reunión del Consejo de Salud, Ramos dijo que trata de convencer al mandatario de ultraderecha para que se vacune debido a que "su vida corre riesgo". En el mismo encuentro el ministro de Economía, Paulo Guedes, llamó al coronavirus "virus chino"

risques d'escalade provoqués par la concentration de troupes russes à la frontière avec l'Ukraine, a annoncé jeudi 15 avril l'Elysée. « M. Zelensky sera reçu à déjeuner par le président Macron et ils auront dans la foulée une visioconférence avec M<sup>me</sup> Merkel », a précisé la présidence française. M. Macron et M<sup>me</sup> Merkel ont un rôle de médiateur dans le conflit ukrainien dans le cadre du dialogue quadripartite avec la Russie et l'Ukraine (appelé « format Normandie »). Ils s'étaient réunis à Paris [en décembre 2019](#) avec le président russe, Vladimir Poutine, et M. Zelensky. Mercredi, le président américain, Joe Biden, et la chancelière allemande s'étaient mis d'accord, lors d'un entretien téléphonique, pour demander à la Russie de réduire ses troupes à la frontière ukrainienne, alors que la situation sur le terrain s'envenime. **ITALY, Le Monde (Thomas Guichard), 24 April 2021: Anatomie d'un naufrage qui a fait 130 morts en Méditerranée.** Dans un rapport détaillé, l'ONG Alarm Phone dénonce le rejet de responsabilité côté

audience devant la CPI, le 15 janvier 2019.

Judges at the International Criminal Court (ICC) on Thursday dismissed an appeal against Côte d'Ivoire's former President Laurent Gbagbo, confirming his acquittal for crimes against humanity and paving the way for his return to the West African country after almost a decade. The decision was a blow for victims' families and provoked concern among observers who say the case highlights the need for serious reform within the court system.

"This is a victory for a man, President Gbagbo, whose innocence is finally fully recognised," said Gbagbo's lawyer [Emmanuel Altit](#). "President Gbagbo always said that he believed in justice. Today, justice has been done." Gbagbo and his right-hand man Charles Blé Goudé were found not guilty of crimes against humanity in 2019 related to post-election violence in Côte d'Ivoire more than 10 years ago. Some 3,000 people were killed following [disputed results in the 2010 polls](#).

**KENYA, Voice of America (Harun Maruf, Khadar Hared), 2 APRIL**



**MYANMAR, NYT (HANNAH BEECH and THE NEW YORK TIMES), 24 March 2021:**



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**'I Will Die Protecting My Country': In Myanmar, a New Resistance Rises**

As the nation's military kills, assaults and terrorizes unarmed civilians each day, some protesters say there is no choice but to fight the army on its own terms.

**BANGLADESH, NYT (THE ASSOCIATED PRESS and REUTERS), 23 March 2021: Deadly Fire Tears Through Rohingya Camp.** The Bangladesh authorities say that at least 15 people have died after a devastating fire ripped through the Rohingya refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, leaving hundreds injured and tens of thousands homeless

y criticó a la vacuna CoronaVac, la que más se está aplicando en Brasil. [Con el impacto de las nuevas cepas como telón de fondo, el fuerte aumento de las muertes de mujeres embarazadas por covid-19 preocupa a las autoridades.](#) "Me di la vacuna escondido, tenía otra orientación. Como cualquier ser humano, quiero vivir", advirtió Ramos. "No me avergüenzo, no. Quiero ser honesto. Si la ciencia y la medicina dicen que debo darme la vacuna, ¿quién soy yo para oponerme?", agregó el titular de la Casa Civil.

CHILE, *Página 12* (Juan Carlos Ramírez Figueroa), 29 April 2021: **El periodista chileno investigó los desfalcos hechos a la luz del sistema de las AFP. Mauricio Weibel: "Los fondos privados de pensiones son el ícono del modelo económico instaurado por Pinochet"**. El autor de "La Caída de las AFP" indagó sobre los efectos de este instrumento creado por José Piñera -hermano de Sebastián Piñera- en dictadura: ilegalidad, dineros en paraísos fiscales y fraudes.



européen et l'« incompétence » des « gardes-côtes » libyens dans la catastrophe qui s'est déroulée cette semaine.



Les débris d'une embarcation transportant des migrants, qui a fait naufrage au large des côtes libyennes, dans la nuit du 21 au 22 avril. **FLAVIO GASPERINI / AP.**

Face à eux, il y avait l'Europe et les promesses d'une autre vie. Ils n'en verront jamais les rives. Au moins 130 clandestins sont morts au sud du canal de Sicile dans la nuit du mercredi 21 au jeudi 22 avril, dans le naufrage de leur embarcation au large des côtes libyennes. Selon l'ONG Alarm Phone, ces migrants auraient pu être sauvés. Dans un rapport détaillant heure par heure le déroulé du drame, l'ONG impute ce naufrage au rejet de responsabilité côté européen et à l'« incompétence » des « gardes-côtes » libyens. Selon le récit d'Alarm Phone, une hotline qui

2021: Kenya's Plan to Close Two Camps Worries Refugees.



Arjun Claire/MSF. The Dadaab refugee camp (file photo). The Kenya Interior Ministry's announcement last week of its intention to close two major camps has increased uncertainty for hundreds of thousands of refugees, leaving many of them distraught.

MOZAMBIQUE, *Deutsche Welle* (Cai Nebe), 6 APRIL 2021: Mozambique - Refugee Crisis Clouds Army Gains Against Islamist Insurgents.



Google Maps/screenshot. A map showing the location of Palma in northern Mozambique.

*Mozambican forces claim to have retaken the ransacked town of Palma from armed Islamist fighters. Despite this success, a glaring refugee crisis looms as regional bodies dither on providing military support.* Commander Chongo Vidigal, leader of military operations to

once again.



IRAN, *Hurriyet Daily News* (*The Associated Press*), 12 April 2021: **Iran calls Natanz atomic site blackout 'nuclear terrorism'**.



Iran on April 11 described a blackout at its underground Natanz atomic facility an act of "nuclear terrorism," raising regional tensions as world powers and Tehran continue to negotiate over its tattered nuclear deal. While there was no immediate claim of responsibility, suspicion fell immediately on Israel, where its media nearly uniformly reported a devastating cyberattack orchestrated by the country caused the blackout.

MYANMAR, *Al Jazeera*, 14 April 2021: **'Bloody paint strike' in Myanmar as doctors charged over protests.** *Activists throw*

**Una contundente derrota para el gobierno del empresario Sebastián Piñera fue el rechazo del Tribunal Constitucional a revisar el proyecto del tercer retiro del 10% de las Administradoras de Fondos de Pensiones (AFP) que ya había sido aprobado por el Congreso de Chile. Esto se suma al inicio de la revisión en el Congreso de una reforma constitucional para establecer un impuesto a los “súper ricos” para establecer una renta básica de emergencia (aunque sólo por una vez). Para un país sumergido hace meses en una crisis institucional, sanitaria y económica, que el propio presidente se haya negado al retiro del dinero que los propios ciudadanos han ido ahorrando era un error político que el fallo del TC ratificó. De hecho, desde ayer que está reunido con su comité de emergencia y donde diversas fuentes coinciden en que el gobierno está más quebrado incluso más que el 18 de octubre de 2019 cuando comenzaron las protestas masivas en lo que se conoció como el “Estallido Social” que arrojó decenas de muertos, 500 jóvenes con daño ocular producto de los disparos al rostro de carabineros y un plebiscito donde se aprobó el cambio de la Constitución. Y tal como el TC es reconocido como uno de los enclaves**

recueille les appels de migrants en détresse, ses volontaires ont été contactés le matin du 21 avril par un pêcheur libyen qui se trouvait au large de Khoms, dans l’ouest du pays. Un bateau de migrants, qui aurait pris la mer vers 22 heures la veille, se trouvait alors en détresse au large. Une première alerte est envoyée par e-mail à 9 h 51 aux centres de coordination et de sauvetage des pays alentours : Italie, Libye et Malte. L’ONG a réussi à joindre le téléphone satellite embarqué sur le bateau à partir de 10 h 03. Le contact est difficile. Il y a du vent en fond. La voix qui s’exprime est hachée, et les appels systématiquement coupés. « *On ne distinguait presque que leurs appels à l’aide, nous devons reconstituer le puzzle* », se souvient Pierre (le prénom a été modifié), un volontaire basé à Berlin, qui souhaite rester anonyme. Tôt dans la matinée, les coordonnées GPS du bateau ont été transmises aux autorités maltaises, libyennes et italiennes, dans l’espoir qu’ils dépêchent un navire de la marine marchande sur la zone.

regain control of Palma, told state television TVM that a "significant" number of militants had since been killed in the fighting and that the area was now "safe." He, however, stopped short of declaring that the army had regained complete control. "There was always strong perceptions that the Sunni extremist group was not necessarily that intent on actually holding Palma," Ryan Cummings, director for Africa-focused political and security risk management consultancy, Signal Risk, told DW. Cummings said the insurgents were unwilling to utilize what would have been significant human resources, equipment, and other resources to stave off a counter-insurgency operation by the Mozambican government. According to the security analyst, the government retaking Palma is potentially due to a militant group's strategic retreat. "Once the town is essentially ransacked of supplies, banks have been sacked, food supplies have been taken, then the insurgents tend to kind of melt away."

EQUATORIAL GUINEA-VATICAN,

*red paint in the streets to remember those killed in protests as military charges 19 doctors for opposing its power grab.*



An anti-coup protester uses red paint as he writes slogans at a bus stop on Wednesday April 14, 2021 in Yangon, Myanmar [AP]. Activists in Myanmar have splashed red paint and dye on roads and buildings to represent the blood of the hundreds of people who were killed while protesting against the military’s February 1 power grab. The display on Wednesday, the second day of the traditional New Year holiday, came as a military-run newspaper reported that at least 19 doctors were charged with incitement for participating in the civil disobedience protests. S&P to eject Adani Ports from index for Myanmar military ties UN sees Syria echoes in Myanmar conflict Myanmar’s Aung San Suu Kyi slapped with new criminal charge Myanmar has never been a nation. Could it become one now? Myanmar has been in chaos since the coup, with daily protests and

<p>autoritarios que dejó la dictadura de Pinochet y que permite “atajar” cualquier ley aprobada por el Congreso, la otra institución heredada de la Constitución de 1980 — que deberá comenzar a reescribirse tras la elección de los constituyentes este 15 y 16 de mayo— son las AFP. Un instrumento creado nada menos que por el hermano del presidente, José Piñera que permite a diversas empresas privadas invertir con el dinero depositado obligatoriamente por los trabajadores para retirar en la jubilación. Un intrincado sistema que, en términos simples, hace a los cotizantes elegir distintos tipos de fondos de mayor o menor riesgos y las administradoras cuyos propietarios son norteamericanos (Cuprum, ProVida), italianos (Plan Vital), colombianos (Capital), chilenos (Modelo, Uno) y chileno-estadounidense (Habitat) que a su vez permiten a otras empresas o holdings “jugar” con ese dinero en el mercado. Por supuesto, los cotizantes no participan de las ganancias, pero si de las pérdidas, dando como resultado jubilaciones bajas y que no se condicen con lo ahorrado. Por cierto, Las fuerzas armadas y carabineros tienen un sistema de pensiones distinto hasta el día de hoy. El</p>	<p>SPAIN, <i>Le Monde</i>, 27 April 2021: Dix-sept migrants retrouvés morts sur un bateau au large des Canaries. Tous les passagers, dont trois ont pu être sauvés, étaient des Africains subsahariens, mais la provenance de l'embarcation n'a pas été établie. Dix-sept personnes ont été retrouvées mortes sur un bateau transportant des migrants au large des îles Canaries, et trois ont été sauvées, ont annoncé, lundi 26 avril, les secours en mer espagnols. Le bateau avait d'abord été repéré par un avion de l'armée espagnole à quelque 265 milles marins (environ 500 km) au sud-est de l'île d'El Hierro, la plus petite des Canaries, et un navire de secours en mer a été envoyé dans la zone. Les trois survivants, deux hommes et une femme, ont été transportés par un hélicoptère de l'armée espagnole vers un hôpital de l'île de Tenerife, a annoncé le service local des secours. Un homme parmi eux se trouvait dans un état grave, souffrant de « <i>déshydratation sévère</i> », selon la même source.</p>	<p><i>Il Fatto Quotidiano</i> (<a href="#">Cornelia Toelgyes</a>), 14 April 2021: <b>Il figlio e vice del tiranno che opprime la Guinea Equatoriale in visita dal Papa. Ha le mani sporche di sangue e derubato le casse pubbliche del suo Paese</b>, ciononostante il vicepresidente della Guinea Equatoriale, Teodoro Nguema Obiang Mangue, nonché figlio del presidente Teodoro Obiang, sanguinario dittatore al potere dal 1979, e suo vice, è stato ricevuto in un'udienza privata da Papa Bergoglio venerdì, 9 aprile. <b>Nota come Teodorino, il figlio 53enne del tiranno</b>, delfino designato che dovrebbe prendere il posto del genitore, è noto in mezzo mondo per le sue scorribande: riciclaggio di denaro, traffico di droga, affari poco puliti.</p> <p>TANZANIA, <i>The Guardian</i> (<a href="#">Samuel Okiror</a>), 14 April 2021: 'We cannot drink oil': campaigners condemn east African pipeline project. <b>Activists say the 'heart of Africa' line shipping crude from Uganda to Tanzania is unnecessary and poses a huge</b></p>	<p>various campaigns of defiance, including strikes by workers in many sectors. Activists have cancelled the usual festivities over the five-day New Year festival, announcing different shows of defiance on each day. On Wednesday, people in various towns and cities across the country joined what activists termed “a bloody paint strike”. In the main city of Yangon, protesters spray-painted pavements and signs outside government offices in red and left a note in one suburb that said: “Dear UN, How are you? I hope you are well. As for Myanmar, we are dying.” A participant in the protest told AFP news agency that the purpose of the activity was to “remember the martyrs who died in the struggle for democracy”. At least 714 people have died since Senior General Min Aung Hlaing deposed Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's government, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, a monitoring group. “We should not be happy during this festival time,” the protester in Yangon said. “We have to feel sadness for the martyrs who are bleeding and we must continue to fight this battle in any way we can.”</p>
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periodista **Mauricio Weibel**, se sumergió en este sistema en el libro *La Caída de las AFP* (Aguilar) pero no tanto en su estructura sino en sus efectos: **ilegalidad, dineros en paraísos fiscales y fraudes**. Sus primeras páginas son reveladoras: una ex jefa de beneficios de Provida que había trabajado durante 28 años exigía recibir su pensión de invalidez. Llevaba dos años postrada, sin recibir el pago de su licencia médica y la AFP tenía la orden expresa de evitar que sus afiliados obtuvieran esa pensión, aunque el caso fuera terminal. Y por supuesto su intento, abogado mediante, fue rechazado. Un tipo de práctica totalmente normal en este sistema.

PERU, *Página 12*, 29 April 2021: **Twitter estalló tras la propuesta de Pedro Castillo a Keiko Fujimori. Debate en Chota, el desafío electoral en Perú que se volvió viral en Argentina.**



Aunque en la Argentina hay una importante comunidad peruana, las **elecciones presidenciales de**

UE-TURKEY, *Le Monde* (Virginia Malingre), 27 April 2021: « Sofagate » : le plaidoyer implacable d’Ursula von der Leyen pour les femmes. La présidente de la Commission européenne est revenue devant le Parlement sur l’incident d’Ankara en contredisant Charles Michel, le président du Conseil européen.



La présidente de la Commission européenne, Ursula von der Leyen, à Bruxelles, le 26 avril. JOHANNA GERON / REUTERS. Avant de faire son discours, Ursula von der Leyen a salué, en souriant, Charles Michel, le président du Conseil européen, auquel elle succédait devant les eurodéputés, lundi 26 avril. La présidente de la Commission l’a ensuite superbement ignoré, pour revenir sur l’épisode appelé le « sofagate » – le 6 avril, à Ankara, où ils étaient reçus par Recep Tayyip Erdogan, des chaises avaient été préparées pour les deux hommes, et

## environmental risk.



Patrick Pouyanné of Total; Tanzania’s President Samia Suluhu Hassan, and President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda after signing agreements for the controversial pipeline. Photograph: Courtesy of Total – Uganda (**Global development is supported by Bill & Melinda Gates foundation**). Activists have accused French and Chinese oil firms of ignoring huge environmental risks after the signing of accords on the controversial construction of a £2.5bn oil pipeline. Uganda, Tanzania and the oil companies Total and CNOOC signed three key agreements on Sunday that pave the way for construction to start on the planned east African crude oil pipeline (EACOP). But on Tuesday **a letter signed by 38 civil society organisations** across both east African countries said the parties had failed to address



A general view shows empty streets on the second day of Thingyan, the water festival which marks the country’s new year, in Yangon on April 14, 2021 [Ye Aung Thu/ AFP]



This handout photo from Kawkareik Open News taken and released on April 14, 2021 shows protesters taking part in a general strike demonstration against the military coup in Kawkareik, in eastern Myanmar’s Karen state [Handout/ Kawkareik Open News via AFP] In the second-largest city of Mandalay, red paint was also spilled on the streets as protesters held signs saying, “hope our military dictatorship fails”, “overthrow the era of fear” and “blood has not dried on the streets”. In some cities, people also marched with placards calling for the release of Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been detained since the coup on various charges including violating an official secrets act. Her lawyers

**Perú** no concitan mayor atención en el público argentino. Pero la polisemia hizo lo suyo: **Pedro Castillo** desafió a un debate en **Chota**, su tierra natal, a su adversaria **Keiko Fujimori**, y los tuiteros argentinos estallaron. "Acepto el reto de Pedro Castillo para debatir en Chota, pero yo pongo hora y fecha". Así reaccionó la candidata presidencial ante el desafío del ganador de la primera vuelta. Lo que propuso Castillo fue que antes de los dos debates organizados por el Jurado Nacional de Elecciones hubiese uno en Chota. El postulante de la izquierda es oriundo de esa ciudad, ubicada a 2.388 metros de altura en la región de Cajamarca. La hija del expresidente Alberto Fujimori aceptó el cruce y remató su tuit con una chicana: "No te corras, Pedro, no te corras".

COLOMBIA, *Página 12* (Juan Manuel Boccacci), 29 April 2021: **Movilizaciones, cacerolazos y plantones en todo el país. Paro Nacional en Colombia contra la reforma tributaria de Iván Duque.** El presidente presentó en el Congreso un proyecto de reforma tributaria con dos ejes centrales: aumento del IVA y ampliación de la base impositiva sobre los salarios. La medida generó el rechazo de entidades

l'ancienne ministre d'Angela Merkel s'était retrouvée à l'écart, sur un canapé. Elle s'est ensuite lancée dans un vibrant plaidoyer pour l'égalité entre les hommes et les femmes, à l'occasion duquel elle n'a pas prononcé un seul nom masculin et a évoqué plusieurs personnalités féminines, dont la vice-présidente américaine, Kamala Harris, ou la cofondatrice de BioNTech, Özlem Türeci. « *Je suis la première femme à présider la Commission européenne. Je suis la présidente de la Commission. Et j'espérais être traitée comme telle lorsque je me suis rendue en Turquie il y a deux semaines* », a-t-elle commencé. « *Mais cela n'a pas été le cas, et c'est arrivé parce que je suis une femme* », a renchéri la présidente de l'exécutif communautaire, réduisant en pièces les arguments qu'avait avancés Charles Michel quelques minutes plus tôt. Le président du Conseil européen, qui n'avait pas fait un geste pour lui assurer un meilleur traitement lors de la visite à Ankara, avait pour sa part parlé d'un « *incident protocolaire* », rappelant que ses services n'avaient pas

environmental concerns over the pipeline and had steamrollered over court and parliamentary processes. Work is expected to begin this year on what would be the world's longest electrically heated pipeline, which will move crude oil from fields near Lake Albert in western Uganda 900 miles to Tanzania's Indian Ocean seaport of Tanga. Uganda's crude oil is highly viscous, so it must be heated to be kept liquid enough to flow. Uganda's president, Yoweri Museveni, and his Tanzanian counterpart, Samia Suluhu Hassan, witnessed the signing of agreements between shareholders, host governments, and on tariff and transport between EACOP and the Lake Albert oil shippers. Uganda discovered reserves of crude near Lake Albert on its border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in 2006, and the landlocked country wants a pipeline to transport oil to international markets. "These agreements open the way for the commencement of the Lake Albert

have denied the charges against her.

JAPAN, *The Japan Times*, 15 April 2021: **IAEA to oversee release of contaminated water from Fukushima nuclear plant.** The agency will play a central and "permanent" role in monitoring the discharge operation, its Director General Rafael Grossi said in an interview Wednesday.

JAPAN-USA-CHINA, *The Japan Times* (RICHARD JAVAD HEYDARIAN), 15 APRIL 2021: **Japan-U.S. alliance should provide an alternative to China.** A Japan-U.S. alliance should provide an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative, while strengthening the ability of smaller states to defend their territorial integrity.

MYANMAR, *The Japan Times*, 15 April 2021: **Keep the pressure on the junta in Myanmar.** If the geopolitical logic for support has crumbled, the moral and humanitarian rationale for opposition remains strong. The

sindicales, organizaciones sociales, estudiantiles. “Contra el paquetazo de Iván Duque”, sostiene la convocatoria al paro del “28A”.



Protesta en Bogotá contra la reforma tributaria. Imagen: AFP. El presidente de Colombia **Iván Duque** presentó en el Congreso un **proyecto de reforma tributaria** con dos ejes centrales: **aumento del IVA y ampliación de la base impositiva sobre los salarios**. La medida no podría haber sido peor recibida por la sociedad. Duque logró unificar a un conglomerado de organizaciones sindicales, indígenas, estudiantiles, partidos políticos y de pymes, que organizaron un **paro nacional** este miércoles con **movilizaciones en todo el país**. Rechazan que el gobierno **financie la crisis del covid-19 tocando los ingresos de la clase media y los sectores populares**. Además, reclaman que se **eliminen los beneficios a las grandes empresas**. En suma, una crítica al modelo neoliberal, del cual Colombia es uno de sus grandes exponentes en

eu accès à la salle avant la rencontre et que la Commission n’avait envoyé personne sur place. L’ancien premier ministre belge s’était ensuite justifié de n’être pas intervenu en laissant sa place à M<sup>me</sup> von der Leyen ou en exigeant une troisième chaise: il ne souhaitait « *pas créer un incident politique [qu’il a] pensé plus grave encore* ».

SPAIN, *El País* (**LUCÍA TOLOSA**), 6 May 2021: **La izquierda elogia la figura de Iglesias y la derecha celebra su retirada de la política**. Iñigo Errejón: “Ha sufrido un acoso personal intolerable que debe cesar de inmediato”



El candidato de Unidas Podemos a la Comunidad de Madrid, Pablo Iglesias, anuncia su retirada de la política institucional en la sede del partido, este martes. KIKO HUESCA / EFE. [La decisión de Pablo Iglesias, líder de Unidas Podemos, de abandonar la política](#) institucional, anunciada tras conocerse los

development project,” Total said in a statement on Monday. “The main engineering, procurement and construction contracts will be awarded shortly, and construction will start. First oil export is planned in early 2025.” The oil will come from two projects – the Tilenga project, operated by Total, and the Kingfisher project, operated by CNOOC, which together are expected to produce up to 230,000 barrels a day. Government geologists estimate total reserves at 6bn barrels. However, Diana Nabiruma, of the [Africa Institute for Energy Governance](#) (AFIEGO), told the Guardian: “It is concerning that major agreements are being signed and the companies are being given the go-ahead to award contracts and start developing the Lake Albert oil project. “The oil projects pose major environmental risks. Resources, some shared with countries such as the DRC, Tanzania and Kenya, including Lake Albert as well as Lake Victoria and rivers, are at risk of oil pollution,” she said.

junta in Myanmar must go.

MYANMAR, *The Japan Times* (**ACHIM STEINER**), 15 April 2021: Myanmar’s young demand their future. In 1950, Myanmar’s per capita income was higher than that of Malaysia or Thailand. Military rule turned it from one of the most promising economies in Asia into one of its worst performers.

INDIA, *The Hindu* (**Shiv Sahay Singh**), 15 April 2021: West Bengal Assembly Elections | BNP will destroy Bengal’s culture: Rahul Gandhi. **Promise of a ‘sonar Bangla’ is just a mirage and the party wants to divide the State, says Rahul Gandhi**. Describing the Bharatiya Janata Party’s (BJP) promise of a “sonar Bangla” (golden Bengal) as a “mirage” Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said the BJP is out to destroy the culture of West Bengal. “Wherever the BJP goes, Narendra Modi goes, the RSS goes, they start spreading hatred and start dividing the people,” Mr. Gandhi said while addressing a rally in Darjeeling district of the State. Mr. Gandhi, who started his poll campaign in West Bengal three days before the fifth phase of the election, said the

Latinoamérica. **Contra el "paquetazo"**. La noche anterior al 28A, como denominaron a este paro sus organizadores, la Justicia intentó frenar la medida de fuerza. El Tribunal Administrativo de Cundinamarca (departamento al que pertenece Bogotá) había ordenado suspender las marchas. Sin embargo, el **Comité Nacional del Paro (CNP)** que aglutina a más de 50 organizaciones sindicales y sociales, mantuvo la convocatoria. **“Por la paz, por la vida, por la democracia y contra el paquetazo de Iván Duque”**, es el lema con el que convocaron, pidiendo que se cumplan las medidas de bioseguridad, ya que Colombia se encuentra en **plena tercera ola del coronavirus**. Desde temprano se vieron columnas de personas marchando por las calles de Bogotá, Cali y Medellín. Hubo cortes de rutas y movilizaciones que tuvieron como destino edificios gubernamentales. Mientras tanto el presidente habló durante un evento donde se conmemoró un año desde el ingreso de Colombia a la Organización para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo Económicos (OCDE). Allí se mostró dispuesto al diálogo. **“Como Gobierno queremos construir**

resultados de las elecciones madrileñas del martes, ha desencadenado las reacciones en todo el espectro político. Mientras que las formaciones de izquierdas y nacionalistas han destacado las luces de su trayectoria política, los partidos de derecha han celebrado como un triunfo propio su salida de las instituciones. El líder de Más País, Íñigo Errejón, ha valorado, en una conferencia de prensa en el Congreso, el trabajo de Iglesias en los últimos años. **“Pablo Iglesias ha desempeñado un papel fundamental en la política española y en el cambio político en España”**, ha defendido Errejón, cuya formación volvió a superar en las urnas a la de su antiguo amigo y compañero de partido, con 24 escaños frente a 10. Errejón e Iglesias fundaron Podemos en enero de 2014 y su relación política y personal se fue deteriorando progresivamente hasta que Errejón fundó la plataforma Más Madrid con Manuela Carmena en



A globe at Uganda's Murchison Falls national park. Activists fear the 900-mile pipeline poses risks to water resources and fisheries. Photograph: Yasuyoshi Chiba/AFP/Getty  
**“The resources support the fisheries, tourism and other economic activities. They are also important for food and water security. They therefore must be conserved.”**

CHAD, *The Guardian* (**Jason Burke**), 20 April 2021: Chad's president Idriss Déby dies 'on battlefield', military says. **Déby had ruled for 30 years and won a sixth term in elections last week.**

Congress's fight against the BJP is at an ideological level and the party will never back down from the fight. The Congress is part of the Samyukta Morcha, where it has entered into an alliance with Left parties and the Indian Secular Front for the ongoing Assembly election. Congress is contesting 92 out of the 294 Assembly seats, most of which will go to polls from the fifth to the eighth phase. **“There is a big danger before you. The day BJP is able to establish its ideology in West Bengal, the State will be on fire ... The ideology of the RSS and the BJP is a danger for the State of West Bengal,”** the Congress leader said at a public meeting in Darjeeling district.

NYANMAR, *The Guardian* (**Sarah Johnson**), 19 Apr 2021: Myanmar military junta arrests prominent trade union leader. **Daw Myo Aye, labour organiser and a leader of civil disobedience protests, dragged from office by army.**

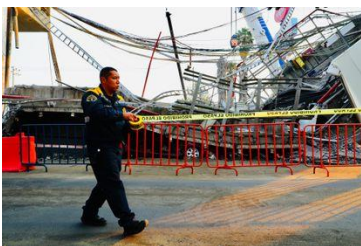


Soldiers in Yangon patrolling the streets by night. Thousands of people have been arrested



**consensos con el Congreso, sin líneas rojas, pensando en los ingresos que establezcan finanzas y manteniendo la protección a los más vulnerables por el tiempo que sea necesario”,** sostuvo el mandatario.

MEXICO, *El País* (JACOBO GARCÍA), 6 May 2021: **La tragedia de la Línea 12 del metro eleva el tono político en la recta final de la campaña.** El Gobierno y la oposición intercambian reproches que apuntan al círculo cercano de López Obrador.



Un policía resguarda el lugar donde colapso un vagón del metro el pasado lunes en la noche, en Ciudad de México. CARLOS RAMÍREZ / EFE. Los desastres tienen la capacidad de exhibir al pueblo y retratar al político. Es sabido que el expresidente Miguel de la Madrid no volvió a levantar cabeza tras su triste papel en las horas posteriores al terremoto de 1985. Primero se escondió y cuando reapareció lo hizo cargado de soberbia para

enero de 2019. Este miércoles, el líder de Más Madrid ha denunciado el **hostigamiento que ha padecido Iglesias en todo este periodo en la política activa:** “Ha sufrido un acoso personal intolerable que debe cesar de inmediato”. El propio Iglesias lo recalcó en su despedida: “Que te conviertan en un chivo expiatorio hace que tu papel para mejorar la democracia en tu país se vea limitado”.

SPAIN, *El País* (CARLOS E. CUÉ), 6 May 2021:

**Conmoción en el Gobierno por la debacle de Madrid tras fallar sus datos internos.** El Ejecutivo niega que el 4-M sea extrapolable al resto de España. El PSOE confía en que la recuperación económica dé la vuelta a la situación. “El PP no está a punto de volver a La Moncloa”, opinan algunos ministros.



Calvo y Ábalos, el



Idriss Déby watching a rally in N’Djamena in 2016. Photograph: Claire Soares/Reuters. Idriss Déby, the veteran president of Chad, has died, national radio in the central African state has said. A statement from the military said the 68-year-old ruler, in power for 30 years, had been killed “on the battlefield” after being injured fighting rebels but gave no further details. Déby last week won a sixth term in presidential elections. The poll prompted an invasion by a Libya-based rebel group called the Force for Change and Concord in **Chad** (Fact), which military officials had said was repulsed at the weekend. Officials had said the veteran politician would not give a victory speech after the polls because he had travelled to the frontlines to take charge of military operations. “He died as he lived, as a free man, with a weapon in his hand,” Abderrahman Koulamallah, a former rebel and presidential adviser, **told French radio network RFI.**

and hundreds killed since the military junta seized power. Photograph: AFP/Getty (**Rights and freedom is supported by Humanity United**). One of Myanmar’s leading trade union leaders has been arrested as part of escalating attacks on pro-democracy figures by the military junta. Daw Myo Aye, director of Solidarity Trade Union of Myanmar (STUM), one of Myanmar’s largest independent unions, is a central figure in the movement for workers’ rights.



Daw Myo Aye, director of Solidarity Trade Union of Myanmar, who has been arrested. She has been one of the most prominent union leaders in the civil disobedience movement, which has been organising national strikes and protests since the military seized power from the democratically elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in February. Myo Aye was dragged from her office by the army last Thursday and taken to a police station where she has been

rechazar la ayuda internacional y prohibir la participación del Ejército en los rescates. De aquella orfandad nace la catastrófica solidaridad que el mexicano lleva grabada en el ADN y volvió a exhibir la madrugada del martes. Desde que a las 22.23, [cuando los dos vagones se clavaron](#) como una flecha en el concreto, [los vecinos de Tláhuac se echaron a la calle](#). Unos utilizaban sus vehículos para trasladar heridos, otros llevaban agua y otros gritaban a los escombros “que resistieran tantito”. Ocho horas después, el presidente Andrés Manuel López Obrador, [acompañado del canciller Marcelo Ebrard y la jefa de Gobierno Claudia Sheinbaum](#), se refirió al tema durante la mañana. Pero mandó un abrazo a las víctimas y criticó a la prensa. Escoltado por sus dos posibles sucesores, la mañana fue un rosario de excusas lleno de lugares comunes: “habrá transparencia”, “se llegará al fondo”, “no habrá impunidad”. Sheinbaum, de riguroso negro, daba explicaciones y Ebrard, responsable del Gobierno de la Ciudad de México durante la construcción de la maldita Línea 12,

miércoles en Madrid. [BALLESTERO S / EFE](#). El Gobierno y el PSOE aún están conmocionados [ante el resultado electoral en la Comunidad de Madrid](#). Desconcertados. Esta vez no lo vieron venir. Nadie imaginó una derrota tan aplastante en una plaza muy difícil para la izquierda. De hecho, los datos internos, que han fallado estrepitosamente —y no es la primera vez—, les decían que había partido. Y nunca lo hubo. El bloque de la derecha le sacó 20 escaños al de la izquierda. En ese estado de ánimo, el Gobierno, el PSOE y Unidas Podemos esbozaban el miércoles las primeras reflexiones con una idea clara: el Ejecutivo tiene dos años de legislatura por delante para darle la vuelta al fracaso absoluto en Madrid, y para lograr que esta crisis se quede limitada a esta comunidad, que lleva 26 años en manos del PP y dando la espalda al PSOE, que no logra ganar aquí ni siquiera en las generales en las que le va muy bien en el resto de España. Ahora más que nunca es evidente que el adelanto electoral es

Reports from N’Djamena, the capital, suggested that in the wake of Déby’s death, parliament has been dissolved and the government replaced by a transitional military council led by Déby’s 37-year-old son Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, a general.

NIGERIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: Nord-est du Nigeria: au moins trente et un militaires tués dans une embuscade djihadiste. Une vingtaine de véhicules de l’Etat islamique en Afrique de l’Ouest a attaqué un convoi militaire dans la périphérie de Maiduguri, capitale de l’Etat du Borno.



De gauche à droite: le chef d’état-major de l’armée de terre, le chef d’état-major de la défense, le chef d’état-major de l’air et le chef d’état-major de l’air, lors des opérations militaires Lafiya Dole à Maiduguri, au Nigeria, le 31 janvier 2021. Au moins trente et un militaires ont été tués dimanche 25 avril sur une route du nord-est du [Nigeria](#) où des

charged and detained. According to the union, she is due to be transferred to a prison in Yangon. “We lost our pillar,” said a member of staff at STUM. “But ... we are going to operate with the remaining staff. We operate within the law and we provide assistance to workers in accordance with the labour law. Our organisation will not collapse because she is not here.”

CHINA, *Journal of Democracy* ([Minxin Pei](#)), April 2021: China: Totalitarianism’s Long Shadow. Rapid economic growth in China over the last four decades has failed to bring about democratization. Instead of undergoing evolutionary liberalization, the Leninist party-state has in recent years reverted to a form of neo-Stalinist rule. China’s experience may appear to contradict modernization theory, which links economic development with democracy. A closer look at this experience, however, shows that democratizing a post-totalitarian regime is far more difficult than democratizing an authoritarian regime because post-totalitarian regimes,

pronunció la peor frase posible para alguien señalado: “Estoy a disposición de las autoridades”. A esa hora, las siete de la mañana, la avenida Tláhuac y las calles Cocodrilo y Panal era un hervidero de ambulancias, bomberos, policías y madres intentando saber si su hijo era uno de los que estaban bajo los hierros.

COLOMBIA, *El País* (**JUAN DIEGO QUESADA**), 6 May 2021: **Iván Duque tiende la mano a los manifestantes para frenar la violencia en las calles de Colombia.** Bogotá vive una noche de enfrentamientos con más de 70 manifestantes y 19 policías heridos.



Un agente de la policía antidisturbios dispara hacia los manifestantes en la plaza Bolívar de Bogotá en las protestas de la huelga nacional, este miércoles. GUILLERMO LEGARIA / GETTY. **Iván Duque** intenta recuperar la iniciativa política. El presidente de Colombia ha ofrecido un diálogo a los organizadores de las protestas que desde hace una semana han tomado las calles para mostrar su

una opción muy remota y la coalición es la única posibilidad de gobierno real. “Madrid vota diferente. **Venimos de un éxito arrollador en Cataluña hace solo tres meses.** En España se vota muy diferente en cada autonomía y en las generales también cambia el voto en las mismas zonas”, insisten varios miembros del Ejecutivo. Otros también creen que los análisis de que el PP recupera sus opciones son tan exagerados como los que dijeron **tras las catalanas que el PP estaba hundido para siempre.** “Ni el PP estaba muerto después del resultado en Cataluña ni ahora está a punto de volver a La Moncloa”, resume uno de ellos.

UE-USA, *La Repubblica* (**CLAUDIO TITO**), 7 May 2021: **Brevetti sui vaccini, l’Ue cerca una linea comune. Draghi e Macron con gli Usa, pronti allo scontro con Merkel.** Il confronto tra i leader da oggi al summit di Porto. Italia e Francia puntano a cambiare il Wto. BRUXELLES - Una linea comune dell’Ue sulla

djihadistes liés au groupe Etat islamique (EI) ont tendu une embuscade à leur convoi, ont indiqué lundi matin deux responsables militaires ayant requis l’anonymat. Une vingtaine de véhicules de combattants de l’Etat islamique en Afrique de l’Ouest (Iswap) ont attaqué dimanche vers midi (11 heures GMT) ce convoi militaire dans la localité de Mainok, située dans la périphérie de Maiduguri, capitale de l’Etat du Borno, épicentre de l’insurrection djihadiste dans le nord-est du pays qui dure depuis plus de dix ans. « *Dans l’embuscade des terroristes, nous avons perdu trente et un soldats, dont leur commandant qui était un lieutenant-colonel* », a déclaré un officier de l’armée sous le couvert de l’anonymat. Le convoi acheminait des armes vers Maiduguri lorsqu’il a été attaqué, a déclaré une deuxième source militaire qui a donné un bilan similaire. « *Les terroristes sont arrivés dans plusieurs camions, dont quatre véhicules blindés et ont engagé le convoi dans une bataille féroce* », a déclaré le second officier. Les djihadistes ont fait « *pleuvoir* » des roquettes sur le convoi

such as the one dominated by the Chinese Communist Party, possess far greater capacity and resources to resist and neutralize the liberalizing effects of modernization. However, the medium-term success of these regimes may only ensure their eventual demise through revolution. The socioeconomic transformation of societies under post-totalitarian rule empowers social forces and greatly increase the odds of revolutionary change when these regimes undergo liberalization, as shown in the former Soviet bloc.

CAMBODIA, *The Guardian* (**Sarah Johnson**), 19 April 2021: Cambodia accused of using Covid to edge towards ‘totalitarian dictatorship’. **New law means people could face 20 years in prison for lockdown breaches, as campaigners warn of ‘human rights disaster’.**



A police officer stops motorists to check their documents during a 14-

descontento con el Gobierno y la situación por la que atraviesa el país. [El asesinato de manifestantes a manos de las fuerzas de seguridad](#) y el ataque vandálico de encapuchados contra tiendas, bancos y comisarías de policía ha disparado la tensión al máximo. El país lleva una semana congelado, con ciudades y carreteras bloqueadas y comercios con la persiana bajada. El Gobierno ha recurrido a una frase de Álvaro Gómez Hurtado, un histórico dirigente conservador asesinado en Bogotá en 1995, para acercarse a los líderes de las protestas: “Un acuerdo sobre lo fundamental”. Es decir, un mínimo desde donde construir un diálogo que ayude a unir a la sociedad colombiana. “No soy una persona de sesgos”, ha dicho Duque en *Blu Radio*. “Muchas personas me decían que si me reuniría con [Timochenko](#) (exguerrillero de las FARC que se atuvo al proceso de paz). Si lo he hecho con él, ¿cómo no me voy a reunir con otros dirigentes políticos? Los espacios de conversación uno no los puede cercenar”.

USA, *La Repubblica*, 6 May 2021: Covid, Draghi: "Vaccini bene

"liberalizzazione" dei brevetti sui vaccini anti-Covid. Da stabilire nelle linee essenziali già oggi al Consiglio europeo di Porto. Nel dossier che Mario Draghi ha preso con sé in vista del vertice portoghese da ieri c'è anche questo capitolo. La proposta del presidente americano Biden, infatti, è diventata anche la sua proposta.

ITALY-LIBYA, *La Repubblica* (CLAUDIO TITO), 10 May 2021: **Migranti, l'Italia chiede all'Europa un accordo con Tripoli: "Soldi per fermare i barconi"**. Missione in Libia di Di Maio. Poi la proposta Draghi al summit Ue del 24 maggio. Mario Draghi tenta il pressing sull'Unione europea per arrivare ad una nuova intesa sui migranti. Tra due settimane porrà la questione al Consiglio europeo. E l'obiettivo è quello di non limitare la discussione ai cosiddetti ricollocamenti. L'Italia è infatti alla ricerca di una exit strategy innovativa. Il primo passo potrebbe essere compiuto già nei prossimi giorni.

et ont submergé les soldats, entraînant des « *pertes colossales*, a-t-il affirmé. *Nous avons perdu beaucoup d'hommes de manière horrible.* »

SOMALIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: « La Somalie est au bord de l'effondrement » : à Mogadiscio, la crise politique fait craindre le pire. Des miliciens antigouvernementaux ont pris position dans des fiefs de l'opposition, qui conteste la prolongation de deux ans du mandat du président « Farmajo ».



Des militaires favorables aux leaders de l'opposition, à Mogadiscio, le 25 avril 2021. AFP. Le déploiement dans des quartiers de Mogadiscio de miliciens loyaux à des dirigeants de l'opposition, lundi 26 avril, marque une nouvelle escalade dans la crise politique en [Somalie](#), dont l'histoire récente est jalonnée de violences. Ces miliciens armés et des véhicules équipés de mitrailleuses ont pris

day lockdown in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 16 April 2021. Photograph: Cindy Liu/Reuters (**Global development is supported by Bill & Melinda Gates foundation**).

Cambodians who break Covid rules could face 20 years in prison under a new law that human rights groups say takes the country “a step towards a totalitarian dictatorship”. Prime minister Hun Sen warned that Cambodia was “on the brink of death” as **a two-week lockdown was imposed in Phnom Penh** on Thursday to try to control the spread of the virus.

The law means those convicted could face fines of up to \$5,000 (£3,627) as well as prison terms, and grants the government the power to ban or restrict any gathering or demonstration indefinitely. “For the Cambodian people, the Covid-19 pandemic has been not only a public health and economic tragedy, but also a human rights disaster courtesy of a government determined to move the country step by step towards totalitarian dictatorship,” said Phil Robertson, deputy director of the Asia

comune globale: abbattere gli ostacoli che limitano la campagna".



Dal Commissario per l'Emergenza Francesco Paolo Figliuolo, intanto, è arrivato l'annuncio che "a partire da lunedì prossimo partiranno le prenotazioni in tutta Italia per le vaccinazioni degli over 50, dunque per tutti coloro che sono nati fino al 1971". Si tratterà di un'apertura "graduale" resa possibile "dal buon andamento delle somministrazioni su scala nazionale delle categorie prioritarie, over 80 e fragili, riportate nell'ordinanza n. 6 del 9 aprile 2021". Dagli Usa, invece, è arrivata la svolta del presidente Usa, Joe Biden, sul libero accesso per tutti ai brevetti. La presidente della Commissione Ue, Ursula Von der Leyen, sostiene che l'Europa è pronta a discuterne. "L'Unione europea - ha detto - è pronta ad affrontare qualunque proposta che affronti la crisi in maniera effettiva e pragmatica. Ecco perché siamo pronti a valutare in che modo la proposta Usa sui copyright possa

ISRAEL-PALESTINE, *Deutsche Welle*, 18 May 2021: **Israel-Gaza crisis: Joe Biden 'supports' cease-fire — live updates.** The US president fell short of demanding an immediate end to violence. Meanwhile, Gaza officials say more than 200 Palestinians have been killed and Israel pledges to continue fighting. Follow DW for the latest.



Israel says Hamas and other Palestinian groups have fired about 3,350 rockets from Gaza. **Conflict could force US to 'reconsider' priorities.** Dan Arbelle, scholar-in-residence at the Center for Israeli Studies at American University, has told DW that the US was "caught off guard," by the [recent escalation in violence](#) between Israel and militants in Gaza. "They were not planning to deal with it (Israel-Palestine) on a daily basis," he said.

position dans des fiefs de l'opposition à Mogadiscio, au lendemain d'échanges de tirs avec les forces somaliennes de sécurité lors d'une manifestation de partisans de l'opposition contre l'extension du mandat du président Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, dit « Farmajo ». Des tirs sporadiques, entendus dans la nuit, semblaient avoir cessé lundi. Mais des barrages ont été érigés dans certains quartiers et des habitants fuyaient, craignant de nouveaux affrontements. Le mandat de quatre ans du président Farmajo a expiré le 8 février sans que des élections aient pu se tenir. Les députés ont voté le 12 avril la prolongation de deux ans du mandat du président et de son gouvernement, le temps d'organiser des élections présidentielle et législatives. Cette prolongation, promulguée par le président, a été qualifiée d'inconstitutionnelle, notamment par le président du Sénat, dont la chambre n'a pas pu examiner le texte. L'opposition, qui considère l'autorité de Farmajo comme illégitime depuis le 8 février, dénonce un stratagème du président et de ses alliés pour se maintenir au pouvoir. La décision d'étendre son

division at Human Rights Watch.

UEA, *The Guardian* ([Reuters in Geneva](#)), 20 April 2021: Release Dubai's Princess Latifa, UN experts tell UAE. **Statement comes two months after BBC video in which Dubai ruler's daughter said she was being held hostage.**



In the BBC video published in February, Sheikha Latifa described how she was being held against her will at a villa. Photograph: BBC Panorama UN experts have demanded that the United Arab Emirates provide information about a daughter of Dubai's ruler and release her, two months after [the BBC published a video of Princess Latifa](#) describing herself as a hostage in a villa. [The UAE said on 19 February](#) that Sheikha Latifa was being cared for at home, after the United Nations human rights office headed by Michelle Bachelet asked for proof that she was alive amid growing

aiutare a raggiungere questo obiettivo". Macron è del tutto favorevole alla revoca dei brevetti. D'accordo anche Putin. Per il ministro Speranza: "La svolta di Biden è un importante passo avanti, anche l'Ue faccia la sua parte".

COLOMBIA, *Folha de S. Paulo*, 10 May 2021: **Reunião para colocar fim a protestos na Colômbia termina sem acordo.** Presidente, ministros e líderes dos manifestantes se reuniram nesta segunda em Bogotá



BRAZIL, *Folha de S. Paulo* (**Julia Chaib, Renato Machado**), 11 May 2021: Barra Torres diz que posição de Bolsonaro sobre vacinas vai contra tudo o que a agência preconiza.

COLOMBIA, *El Espectador*, 11 May 2021: **Paro Nacional del 10 de mayo terminó con disturbios en el Portal Américas.** La capital completó 13 días consecutivos de protestas debido al paro nacional. Este lunes 10 de mayo se presentaron nuevas manifestaciones

"They wanted to focus on conflict management rather than conflict resolution and restore a relationship with the Palestinians and establish a dialogue." Grace Wermenbol, non-resident scholar at the Middle East Institute, said US President Joe Biden has, in terms of foreign policy, largely focused on Iran and Afghanistan. "In contrast to his predecessor, (Biden) has chosen not to get directly involved in the Israeli-Palestinian quagmire," she told DW. "With the latest escalation, however, Biden and his foreign policy team might be forced to reconsider their immediate international priorities." Israel says it struck 65 'targets'. The Israeli army says it fired more than 100 munitions at 65 militant targets overnight in an operation involving more than 60 fighter jets. It said the targets included rocket launchers, a group of fighters and the homes of Hamas commanders that were allegedly being

mandat place Farmajo en opposition frontale à des rivaux politiques influents et armés, mais aussi aux puissances occidentales qui soutiennent son fragile gouvernement.

ETHIOPIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: Ethiopie: Washington appelle les troupes érythréennes à se retirer du Tigré. Lors d'un entretien avec le premier ministre Abiy Ahmed, le secrétaire d'Etat Antony Blinken a exprimé sa « profonde inquiétude » face au « désastre humanitaire » dans la région. Le secrétaire d'Etat américain, Antony Blinken, a exhorté l'[Ethiopie](#), lundi 26 avril, à réagir face à l'aggravation du « désastre humanitaire » au Tigré, où le risque de famine est élevé. [...]. Le chef de la diplomatie américaine a également appelé les troupes érythréennes à se retirer « *immédiatement, complètement et de manière vérifiable* ». L'[Erythrée](#) a reconnu ce mois-ci pour la première fois une présence de ses forces armées au Tigré et a

international concern about her fate. "We are alarmed that, following the public release in February of footage in which Sheikh Latifa reported being deprived of her liberty against her will, and the subsequent official request for further information on her situation, no concrete information has been provided by the authorities," the independent UN human rights experts said in a joint statement.

INDIA, *Le Monde*, 27 April 2021: L'aide internationale arrive en Inde, submergée par le Covid-19. Depuis plusieurs jours, le rebond soudain de l'épidémie a fait exploser le système de santé du pays, qui manque de matériel pour contenir la déferlante de morts et de contaminations.



Une femme pleure la mort d'un proche, à Jammu, en Inde, dimanche 25 avril. CHANNI ANAND / AP. L'aide internationale promise à l'Inde, submergée par une seconde vague

en diferentes puntos de la ciudad.



**Bogotá está a punto de completar dos semanas consecutivas de protestas y plantones. / Gustavo Torrijos.** Bogotá inició una nueva semana con protestas y bloqueos. Durante los últimos días las manifestaciones pacíficas y velaciones se han tomado la ciudad, por lo que para este lunes se presentaron nuevos puntos de concentración.

USA, *El Espectador*, 10 May 2021: **EE. UU. acusa a los piratas informáticos de Darkside del ataque a sus oleoductos.** Las autoridades de EE.UU. acusaron este lunes al grupo de piratas informáticos Darkside de ser responsable del ciberataque contra la mayor red de oleoductos del país, cuya suspensión de operaciones amenaza la provisión de combustibles en la costa este estadounidense y podría presionar al alza los precios.

used for military purposes. The AP news agency reported that strikes in downtown Gaza City also toppled the six-story Kahil building, which houses libraries and educational centers belonging to the Islamic University. There were no reports of casualties from the nighttime attacks. Israel's military said that Palestinian militants had fired 90 rockets, 20 of which fell short in Gaza. **Palestinians call for general strike.** [More protests](#) were expected on Tuesday as Palestinians had called for a general strike. The protests are set to take place in Arab towns within Israel and Palestinian towns in the West Bank, with posts on social media urging solidarity "from the sea to the river." [The Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party](#) announced its support for the protests.

MOROCCO-SPAIN, *Deutsche Welle*, 18 May 2021: **Ceuta: Record number of migrants reach**

promis un retrait de celles-ci. Les militaires venant d'Erythrée et de la région éthiopienne de l'Amhara « *contribuent au désastre humanitaire croissant et commettent des violations des droits humains* », affirme le communiqué.

BURKINA FASO, *El País* (**JOSÉ NARANJO**), 3 May 2021: **Asesinados 30 civiles en la misma región de Burkina Faso donde mataron a los periodistas españoles.** Hombres armados incendian las casas de un pueblo mientras sus habitantes dormían y disparan a quienes trataban de huir.



Fuerzas de seguridad de Burkina Faso patrullan en Uagadugú, capital del país, en septiembre de 2015. SIA KAMBOU / AFP. Decenas de hombres armados asesinaron este lunes de madrugada a unos 30 civiles en un pueblo de Burkina Faso, en la misma región del Este [donde asesinaron](#)

épidémique dévastatrice, a commencé à arriver avec de premières cargaisons de matériel médical et d'oxygène en provenance de Grande-Bretagne, mardi 27 avril au matin à New Delhi. L'Inde a annoncé 352 991 nouvelles contaminations et 2 812 morts lundi, dernier record d'une triste série alors que le personnel de santé et les familles de malades sont désespérément en quête d'approvisionnement en oxygène et de places dans les hôpitaux. Pendant ce temps, les premières cargaisons d'aide médicale britannique, dont 100 ventilateurs et 95 concentrateurs d'oxygène, sont arrivées, a annoncé le ministère des affaires étrangères indien. Son porte-parole, Arindam Bagchi, a tweeté des photos de ce matériel en train d'être déchargé d'un vol de la Lufthansa à Delhi, en saluant un exemple de coopération internationale.

ISRAEL-GAZA, *Folha de S. Paulo*, 11 May 2021: **[Em dia de novos confrontos, Israel promete aumentar ataques contra Faixa de Gaza.](#)**



Un ciberataque forzó el cierre de 5.500 millas del extenso sistema interestatal de Colonial Pipeline, que transporta gasolina y combustible para aviones de Texas a Nueva York. / Agencia AFP

El Buró Federal de Investigaciones (FBI, en inglés) indicó en un comunicado que Darkside es “responsable de comprometer las redes del oleoducto Colonial”, que transporta al día hasta 2,5 millones de barriles de gasolina, diésel y combustible de aviación desde las refinerías del Golfo de México al sur y al este de EE.UU. El FBI señaló además en un comunicado que continúa trabajando con la empresa y sus socios del Gobierno en la investigación del ataque de un “ransomware”, por medio del cual el grupo de piratas informáticos bloqueó el acceso a los computadores de la compañía y pide dinero para liberarlos.

USA, *El Espectador*, 10 May 2021: **EE. UU. revierte política de Trump y restaura protecciones de salud para personas**

### Spanish enclave.

Thousands of migrants, many of them minors, have swum or sailed across the EU's land border with Africa. Some believe Morocco deliberately hobbled its border control measures.



At least 1,000 of illegal immigrants are believed to be underage. Around 5,000 people crossed the border from Morocco into the [Spanish exclave of Ceuta](#) on Monday, a single-day record, Spanish officials said. The surge came as Morocco lodged a diplomatic protest against Spain for accepting a rebel leader for medical treatment. Thousands of young migrants, including about 1,000 minors, swam or waded across the heavily fortified border. Others floated across in inflatable dinghies or swimming rings. At least one person drowned while attempting to cross, according to local media reports. The arrivals were checked

[a los periodistas españoles David Beriain y Roberto Fraile y al conservacionista irlandés Rory Young](#) la semana pasada. Otras 20 personas resultaron heridas. Los hechos ocurrieron sobre las cinco de la mañana, hora local, cuando los atacantes, presuntamente miembros de un grupo yihadista, rodearon el pueblo de Kodyèl, situado en la provincia de Komondjari, y comenzaron a quemar las casas una a una mientras sus habitantes dormían, según fuentes de seguridad burkinesas. A medida que iban saliendo les disparaban. Cientos de personas han huido hacia la localidad cercana de Foutouri.

UGANDA, *El País* (**ISABEL FERRER**), 6 May 2021: **El TPI condena a Dominic Ongwen, antiguo niño soldado y líder rebelde ugandés, a 25 años de prisión.** La corte con sede en La Haya destaca de entre los 61 delitos de los que es culpable el secuestro de menores y el matrimonio y embarazo forzosos de



Disparos de foguetes pelo Ejército israelense e pelo grupo islâmico Hamas causaram duas mortes em Israel e 28 em Gaza.

MYANMAR, *Deutsche Welle*, 18 May 2021: **In Myanmar, the army controls its soldiers' lives, minds and finances.** The Tatmadaw, Myanmar's powerful army, controls every aspect of its soldiers' lives. And those who leave pay a heavy price. DW spoke to three defectors.



Myanmar soldiers and their families face surveillance and unsavory propositions. As he witnessed the [brutal crackdown](#) on unarmed civilians protesting the army's takeover, the young lieutenant felt increasingly disgusted. Soon after, he left without saying goodbye



**trans.** La administración de Joe Biden anunció este lunes que los proveedores de atención médica no pueden discriminar a las personas transgénero, revirtiendo de esta manera una política del expresidente Donald Trump que reducía sus derechos en el cuidado de la salud.



La medida adoptada por la administración de Trump establecía que las disposiciones contra la discriminación de la Ley de Atención Médica Asequible de 2010 no se aplicaban a las personas transgénero. / Agencia AFP

La administración de Joe Biden anunció este lunes que los proveedores de atención médica no pueden discriminar a las personas transgénero. En un comunicado, el secretario del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos (HHS, en inglés), Xavier Becerra, aseguró que la posición del actual Gobierno es que todas las personas, incluyendo las de la comunidad LGTBQ, “deberían poder acceder a la atención médica, sin discriminación o interferencia”. La medida revierte una política del expresidente Donald

by the Red Cross and taken to a migrant reception center. The Spanish exclaves of Ceuta and [Melilla](#) are Africa's only land border with the European Union, making it a target for people seeking to migrate to Europe. Only 475 migrants had crossed into Ceuta between January 1 and May 15 this year. **Why is Morocco angry with Spain?** Local officials anonymously accused Moroccan border patrols of deliberately lax controls amid a diplomatic spat. Rabat has clashed with Spain in recent weeks, after it emerged that [Polisario Front](#) leader Brahim Ghali has been receiving treatment for COVID-19 in northern Spain since mid-April. The Polisario Front militants have fought to secede Western Sahara from Morocco. Analysts have warned the spat could threaten bilateral cooperation on fighting illegal immigration. Spain has justified treating him on humanitarian grounds. Last month, the Moroccan foreign

niñas convertidas en esclavas sexuales.



Dominic Ongwen, durante una comparecencia ante el Tribunal Penal Internacional, en La Haya, en una imagen de archivo.

REUTERS/PETER DEJONG/POOL. El Tribunal Penal Internacional (TPI) ha condenado a 25 años de cárcel a [Dominic Ongwen, antiguo niño soldado ugandés](#) y excomandante de la organización extremista cristiana Ejército de Resistencia del Señor (LRA, en sus siglas en inglés). La cuantía de la pena es significativa por su doble condición de víctima y verdugo. Ongwen fue hallado culpable el pasado febrero de 61 crímenes de guerra y contra la humanidad, en especial el matrimonio y posterior embarazo forzoso de niñas convertidas en esclavas sexuales, considerado por primera vez en el ámbito del TPI. **Pero él mismo es también una víctima de la violencia** perpetrada por la milicia de la que

to his parents, fleeing the country first on motorbike and then on foot, aided across the border by local villagers. Along the way, he stuck to smaller roads, carefully avoiding checkpoints and detection. For if caught, he knew he would pay a heavy price for his desertion: In Myanmar, army defectors are usually sentenced to death — which is then commuted to life in prison, as the death penalty has not been carried out in over three decades. That could, however, change as the army faces opposition within its ranks to its power grab. **Rare insight into Myanmar's military.** The lieutenant is one of three defectors DW has spoken to in recent weeks, exchanging almost daily messages with them. The man, who peppers his messages with laughing emojis, is in [hiding in India](#). The other two, both high-ranking officers, are on the run in Myanmar, moving from one safe house to the next. Their accounts provide rare insight into an otherwise opaque institution that is known for committing gross human rights violations

Trump que reducía los derechos de las personas trans en el cuidado de la salud.

UN-MYANMAR, *The Jakarta Post*, 17 May 2021: UN General Assembly to consider call for Myanmar arms embargo.



This UN handout photo shows Kausea Natano, Prime Minister of Tuvalu, as he virtually addresses the general debate of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly, on Sept.25, in New York. (United Nations via AFP/Rick Bajornas). The UN General Assembly on Tuesday is set to consider a draft non-binding resolution calling for "an immediate suspension" of the transfer of weapons to the military junta of Myanmar, a UN official said Sunday. Unlike Security Council resolutions, General Assembly resolutions are non-binding but carry strong political significance. If an approval by consensus cannot be reached then the full General Assembly -- 193 member states -- will vote on the measure. Introduced by Liechtenstein, with support from the European Union, Britain, and the United States, the measure will be considered at the plenary meeting set for Tuesday at 1900 GMT. The draft

ministry said the stance was "inconsistent with the spirit of partnership and good neighborliness" and later warned the move would have "consequences." Mohammed Ben Aisa, head of the non-profit Northern Observatory for Human Rights, told the AP that the recent diplomatic tensions played a role in the influx, in addition to good weather and the seasonal attempts to reach Europe. "The information that we have is that the Moroccan authorities reduced the usually heavy militarization of the coasts, which come after Morocco's foreign ministry statement about Spain's hosting of Brahim Ghali," he said. "The area is heavily monitored by security forces and attempts there, whether to climb the fence or swim, are usually stopped," he added. Footage published in Spanish media showed people climbing the rocky breakwaters and running across the Tarajal beach, in the southeastern end of

luego formó parte. Secuestrado a los nueve años por los rebeldes de Joseph Kony —fundador del LRA—, Ongwen padeció los crueles métodos de entrenamiento de los menores obligados a luchar en conflictos armados. Los jueces han tenido en cuenta su pasado, aunque han considerado probado que cometió los crímenes siendo adulto y en pleno uso de sus facultades mentales. El caso de Ongwen ha creado un dilema moral a los jueces, que han reconocido las circunstancias atenuantes de un duro pasado que acabó con su educación cuando era un niño prometedor. "Podría haberse convertido en un miembro muy valioso para el futuro de su comunidad", señala el fallo, que califica además de demostrado "su sufrimiento como **niño soldado** durante los primeros años de su secuestro", según ha explicado Bertram Schmitt, presidente de la sala. Sin embargo, es igualmente cierto que "no era un subordinado de Joseph Kony, que pudo haber escapado a su situación, pero optó por ascender en la

against its own citizens — and shows the army's stranglehold on soldiers' lives, minds and, DW has learned, also finances.

INDONESIA, *The Jakarta Post*, 18 May 2021: Civic test should not be used to dismiss KPK employees: Jokowi.



Members of civil groups rally to demand President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo remove problematic names from the list of leadership candidates for the Corruption Eradication Commission in Jakarta on Sept. 1, 2019.(JP/Anggie Angela). President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo has called for the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) to reconsider a decision to dismiss 75 employees, including its top investigators, for failing the civic knowledge test that is part of an employment status transition within the antigraft body. In a statement uploaded to the Presidential Secretariat's official YouTube channel on Monday, Jokowi said the results of the civic test should be used as "a step to the betterment of the KPK, both at the institutional and individual level." "It should also not be used as a basis to

resolution calls for "an immediate suspension of the direct and indirect supply, sale, or transfer of all weapons, munitions, and other military-related equipment to Myanmar." "The meeting will be in person," a UN spokesman told AFP. The draft, which has been under negotiation for weeks, is co-sponsored by 48 countries, with South Korea the sole Asian country. It also calls on military to "end the state of emergency" and immediately stop "all violence against peaceful demonstrators," as well as "immediately and unconditionally release President Win Myint, State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi" and everyone who has been "arbitrarily detained, charged or arrested" since the February 1 coup. The draft adds a call to "swiftly implement" a five-point consensus reached with leaders from the 10-country Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on April 24, to "facilitate the visit" of the special UN envoy to Myanmar, and to provide "safe and unimpeded humanitarian access." Several NGOs have long been calling for an arms embargo on Myanmar. Since February 1, the Security Council has unanimously adopted four statements on Myanmar, but each time, they have been watered down in negotiations, notably by Beijing.

USA, *La Repubblica (a cura di Sofia Gadici)*, 24 May 2021: Un anno senza

the city. Other videos showed long lines of young men outside Red Cross warehouse, waiting to be registered with authorities.

ITALY-EGYPT, *La Repubblica (Andrea Ossino)*, 25 May 2021: Giulio Regeni, a processo il generale Tariq e gli altri 007 egiziani. *Secondo il Gip, gli imputati avrebbero "osservato e controllato, direttamente e indirettamente, dall'autunno 2015 alla sera del 25 gennaio 2016" lo studente italiano. E lo avrebbero torturato e ucciso "per motivi abietti e futili e abusando dei loro poteri, con crudeltà".*

BELARUS, *La Repubblica (Rosalba Castelletti)*, 26 May 2021: Bielorussia, scattano le sanzioni Ue: le compagnie aeree evitano lo spazio aereo.



Il blogger Roman Protasevich (reuters). *Le misure decise dopo il dirottamento su*

milicia, y cometió varios de los delitos en la intimidad y por su cuenta", ha añadido. Los jueces han señalado el secuestro de niños, que luego transformó en su guardia personal, y el de niñas, "forzadas al matrimonio y a dar a luz a sus hijos y servirle cometiendo así un crimen sexual y de género". La pena ha sido impuesta por mayoría, y si bien el fallo detalla los años de cárcel correspondientes a cada uno de los 61 cargos, los 25 años de prisión son una pena conjunta por todos ellos. Uno de los jueces solicitaba 30 años de prisión, pero Schmitt ha subrayado que "se ha reconocido la gravedad de los crímenes y el sufrimiento de las víctimas, y le ha dado a Ongwen la posibilidad de rehacer de alguna forma su vida". El drama de los **niños reclutados en las guerras** no se circunscribe a Uganda, sino que es un fenómeno recurrente en otros conflictos armados, y los jueces reconocen que Ongwen pasó por rituales sangrientos. Estos incluyen matar a otros niños en su misma situación que

dismiss 75 employees who failed the test," Jokowi said in the video.

PHILIPPINES, *The Jakarta Post*, 18 May 2021: Duterte bans Philippines ministers from speaking on South China Sea.



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte gestures during his fourth State of the Nation Address at the Philippine Congress in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines July 22, 2019. (Reuters/Eloisa Lopez). Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has banned his cabinet from speaking out in public on the South China Sea dispute, after key ministers engaged in a war of words with Beijing. Tensions between Manila and Beijing over the waterway - which China claims almost entirely -- flared in March after hundreds of Chinese boats were spotted inside the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone. While Duterte has been reluctant to confront China over the issue, his foreign and defence secretaries have repeatedly criticised Beijing for its refusal to withdraw the ships from the disputed waters.

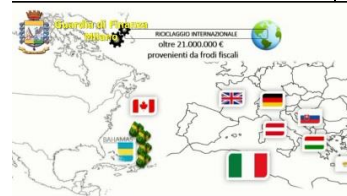
IRAN, *La Repubblica (Gabriella Colarusso)*, 26 May 2021: Iran, sono

George Floyd, dall'omicidio alla condanna della polizia: 12 mesi di lotte e proteste. Era il 25 maggio 2020, George Floyd veniva ucciso durante un arresto a Minneapolis, negli Stati Uniti. Alcuni testimoni ripresero le azioni degli agenti, che tenevano il ragazzo a terra con un ginocchio piantato sul collo. Quel video accese ancora una volta i riflettori sul comportamento della polizia statunitense nei confronti degli afroamericani. In un anno il movimento Black Lives Matter (in italiano: "Le vite dei neri contano") ha riunito le proteste degli afroamericani, e non, che chiedevano giustizia. Nei mesi si sono alternati manifestazioni pacifiche ed episodi di violenza. Gli agenti che fermarono Floyd e lo uccisero erano quattro: uno di questi, Derek Chauvin, lo scorso 20 aprile, è stato ritenuto colpevole per le accuse di omicidio e rischia fino a 75 anni di carcere.

LATIN AMERICA-CHINA, *Esprit* (**Gilles Bataillon**), May 2021: **La Chine, nouvelle puissance hégémonique en Amérique latine.** La République populaire de Chine domine désormais la scène économique et culturelle en Amérique latine, négociant des

*Minsk di un volo Ryanair per arrestare il dissidente Protasevich. Sassoli propone di esporre la foto del giornalista negli scali europei. Plauso del presidente Usa Biden. Dopo un colloquio con Sullivan, Tikhanovskaja chiede la "partecipazione delle forze democratiche bielorusse al G7".*

ITALY-FRANCE-SWIZERLAND, *La Repubblica*, 26 May 2021: **Corruzione e riciclaggio internazionale, maxi operazione tra Italia, Francia e Svizzera: arrestati due professionisti, sequestri per 15 milioni.**



*Conti off-shore, fatture false, tangenti: un articolato sistema criminale che vede coinvolta anche una multinazionale milanese, un'impresa energetica francese e una società piemontese.* I militari del comando provinciale della Guardia di Finanza di Milano, su delega

quisieran huir, incluso a sus propios hermanos, y también a adultos. Al mismo tiempo, la sentencia subraya que él infligió un dolor indescriptible a sus víctimas durante su mayoría de edad, y que entre los demás crímenes probados hubo quema de casas, destrucción y pillaje. Por todo ello, las víctimas representadas durante el proceso pedían cadena perpetua. En una declaración final, el propio juez Schmitt ha reconocido que tomar una decisión en este caso ha constituido un reto dadas las especiales circunstancias personales de Ongwen. "Es posible que algunas víctimas no estén de acuerdo, y lo mismo puede pensar la defensa, y es comprensible. Pero como jueces, nos debemos a los requisitos de la ley, a nuestra conciencia, y hoy mismo empiezan los trabajos para que las víctimas sean compensadas", ha dicho el presidente de la sala.

SUDAN-FRANCE-GERMANY, *Deutsche Welle*, 18 May 2021: **France to lend Sudan \$1.5 billion to pay off IMF**

sette i candidati alla presidenza: tutti conservatori tranne due.



Ebrahim Raisi, capo della magistratura e candidato conservatore alle presidenziali del 18 giugno (ansa). *Il Consiglio dei Guardiani ha pubblicato la lista degli ammessi alle elezioni del 18 giugno. Raisi è il favorito. Ci sono un moderato e un riformista, ma sono poco noti. Escluso anche Ahmadinejad.*

SYRIA, *La Repubblica*, 28 May 2021: **Siria, Bashar trionfa nelle elezioni farsa: rieletto presidente con il 95% dei voti.**



Festeggiamenti per la vittoria di Assad nelle vie di Damasco (afp). *La condanna di Italia, Francia, Germania e Stati Uniti: "Sosteniamo le voci di chi considera illegittimo questo processo elettorale".*

accords stratégiquement avantageux avec la plupart des États et implantant des Instituts Confucius dans les grandes villes et les universités. Cette hégémonie est-elle aussi bénéfique qu'elle le prétend ?

COLOMBIA, *Le Monde diplomatique* (LOLA ALLEN & GUILLAUME LONG), June 2021:

DÉCHAÎNEMENT RÉPRESSIF FACE AU MÉCONTENTEMENT POPULAIRE. Feu sur l'«ennemi intérieur» en



Indigné à l'idée que la dictatrice bolivienne Jeanine Áñez puisse avoir à répondre de ses actes devant la justice de son pays, le Parlement européen a voté une résolution appelant à sa libération. Il semble moins préoccupé par la violente répression qu'ont subie les

della procura, sono impegnati in queste ore nell'esecuzione di una ordinanza di custodia cautelare in carcere nei confronti di due professionisti, un fiduciario svizzero e un consulente lombardo, accusati di riciclaggio di oltre 21 milioni di euro di capitali provenienti da frode fiscale, gestiti fiduciarmente in paradisi fiscali su fondi cifrati off-shore, trasferiti attraverso una serie di operazioni simulate tra società veicolo statunitensi ed europee con conti correnti radicati tra Austria, Cipro, Inghilterra, Canada, Ungheria, Germania, Slovacchia, Bahamas e Isole Mauritius. Contestualmente, gli oltre 70 militari del nucleo di Polizia economico-finanziaria di Milano stanno dando esecuzione a oltre 18 perquisizioni nelle province di Milano, Como, Varese, Bergamo, Perugia, Genova e Torino e al decreto di sequestro preventivo, emesso dal gip, su beni mobili, immobili e disponibilità finanziarie per un

### debt, Germany offers assistance.

According to Sudanese PM Abdalla Hamdok, the East African country's total debts amount to some \$60 billion. France is hosting a conference of several African leaders offering to assist Sudan's transitional government.



President Macron has called for a "New Deal" for African countries and therefore initiated two summits, the first of which is over debt relief for Sudan. France offered crisis-stricken [Sudan](#) a bridging loan worth \$1.5 billion (€1.25 billion) on Monday to help pay its arrears to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), while Germany is also keen to participate in Sudan's debt relief. The announcement was formally made by French President Emmanuel Macron, who is hosting a summit of several African leaders in Paris, seeking support for Sudan's fledgling transitional government. "Despite

Ma al leader arrivano le congratulazioni di Russia e Iran.

IRAN, *Eprit* ([Dominique Desbois](#)), May 2021: Ahmadreza Djalali, un scientifico condanné à mort en Iran.



Détenu en Iran depuis avril 2016, le chercheur irano-suédois est toujours sous la menace d'une exécution imminente.

« Les hommes sont membres les uns des autres, et créés tous de même matière. Si un membre est affligé, les autres s'en ressentent : Celui qui n'est pas touché du mal d'autrui Ne mérite d'être appelé homme. »

Saadi, *Gulistan ou l'Empire des roses* (1259, trad. par André du Ryer en 1634)

Ahmadreza Djalali, médecin, est arrivé en Suède en 2009 pour poursuivre des recherches universitaires. Après avoir été accepté à l'institut Karolinska<sup>1</sup> pour préparer une thèse, sa famille le rejoint à Stockholm. Ayant soutenu une thèse de recherche intitulée « Préparation et sécurité dans les hôpitaux : réponse médicale aux catastrophes » sous la

manifestants colombiens au mois de mai. Plusieurs dizaines de morts et des centaines de blessés n'ont suscité aucune réaction de sa part.

VENEZUELA, *Monthley Review* (Joe Emersberger and Justin Podur), June 2021: **The Guaidó Era. A Sixth, Very Long Coup Attempt.**



Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó speaks to the crowd during a protest against Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's government in Caracas, Venezuela, March 12, 2019. (This article is excerpted and adapted from chapter 3 of *Extraordinary Threat: The U.S. Empire, the Media, and Twenty Years of Coup Attempts in Venezuela*: Monthly Review Press, 2021). U.S. sanctions killed tens of thousands of Venezuelans before the recognition of Juan Guaidó as interim president in 2019 led to even more murderous sanctions. In August 2017, president Donald

valore complessivo di oltre 14,7 milioni di euro di cui: circa 12 milioni di euro quale profitto di condotte di corruzione internazionale e, in parte, dei correlati delitti tributari, nei confronti di una multinazionale milanese operante nel settore della fabbricazione e commercializzazione di valvole industriali; oltre 1 milione di euro quale profitto delle attività di riciclaggio transnazionale poste in essere dai consulenti arrestati; oltre 1,7 milioni di euro quale profitto di delitti tributari a carico di persone fisiche e imprese che si sono avvalsi dei fraudolenti modelli seriali di evasione fiscale internazionale messi a disposizione dal fiduciario svizzero e dai suoi sodali. Complessivamente sono 9 i soggetti indagati, a vario titolo, per il reato di riciclaggio internazionale aggravato dalla finalità di consentire a terzi di commettere condotte di corruzione fra privati, frode fiscale

the difficulties, considerable progress has been made since the fall of the old regime," Macron said in his opening address. Hailing its transition as "an inspiration" and a "precedent," he said that the international community had a "collective responsibility" to help Sudan realize its goals. Alongside Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said: "This contribution demonstrates the strength of our partnership and the trust we have in Sudan." Macron also announced the cancellation of Sudan's \$5 billion debt to France. "We are in favor of entirely cancelling Sudan's debt (towards France)," Macron said in a news conference. "We are expecting from other participants ... to make a similar effort, which is the needed effort to free Sudan from the debt burden." Other countries in attendance at the Paris meeting, including the United States and Britain, agreed to clear Sudan's arrears to the

direction du professeur Lisa Kurland, il effectue un séjour postdoctoral en Italie, où il collabore à la création du Centre de recherches sur les urgences et catastrophes de l'université du Piémont oriental, puis retourne en Suède en 2015. Katarina Bohm et Veronica Lindström, deux professeures associées à l'Institut Karolinska ayant partagé leur bureau avec Ahmadreza, le décrivent comme un collègue apprécié pour ses qualités scientifiques et humaines qui, malgré la situation politique de son pays, formulait le projet de donner des conférences dans les universités iraniennes « *pour partager ses connaissances et aider les gens* ». Ahmadreza a dédié sa thèse « aux personnes tuées ou affectées par des catastrophes dans le monde entier, en particulier aux habitants de la ville de Bam en Iran » (en 2003, un séisme y a fait plus de 26 000 morts).

PALESTINE-ISRAEL, *Le Monde diplomatique* (SERGE HALIMI), June 2021: **Un peuple debout.** DEPUIS quinze ans, Gaza a subi cinq expéditions punitives : 2006 (« Pluie d'été ») ; 2008-2009 (« Plomb durci ») ; 2012 (« Pilier de défense ») ; 2014 (« Bordure protectrice ») ; et 2021 (« Gardien des murailles »). Israël a choisi ces noms pour

Trump imposed financial sanctions on Venezuela that caused the government to lose at least \$6 billion in oil revenues over the following twelve months. That is about 6 percent of Venezuela's gross domestic product, in a region where most countries spend about 7 percent of gross domestic product annually on health care. Western journalists decried the *Puntos Rojos* exit polling stations but were impervious to the reality that U.S. sanctions are a gun to the head of the Venezuelan electorate. The message is that tremendous economic pain will be inflicted on the country until Nicolás Maduro is gone.

USA, *Monthly Revue* ([Laurence H. Shoup](#)), May 2021: **The Council on Foreign Relations, the Biden Team, and Key Policy Outcomes. Climate and China.**



President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, joined by the Presidential Cabinet

mediante uso di fatture per operazioni inesistenti o più articolate operazioni di interposizione fittizia di veicoli societari creati ad hoc per dirottare in paradisi fiscali redditi altrimenti imponibili in Italia e, infine, corruzione fra privati.

ITALY-FRANCE-LIBYA, *La Repubblica* (Tommaso Ciriaco), 25 May 2021: Libia, patto Draghi-Macron. Il premier: "Inaccettabili quelle foto dei bimbi morti in spiaggia". *Verso la ripartizione volontaria in Europa dei migranti, ma Roma vuole un sistema obbligatorio. Progressi con il presidente francese su Tripoli.*

ALGERIA, *Algerie Presse Service* ([Algiers](#)), 28 MAY 2021: **Algeria: June 12 Legislative Elections - Candidates Emphasize Importance of Choosing Apn's Representatives.** Candidates for the June 12 legislative elections urged, on the 8th day of the election campaign, citizens to vote,

International Monetary Fund.

GAMBIA, *Le Monde diplomatique* (Ian Urbina), June 2021: **En Gambie, sur les traces d'une odeur de poisson pourri.**



**Développée à un rythme frénétique dans les années 1990, la pisciculture devait résoudre le problème de la surpêche. La majeure partie des poissons consommés sur terre provient désormais d'élevages. Lesquels se nourrissent notamment de farine de... poisson sauvage.**

ETHIOPIA, *The East African* (Tesfa-Alem Tekle), 21 May 2021:

**Ethiopia to Hold Sixth National Election On June 21:** The National Electoral Board of Ethiopia (Nebe) on Thursday announced that it will hold the sixth national election on June 21.



[Office of the Prime Minister - Ethiopia/Flickr.](#) Birtukan Mideksa, chair of

mieux maquiller les assaillants en assiégés. Et, depuis quinze ans, les mêmes personnages débitent les mêmes slogans pour légitimer les mêmes châtiments. Car le déséquilibre des moyens engagés rend le terme de « guerre » inapproprié. D'un côté, une des armées les plus puissantes et les mieux équipées du monde, qui dispose de l'appui sans limites des États-Unis, qui soumet ses adversaires à un blocus terrestre et maritime de chaque instant (1). En face, pas un char, pas un avion, pas un navire, pas de soutien (autre que verbal) d'une seule capitale. Il fallait par conséquent tout l'aplomb d'un ambassadeur israélien en France pour reprocher aux Palestiniens « l'un des crimes de guerre les plus abjects du XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle (2) ». Le nombre de victimes respectif lors de ces cinq conflits est une réponse qui suffit.

ISRAEL-PALESTINE-UK, *Iran Daily* (*Source: the Guardian*) ([Rafeef Ziadah](#), *lecturer in comparative politics of the Middle East at Soas University of London.*, 14 June 2021: [British backing for Israel helps to sustain the unbearable status quo.](#)

members, pose for a Cabinet portrait Thursday, April 1, 2021, in the Grand Foyer of the White House. (Official White House Photo by Adam Schultz). By [Adam Schultz - The White House](#), Public Domain. The U.S. working class, led by people of color, has, at least temporarily, defeated the criminal Trumpian regime and the specter of the consolidation of gangster neofascism. Among its many crimes, this racist regime tried to overturn the results of a U.S. national election. Let us turn to an analysis of the new Joe Biden regime and the personnel and policies it is likely to follow, especially on the all-important questions of the climate crisis and U.S. grand strategy toward China. By all accounts, President Biden entered office at a perilous moment in U.S. and world history. He faces massive challenges, including not only the climate emergency, conflict with China, a pandemic, a weakened alliance system, and economic decline, but also right-wing threats to destroy what little democracy still exists in the United States (and therefore its legitimacy in the eyes of the majority of the population). In this situation, key leaders of monopoly-finance

stressing the importance of choosing competent representatives of the People's National Assembly (APN) able to build the new Algeria.

ALGERIA-LIBYA,  
ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE  
(ALGIERS), 29 MAY 2021:

**Libya: Boukadoum - Algeria Spared No Effort to Help Libya Regain Its Place in the Concert of Nations.**



Algérie Presse. Inter-Libyan dialogue forum organized by the UN (file photo).

Algiers — Foreign Minister Sabri Boukadoum on Saturday said that the Algerian diplomacy has spared no efforts and mobilized all its resources and force of influence at the regional and international levels so Libya can regain its rightful place in the Arab Maghreb (North Africa), Africa and in the concert of Nations. "For several reasons, all the Algerians dedicate respect and esteem to Libya. How can we forget the material and moral support the brother Libyan people had brought to the

the National Election Board of Ethiopia, in 2018. Last Saturday, the Chairman of the Electoral Board, Birtukan Mideksa, told political parties' representatives that the national election will not be conducted on June 5. Low voter registration, logistical challenges, security concerns in distributing poll materials, training of electoral staff, and more time needed to print ballot papers were major arguments Ms Mideksa gave as reasons for postponing the election. She then announced that the voting day will be delayed for two to three weeks, further inviting political parties to submit their proposals. The election was originally scheduled for August last year, but it was postponed due to Covid-19. At a press conference, the electoral board spokeswoman Solyana Shimeles declared that the upcoming general election will be held on Monday June 21, 2021 in areas where voters' registration has been completed. Nebe has extended the voter registration date multiple times due to what it says is "negligence on the part of various regional governments" in opening constituency offices, delaying the registration of



**TWITTER.** I often tell my first-year politics students that the study of politics is the study of power. And what we saw last month, above all, was the glaring disparity in power between Israel and the Palestinians. When Palestinians in Gaza and around the world celebrated the news of a cease-fire, breathing a sigh of relief, many commentators hailed it as a return to calm. For Palestinians, however, "calm" means a status quo of occupation, blockade, and repression. In fact, one can say the true nature of this conflict is what happens between the periodic escalations – the constant grind of life under apartheid. Israeli power over the Palestinians is not simply military, and it is not only maintained by force; it is sustained by international support. The significance of this support becomes obvious during Israeli military offensives – last month, the US willfully obstructed a UN Security Council statement on Gaza to buy more time for Israel's bombing campaign – but the key elements of this international support are consistent. The most substantial diplomatic and financial support comes



capital, the dominant sector of the plutocratic capitalist class, are worried and want to control key economic and foreign policy decisions going forward. To try to address these huge challenges, Biden has chosen a top decision-making team of mostly professional-class people, the great majority of whom are closely connected to the plutocracy through participation in leading think tanks, strategic advisory policy groups, and large corporations. They are also mostly alumni of the top plutocratic-connected universities. Such well-trained and well-connected insiders have long played a key role in the system, devising solutions to the problems of monopoly-finance capitalism while always maintaining neoliberalism, such as the privatization of state functions to incorporate them into the capitalist profit and accumulation system. One key problem among many is their common educational and life experiences.

USA, *Journal of Democracy* ([Christian Welzel](#)), April 2021: Why the Future Is Democratic. Recent accounts of democratic

Glorious National Liberation War. How can we not remember with pride "the two battles of Issine", on October 3, 1957 and on September 25, 1958, where the Libyan blood mixed with Algerian, in a most supreme image of sacrifice and in the noblest manifestation of the faith in a common destiny of the two peoples," Boukadoum said in a speech at the opening of the Algerian-Libyan Economic Forum in Algiers. In recognition of these common values, added Boukadoum, "Algeria could not remain a simple spectator while brother country Libya, was experiencing a big ordeal. The Algerian diplomacy mobilized all its resources and force of influence at the regional and international level, in order to help Libya regain its place in the Arab Maghreb (North Africa), Africa and in the concert of Nations."

EUROPE-RUSSIA, *Esprit* ([Comité Russie Europe](#)), June 2021: **Création du Comité Russie Europe: Des amis et auteurs de la revue *Esprit* ont décidé de se constituer en un Comité Russie Europe**

candidates and transportation problems.

ETHIOPIA-USA, *Iran Daily*, 30 May 2021: [Ethiopians rally against US over Tigray aid restrictions.](#)



[MULUGETA AYENE/AP. Ethiopians protest against US sanctions on their government over the conflict in Tigray at a demonstration held at a stadium in the capital, Addis Ababa, on May 30, 2021.](#)

**Ethiopian pro-government demonstrators denounced the United States on Sunday for imposing restrictions on aid over the Tigray conflict, at a massive rally organized by the authorities to show support for their positions.** More than 10,000 people attended the rally, some carrying banners written in English, Arabic and Amharic. Slogans included: "USA show us your neutrality", "Ethiopia doesn't need a caretaker", and "Fill the dam", a reference to a huge Nile dam opposed by Egypt and Sudan, Reuters reported. The

from the US – \$3.8bn annually, most of which is in military aid and circulates back to the US arms industry. International governments' support for Israel has continued even as Israeli political and military leaders have been accused of serious violations of international law and the illegal use of force – abuses serious enough to warrant an international criminal court investigation. The UK has also given Israel its full backing. While Britain has a particular legacy in the conflict, as the former colonial power in historical Palestine, support continues today with a thriving arms trade between the two states. Approved export licences for arms sales from the UK to Israel cover components for small arms, ammunition, night-sight technology and intelligence.

INDIA, *Le Monde diplomatique* ([CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT](#)), JUNE 2021: NARENDRA MODI PIÉGÉ PAR SA MÉGALOMANIE. **Covid-19, les causes du désastre indien.** Jusqu'à début avril, la presse mondiale saluait le tour de force du premier ministre indien et sa « diplomatie du

backsliding neglect the cultural foundations of autocracy-versus-democracy. To bring culture back in, this article demonstrates that 1) countries' membership in culture zones explains some 70 percent of the total cross-national variation in autocracy-versus-democracy; and 2) this culture-bound variation has remained astoundingly constant over time—in spite of all the trending patterns in the global distribution of regime types over the last 120 years. Furthermore, the explanatory power of culture zones over autocracy-versus-democracy is rooted in the cultures' differentiation on "authoritarian-versus-emancipative values." Therefore, both the direction and the extent of regime change are a function of glacially accruing regime-culture misfits—

pour manifester leur solidarité avec tous les opposants et opposantes détenus arbitrairement en Russie et au Belarus, lutter contre la propagande de ces régimes criminels et corrompus, et soutenir les sociétés russe et bélarusse dans leur combat pour les droits et libertés fondamentales, et la constitution d'un État démocratique.

ALGERIA, *Algerie Presse Service (Algiers)*, 2 JUNE 2021: **Algeria: President Ghali Appearing Before Spanish Court Proves SADR is Rule-of-Law State, Says Tebboune.** President of the Republic, Supreme Chief of the Armed Forces and Minister of National Defence Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Wednesday affirmed that the appearance of the Sahrawi President Brahim Ghali before a Spanish court "proves that the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) is a State under the rule of law." "Compliance with law and the

demonstration was larger than typical pro-government rallies, and the public criticism of the United States was rare. Ethiopia is facing increasing international pressure over the conflict in Tigray, where it and neighboring Eritrea sent troops last year to oust the regional authorities. A week ago, the United States imposed restrictions on economic and security assistance to Ethiopia over the conflict. Washington also said it would bar current or former Ethiopian or Eritrean officials it deems responsible for the crisis. The filling of the \$4 billion Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam has also sparked international disputes. Ethiopia says the dam's electricity is needed to develop its economy; Sudan and Egypt say it violates their rights to Nile waters down river. "We will never kneel down. The preconditions and travel restrictions by the US and its allies are completely unacceptable. It needs to be corrected," Adanech Abebe, mayor of Addis Ababa, told the rally organized by the Ministry of Youth. "I came here to show my support to Prosperity Party and to denounce the restrictions put on Ethiopia by America," Nejash Sheba, a 23-year

vaccin », apte à contrer la Chine.



Aujourd'hui, le Covid-19 fait d'autant plus de ravages que le pays manque de vaccins, de médicaments, d'oxygène. Et, pour la première fois depuis 2014, M. Narendra Modi est en perte de vitesse.

ISRAEL-PALESTINE, *The Guardian (Oliver Holmes and Quique Kierszenbaum)*, 16 June 2021: Israel carries out Gaza Strip airstrike after militants release incendiary balloons. **Fragile truce under threat after attack on the Palestinian enclave and violence amid Jewish ultranationalists parade through East Jerusalem.** Israel has launched airstrikes on the Gaza Strip, the first since a truce **ended 11 days of conflict** last month, in response to incendiary balloons launched from the Palestinian territory. The flare-up in

driven by generational value shifts in a predominantly emancipatory direction. Consequently, the backsliding of democracies into authoritarianism is limited to societies in which emancipative values remain underdeveloped. Contrary to the widely cited deconsolidation thesis, the ascendant generational profile of emancipative values means that the momentary challenges to democracy are unlikely to stifle democracy's long-term rise.

UN, *Daily Maverick* (Stephanie van den Berg-Reuters), 8 June 2021. Appeals judges will hand down a verdict against former Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic on Tuesday, ending the last Bosnian genocide trial before the U.N. court for the former Yugoslavia. Mladic, 78, led Bosnian Serb forces during the 1992-95 Bosnian War. He was convicted in 2017 on charges of

decisions of court is the quality of activists and revolutionaries. The Sahrawis, who claim justice, can never evade it," stressed the Head of State. Algeria, which has relentlessly supported just causes since its independence, is committed to its stance on the Sahrawi issue, he continued. President Tebboune seized this opportunity to thank the Spanish authorities for their efforts, hospitality and the "very delicate" care he was given. Ghali expressed his gratitude to President Tebboune and affirmed he is currently in good physical and moral conditions in Algeria. My state of health "has improved significantly," he continued. As for his appearance before the Spanish court, Ghali said that "we are militants wherever we are and in all circumstances. Justice is one of the pillars of our struggle and Algeria will always be dignified and proud."

old Addis Ababa trader and member of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Prosperity Party, told Reuters.

MALI, *Iran Daily*, 2 June 2021: [African Union suspends Mali after second coup in nine months.](#)



AP. Malian police patrol outside the Bourse du Travail as people protest the arrest of President Bah N'Daw and Prime Minister Moctar Ouane by military personnel in Bamako, Mali, on May 25, 2021. **The African Union announced it was suspending Mali with immediate effect and threatened the impoverished country with sanctions, after a second military coup in nine months.** The putsch has sparked deep concerns over stability in the volatile Sahel region and warnings of economic penalties from across the international community, according to AFP. The AU "decides... to immediately suspend the Republic of Mali from participation in all activities of the African Union, its organs and institutions, until normal constitutional order has been restored in the country", the body's

violence, a first test for Israel's new government sworn in three days ago, followed a march in East Jerusalem on Tuesday by Jewish nationalists that had drawn threats of action by Hamas, the ruling militant group in Gaza. The Israeli military said its aircraft attacked Hamas armed compounds in Gaza City and the southern town of Khan Younis in the early hours of Wednesday, and was "ready for all scenarios, including renewed fighting in the face of continued terrorist acts emanating from Gaza".

CHINA, *The Guardian* ([Laurel Chor](#)), 16 June 2021: **From packed streets to silence: documenting the fall of Hong Kong.**



<p>genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes including terrorizing the civilian population of the Bosnian capital Sarajevo during a 43-month siege, and the killing of more than 8,000 Muslim men and boys at Srebrenica, Bosnia, in 1995. Judges will start reading out their ruling at 3 p.m. local time (1300 GMT). “It’s really the last big trial. It is an endless story that many people thought would never end and now it will,” University of Utrecht historian Iva Vukusic said. The verdict comes after 25 years of trials at the ad hoc United Nations war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia which convicted 90 people. It is widely considered to be one of the predecessors of the International Criminal Court, the world’s first permanent war crimes court, also seated in The Hague. Vukusic stressed that Tuesday’s verdict sends a message not only to victims in the former Yugoslavia but to others experiencing conflict, such as people in Syria.</p> <p>EL SALVADOR, <i>Daily Maverick (Sunil Jagtiani-Bloomberg)</i>, 9 June 2021: El Salvador</p>	<p>ALGERIA, <i>Voice of America (Lisa Bryant)</i>, 3 June 2021: <b>Algeria: As Algeria Prepares for Legislative Elections, Authorities Crack Down On Dissent.</b> Paris — Protests banned and political activists and journalists detained. Lawyers and judges reprimanded or otherwise targeted, ostensibly for their ties to a grassroots protest movement demanding profound political change. As Algeria readies for legislative elections this month, the government is tightening its grip, rights groups and others say, with a raft of detentions and even prison sentences against its rainbow of critics. In the capital, Algiers, and other cities, authorities have effectively banned weekly demonstrations organized by the two-year-old Hirak protest movement, largely by placing administrative hurdles. If today the government crackdown gives its leaders a tenuous upper hand, it risks backfiring in the longer term, experts warn, further dampening an anticipated low voter</p>	<p>Peace and Security Council said in a statement late Tuesday. The move follows a similar suspension on Sunday from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). In its statement, the AU called for the military to "urgently and unconditionally return to the barracks, and to refrain from further interference in the political processes in Mali". It warned that if the military did not hand back power to civilian transitional leaders, "the council will not hesitate to impose targeted sanctions and other punitive measures". Condemning the coup "in the strongest terms possible", it added it was "deeply concerned about the evolving situation in Mali and its negative impact on the gains made thus far in the transition process in the country". Strongman Colonel Assimi Goita was at the ECOWAS crisis summit in Ghana on Sunday to argue the military's case but has now returned to Mali. Goita last August led army officers who overthrew elected president Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, following mass protests over perceived corruption and a bloody insurgency. After the takeover, the military</p>	<p>Photograph: Laurel Chor/Getty Images. <b>Rights and freedom</b> Two years ago photojournalist Laurel Chor covered mass protests against the extradition bill. She looks back at how the city has changed in their wake. I had never seen so many people before in my life. On 9 June 2019, hundreds of thousands of people dressed in white marched slowly but steadily across <b>Hong Kong</b> island. The heat and humidity were almost unbearable, but protesters from all walks of life came prepared with neck towels, folding fans, and umbrellas to shield the sun. It’s never easy to capture the scale of a crowd, but the intense, palpable energy emanating from the masses of people who had united for common values isn’t something a photograph could ever convey.</p>
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President Says Nation Adopts Bitcoin as Legal Tender. El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele said the nation has adopted Bitcoin as legal tender, a step he believes will create jobs and promote financial inclusion. Bukele, Latin America's youngest president who's known to break from the norms, said on Twitter lawmakers approved the legislation by a "supermajority." The 39-year-old leader has previously [said](#) that Bitcoin could boost the economy, help counter El Salvador's low banking penetration rate and facilitate faster transfers for \$6 billion of remittances a year. The move to make the virtual coin legal tender is a rare slice of good news for the largest cryptocurrency, which is struggling to recover from a rout in May. El Salvador's central bank President Douglas Rodriguez said in an interview with state TV on Tuesday that Bitcoin is already used in the country and "it's not something people need to be afraid of," while adding it won't replace the U.S. dollar. Bitcoin has roughly halved from a mid-April record of almost \$65,000, hurt in part by billionaire Elon

turnout in the June 12 parliamentary vote, deepening the country's social and economic crisis and fueling new support for the Hirak movement. "There's a fundamental contradiction," said Brahim Oumansour, North Africa specialist at the Paris-based French Institute of International Relations think tank. "Authorities are searching for political legitimacy through the elections, but paradoxically this repressive policy contributes to perpetuating the crisis."

RUSSIA, *Daily Maverick(Reuters)*, 9 June 2021: - Russia declares Navalny's groups 'extremist' in ongoing crackdown - lawyers. A Russian court on Wednesday approved a request by prosecutors to declare organisations linked to jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny "extremist" in a move that outlaws the groups, his lawyers said on social media. The ruling, which takes effect immediately, effectively bars the groups' members from running in a parliamentary

agreed to appoint civilians as interim president and prime minister under the pressure of ECOWAS trade and financial sanctions. But in a move that provoked diplomatic uproar, soldiers last week detained transitional president Bah Ndaw and Prime Minister Moctar Ouane, releasing them on Thursday while saying that they had resigned. Mali's constitutional court completed Goita's rise to full power on Friday by naming him transitional president. With the junta going back on its previous commitment to civilian political leaders, doubts have been raised about its other pledges, including a promise to hold elections in early 2022.

SENEGAL-IRAN, *Iran Daily*, 2 June 2021: [Rouhani urges closer cooperation with Senegal](#).



**IRNA. President Hassan Rouhani called for closer interaction between Iran and Senegal at bilateral and international levels in a message in commemoration of the golden jubilee of establishment of**



They had gathered [to protest against a proposed extradition bill](#) that would have allowed suspected criminals to be sent to face trial in mainland China. At the time, it appeared to be one of the most serious affronts to "one country, two systems", in which Hong Kong has been allowed to operate with relative autonomy, since the former British colony was handed back to China in 1997. Organisers estimated that million people, or almost one in seven of the city's population, had come out.

IRAN, *The Guardian (Holly Dages)*, 16 June 2021: Iran's next president will ride a wave of voter apathy into power. After years of government corruption, repression and violence, many Iranians are expected to boycott Friday's elections.

Musk's criticism of the amount of energy needed by the servers underpinning it.

PERU, *Pagina 12* (Carlos Noriega), 15 June 2021: "Quieren tumbarse la elección" denunció el triunfador. [Elecciones en Perú: Tras el conteo, Pedro Castillo espera la proclamación.](#) La derecha se resiste con movilizaciones, operaciones, presiones y estrategias dilatorias para llegar al día del cambio de mando sin una definición oficial.



Castillo dijo que espera su proclamación con paciencia pero que no va a permitir que le roben a elección. Imagen: EFE.

**La paciencia de Castillo.** En un breve encuentro con la prensa extranjera, Castillo señaló este martes que esperará “con paciencia” la proclamación del resultado oficial y criticó a quienes quieren “tumbarse la elección”. “Somos respetuosos de la voluntad popular y por nuestra parte no van a encontrar ninguna agresión, pero **tampoco vamos a permitir que**

election this year. Navalny, who is serving a 2-1/2-year jail sentence on charges he says are trumped up, has denied extremism allegations, casting them as an attempt to stamp out opposition to the ruling United Russia party ahead of the parliamentary vote in September.

(Reporting by Vladimir Soldatkin; Writing by Gabrielle Tétrault-Farber; Editing by Leslie Adler).

ISRAEL-PALESTINE, *Pagina 12*, 16 June 2021: **Miles de israelíes ultranacionalistas se manifestaron el martes en la "Marcha de las Banderas".** [Una marcha de extrema derecha en Jerusalén Este pone a prueba al nuevo gobierno de Israel.](#) Los palestinos consideran la movilización una provocación por realizarse sobre un sector de la ciudad ocupado por Israel desde 1967 y convocaron a un "Día de Ira" en todos los territorios palestinos.

**diplomatic relations between the two Muslim countries.**

ETHIOPIA-ERITREA, *Voice of America* (Aggrey Mutambo), 8 June 2021:

**Ethiopia: UN Report Claims Somali Troops 'Fought' in Tigray War**



*Yan Boechat / VOA.* A man passes by a destroyed tank on the main street of Edaga Hamus, in the Tigray region, in Ethiopia, on June 5, 2021. A UN report alleges recruits of the Somali National Army 'fought' in the Tigray war alongside Eritrean troops, in what could signal an illegal participation in a foreign war by Mogadishu. The report of the UN Human Rights Council, on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, said on Monday there were credible reports Somali soldiers were removed from their training camps and taken to the frontline in Tigray. The revelations add to previous complaints raised by some Somali families, who claimed their kin had been recruited in the Army and never been heard of again. The claims add to the concerns of the Eritrean army participation in Tigray, which rights groups



Iranian presidential candidates Abdolnaser Hemmati, left, and Ebrahim Raisi, right, on a television debate, Tehran, 12 June 2021. Photograph: Morteza Fakhri Nezhad/AP. Rap and K-pop aren't music genres you'd expect an Iranian presidential hopeful to be familiar with. And yet, during the second televised debate ahead of the countrywide poll on 18 June, one of the candidates displayed an impressive knowledge of the contemporary musical landscape. "They play rap on their own programmes, but they have banned rap. Our teens have [moved on to K-pop](#) or Korean pop. Our own rap [music] is still underground," said centrist Abdolnaser Hemmati, the former governor of the Central Bank of Iran. Hemmati's comment seemed to be directed at the

**se siga discriminando al pueblo oprimido por más años.**

Democráticamente las cosas se han puesto en la mesa y democráticamente tiene que haber una salida. Otros espacios quieren tumbarse la elección. **Nosotros estamos pacientemente esperando los resultados, pero hay voces, que vienen incluso de personalidades que han tenido experiencia política, de querer judicializar la voluntad popular**", señaló Castillo en un pronunciamiento ante la prensa extranjera. Dijo que estaba ahí "por el voto olvidado, que está en la punta del cerro". "Saludamos al pueblo peruano y también al pueblo de América Latina", finalizó.

NICARAGUA, *Página 12*, 15 June 2021: **Con México, rechazaron la "persecución de opositores" pero resaltaron el principio de no intervención.**

**Nicaragua: Argentina explicó las razones de su abstención en la OEA.**



. Imagen: EFE. **Miles de israelíes ultranacionalistas se manifestaron el martes en Jerusalén Este en la llamada "Marcha de las Banderas"**, apenas se manas después de una dura ofensiva de Israel contra Hamas en la Franja de Gaza. La marcha constituye una prueba de fuego para [el nuevo gobierno israelí](#) así como para la frágil tregua alcanzada luego de [11 días de hostilidades entre Israel y el grupo islamista palestino](#) que gobierna en Gaza. **Los palestinos consideran la marcha anual una provocación** por realizarse sobre un sector de la ciudad ocupado por Israel desde 1967 y convocaron a un "Día de Ira" en todos los territorios palestinos. **17 ciudadanos palestinos fueron detenidos durante las protestas, mientras que unos 33 resultaron heridos.** Los manifestantes, entre ellos jóvenes y activistas judíos ultranacionalistas y de extrema derecha, salieron de un barrio ortodoxo de

accuse of atrocities. Sudanese international law scholar Mohamed Abdelsalan Babiker, the UN Special Rapporteur who authored the report, did not travel to Eritrea or the frontline in Tigray. But said he received information indicating Somali soldiers were drafted to the battlefield. "In addition to reports of the involvement of Eritrean troops in the Tigray conflict, the Special Rapporteur also received information and reports that Somali soldiers were moved from military training camps in Eritrea to the front line in Tigray, where they accompanied Eritrean troops as they crossed the Ethiopian border," the report said. "It is also reported that Somali fighters were present around Aksum." **Mogadishu's position.** Officially, the Federal Government of Somalia denies participating in Tigray conflict, where Ethiopian National Defence Forces have battled the Tigray People's Liberation Front since November last year, when TPLF allegedly attacked a northern command of the ENDF. Mogadishu is also on the record, viewing the Tigray conflict as an internal political matter. But it has never explained to

**hardline frontrunner, the [chief of the judiciary](#) Ebrahim Raisi, who lost the 2017 election to incumbent Hassan Rouhani. One of the running jokes at the time was that Raisi failed because of an [awkward photo op](#) with Amir Tataloo, a then-popular underground Iranian rapper with tattooed arms (who has since covered himself in tattoos from head to toe and [lives abroad](#)).**

IRAN, *Iran Daily*, 18 June 2021: [Iranians vote in 13th presidential election](#)



**IRNA. Results to be announced today.** Iranians voted on Friday in the country's 13th presidential election to choose a successor to President Hassan Rouhani. More than 72,000 booths opened at 7:00 a.m. local time across the nation to let in over 59 million eligible voters to cast their ballots to pick their favorite out of four candidates that include former governor



Alberto Fernández junto a Andrés Manuel López Obrador. **Argentina y México** emitieron un comunicado conjunto para expresar su "preocupación por los acontecimientos ocurridos recientemente en Nicaragua" y rechazar la "persecución política" de opositores, pero sostuvieron la decisión de abstenerse en la [votación de este martes en la Organización de los Estados Americanos \(OEA\)](#) al señalar el desacuerdo con lo que consideraron significaba dejar de lado "el principio de no intervención en asuntos internos". "No nos fue posible acompañar el proyecto de resolución puesto a consideración hoy en el Consejo Permanente de la OEA", sostuvieron las delegaciones de ambos países, a pesar del "esfuerzo negociador de algunos Estados miembros" y solicitaron que el organismo "retome el espíritu constructivo de su

Jerusalén Oeste para atravesar Jerusalén Este hasta la puerta de Damasco, que da acceso al barrio musulmán de la Ciudad Vieja, donde se encuentra la Explanada de las Mezquitas. Gritos de "Muerte a los árabes" resonaron entre la multitud que portaba banderas con los colores de Israel.

TUNISIA, *The Guardian* ([Simon Speakman Cordall](#)), 15 June 2021: Protests over police violence spread through Tunisian capital. **Demonstrators angry over footage showing officers stripping and beating man and death of another in custody.**



Security forces deployed during a protest in the Sidi Hassine suburb of Tunis, Tunisia. Photograph: Mohamed Messara/EPA. Tunisia's capital has been rocked by

families where their sons went to. A Somali Federal Parliament committee had initially demanded answers on the arrangement between Eritrea and Somalia to train Mogadishu's army. In spite of the denials, the report could now confirm Tigray as a regional conflict, rather than an internal political issue. Last week, Ethiopian government indicated that Eritrean troops would be withdrawing from Tigray, more than two months after pressure mounted on Addis to have foreign troops leave. "The process of withdrawing Eritrean troops from Ethiopia has begun," Ethiopian Defence Minister, Kenea Yadetta, said at a virtual forum organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Friday. It was unclear if the Somali troops, who had been in training in Asmara when the war began, had already left Tigray. Under Somali law, participation of the military in a foreign war must be authorised by the Federal Parliament. Nonetheless, it could also raise questions on whether Somalia, currently rebuilding its army and under an UN Security Council arms embargo, should be taking part in foreign wars.

of the Central Bank of Iran Abdolnaser Hemmati, lawmaker Amirhossein Qazizadeh Hashemi, Judiciary chief Seyyed Ebrahim Raeisi, and Secretary of the Expediency Council Mohsen Rezaei.

IRAN, *Iran Daily*, 18 June 2021: [Iran: PGCC hostage to excessive demands of 'raucous minority'](#)



**IRNA. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman strongly rejected "baseless and repetitive" allegations in the final statement of the latest meeting of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (PGCC), noting that the council has been taken hostage by "a raucous minority" of its member states.** Speaking to reporters on Thursday, Saeed Khatibzadeh dismissed the council's final statement on Iran's nuclear program at the end of its 148th meeting, saying, "The PGCC is practically hostage to excessive demands emanating from the failed policies of a raucous minority of its member states," according to Press TV. He slammed the council for its double-standard policies toward Iran, which on the one



Carta" para restablecer el diálogo interamericano.

ARGENTINA, *Página 12*, 16 June 2021:

[Periodistas de todo el país y la región se solidarizan con colegas que investigaron "La reacción conservadora"](#)



Las amenazas incluyeron la difusión de datos personales. . Imagen: NA.

**Periodistas de Argentina y de la región se solidarizaron a través de un pronunciamiento con seis colegas** que fueron atacados por redes sociales y amenazados por teléfono tras publicar la investigación ["La reacción conservadora"](#) sobre una "red internacional asociada a la alt-right o derecha desdemocratizadora". Según denunciaron, el ataque también incluyó la difusión de los datos personales de Ingrid Beck, Florencia Alcaraz, Paula Hernández, Soledad Vallejos (periodista de *Página 12*), Paula

a week of protests against police violence that began after the death of a man in police custody and footage that went viral of officers stripping and beating another man. Six nights of demonstrations that began in the working-class districts of Sidi Hassine and Séjoui in Tunis spread to other neighbourhoods on Monday night. According to police, 32-year-old Ahmed Ben Ammar died in custody on 8 June after apparently ingesting marijuana. His family have accused the police of beating him to death – an allegation denied by Tunisia's interior ministry.

AFRICA-G7, **Thomson Reuters Foundation (Megan Rowling)**, 7 JUNE 2021: **Africa: G7 Leaders Urged to Show Solidarity On Climate Change and Covid-19 At Summit.** As *developing countries grapple with more extreme weather and the pandemic, rich nations face growing calls to deliver on promises of climate finance and vaccine support*

- Rich nations have yet to deliver promised climate finance
- UK diplomacy push for COP26 climate talks hampered by aid cut
- Urgency grows as poor face surging climate impacts and pandemic

Pressure is growing on leaders of the G7 club of rich nations to provide more funding to deal with climate change and surplus COVID-19 vaccines for developing countries as an act of global solidarity when they

hand, claims to be seeking improved ties with Tehran, but on the other, levels baseless charges against the Islamic Republic. The spokesman said taking such contradictory positions toward Iran will weaken "dialog-based approaches", and turn the region into a stockpile of Western companies' weapons, thus paving the way for foreign interference in the region.

IRAQ-IRAN, *Iran Daily*, 18 June 2021: [Iran-Iraq cultural ties discussed at Baghdad Book Fair.](#)



**Arts & Culture Desk.** The development of cultural relations between Iran and Iraq was the major topic of a meeting attended by the organizers of Baghdad International Book Fair and the Iranian representatives at the event. Mohammad Asadi-Movahed, the head of Alhoda International Publishing Institute in Iran, showed willingness to cooperate with the Iraqi counterparts in the publishing industry, as well as the translation of Persian books to Arabic, and vice versa, ISNA reported. "We [Iranians] consider Iran and Iraq a single country in terms of culture and history, and

Rodríguez y Juan Elman, y un hackeo al sitio donde se publicó el trabajo. En un comunicado titulado “La reacción conservadora contra el derecho a la información”, que ya recolectaba más de 900 firmas, periodistas de Argentina, México, Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay y El Salvador expresaron su **preocupación ante el “hostigamiento desatado por hacer periodismo”, en un momento en que el oficio está en crisis** y “se ve tironeado por las operaciones de empresas de medios, cuyos contenidos muchas veces no cuentan con rigor informativo y sí con intereses corporativos”.

USA-RUSSIA, *The Guardian* (**Andrew Roth**), 16 June 2021: Biden to meet Putin at highly anticipated summit in Geneva. **Talks amid US-Russia tensions expected to focus on regional conflicts, climate, Covid and cybersecurity.**

meet this coming weekend in Britain.

NIGERIA, *DAILY MAVERICK (ANALYSIS)* By Michael Asikabulu, 9 JUNE 2021:

**Nigeria's Undemocratic Twitter Shutdown Points to a Dangerous Slide Towards Dictatorship.**



*NCDC/Twitter.* A family is being tested for COVID-19 in Nigeria. Citizens, regardless of party affiliations and ethnicity, must defend their constitutional right to freedom of expression. These rights have been undermined by President Muhammadu Buhari 's government in its decision to shut down Twitter operations.

Michael Asikabulu is a podcast host at the Public Affairs Research Institute in Johannesburg and a former researcher at the Consortium for Refugees and Migrants (CoRMSA) in South Africa. The decision of the government of Nigeria on Friday, 4 June 2021 to suspend Twitter operations in the country "shows that the President, Major-General Muhammadu Buhari (ret'd), has suspended Chapter IV

we expect the same vision toward Iran by the Iraqis,” Asadi-Movahed said. Meanwhile, Hossein-Ali Sabzeh, who represented the Iranian Book and Literature Home at the book fair, said a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between his organization and the Union of Iraqi Publishers would contribute to further cultural interactions between the two countries, as he hopes that “both sides will lay the groundwork for their publishers to participate more regularly in book fairs organized by each other in the post-COVID era.” Abdolvahab Radhi, the Union of Iraqi Publishers’ chief and executive-director of the book fair, appreciated Iranian publishers’ active participation at the event despite the coronavirus crisis, adding he will be looking forward to seeing more Iranians in future fairs in Basra and Najaf. Having started on June 10, the 22nd edition of the Baghdad International Book Fair, under the theme, ‘The Book – Homeland,’ will conclude in the Iraqi capital on Sunday. A total of 228 publishers from 14 countries, including Iran, Lebanon, Egypt, Sudan, and Syria, have been participating at the 10-day exhibition. Iran is being represented at the event by 1,200 book titles – in



President Joe Biden smiles as he arrives for a meeting with the Swiss president in Geneva before his summit with Putin. Photograph: Fabrice Coffrini/AFP/Getty. The US president, Joe Biden, is due to meet Russia's [Vladimir Putin](#) in Geneva in a highly anticipated summit meant to prevent the two countries' rivalry from descending into open conflict. Biden has said he is seeking "stable, predictable" relations with [Russia](#) despite claims that Putin has interfered in American elections, provoked wars with his neighbours, and sought to crush dissent by jailing opposition leaders. Putin brings his own list of grievances to Geneva in his [first trip abroad since the outbreak of the coronavirus](#) in 2020. He has expressed anger about US support for Ukraine's government and

of the 1999 Constitution", said prominent human rights lawyer and activist Femi Falana (SAN). Chapter IV of the 1999 constitution refers to the fundamental rights of every Nigerian. Section 39 (1) specifically states that "every person shall be entitled to freedom of expression, including freedom to hold opinions and to receive and impart ideas and information without interference". The government's undemocratic and unconstitutional decision to suspend Twitter undermines the very fundamentals of any democratic society - the freedom of expression.

SOUTH AFRICA-UAE, *Daily Maverick (Jessica Bezuidenhout)*, 9 June 2021: Signed & Sealed: The UAE – home of the Guptas – ratifies extradition treaty at long last.



*Ajay and Atul Gupta in Midrand on 4 March 2011. (Photo: Gallo Images/City Press/Muntu Vilakazi).*

The ratification of the treaty comes after nearly three years of legal wrangling, political tap dancing and, at times, a rather unbecoming

Persian and Arabic – in the fields of religion, culture, art, poem and literature, politics, and Iranian studies.

IRAN, *Iran Daily*, 19 June 2021: [Iran ready to help Afghanistan restore stability: Zarif](#).



[presstv.com](#). **Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif voiced Tehran's readiness to play an effective role in restoring stability to Afghanistan.** The Iranian foreign minister made the remarks in a meeting with his Afghan counterpart Mohammad Hanif Atmar on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum in Turkey on Friday, Press TV reported. Zarif stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation among all political groups in Afghanistan to restore stable security in the country. He expressed Iran's readiness to hold a session of the two countries' joint economic commission as soon as possible. Atmar, for his part, thanked Iran for dispatching medical and health assistance to Afghanistan and called for the continuation of such an interaction, particularly during the coronavirus pandemic.

claims of opposition backing in Russia and neighbouring Belarus, as well as the expansion of Nato into eastern Europe. While the two sides may seek common ground on issues such as nuclear arms control, there are numerous tripwires that could derail the conversation, prompting expectations of a careful summit that both sides attempt to navigate without causing a scandal. One analyst [described the upcoming meeting as “housekeeping”](#) after a long period of paralysing disfunction between Russia and the US.

CANADA, *The Guardian* ([Leyland Cecco](#)), 16 June 2021: Indigenous Canadians win right to use original names after forced assimilation. **Government seeks to atone for historical abuses as new policy comes after discovery**

diplomatic tone from South Africa. The United Arab Emirates – widely regarded as the new home of the Gupta family, including fugitive brothers Atul and Rajesh and their wives Chetali and Arti – has ratified an extradition treaty with South Africa. *Daily Maverick* understands this was done recently, though indications are that South Africa is not brimming with excitement – just yet.

ETHIOPIA, *Iran Daily*, 11 June 2021: [About 350,000 people in Ethiopia's Tigray in famine: UN analysis.](#)



[BEN CURTIS/AP](#) A young boy looks up as displaced Tigrayans line up to receive food donated by local residents at a reception center for the internally displaced in Mekele, in the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia, on May 9, 2021. **More than 350,000 people in Ethiopia's Tigray are suffering famine conditions, with millions more at risk, according to an analysis by United Nations agencies and aid groups that blamed conflict for the worst**

The Afghan foreign minister pointed to the latest security situation in his country and said Kabul is ready to cooperate with Tehran to improve border security and hold a session of the joint commission at the earliest. Violence has surged across Afghanistan since the United States missed a withdrawal deadline it had agreed with the Taliban in Doha, Qatar, last year.

IRAN, *El País* ([ÁNGELES ESPINOSA](#)), 19 June 2021: **El**

**ultraconservador Ebrahim Raisí gana las elecciones en Irán.** El jefe del Poder Judicial ha obtenido 17,9 millones de votos del total de 28,9 millones emitidos.



Sin sorpresas. [Ebrahim Raisí](#) ha ganado las elecciones presidenciales del viernes en Irán, con amplia mayoría, pero bajo la sombra de [la participación más baja de la historia de la República Islámica](#) (48,8%). El ultraconservador jefe del Poder Judicial ha obtenido el 62% de los 28,9 millones de votos

## of hundreds of unmarked graves.



The announcement comes as the country grapples with the discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves at the site of a former residential school in British Columbia. Photograph: Jonathan Hayward/AP. Indigenous people in [Canada](#) who were forced to use European names on official documents can now apply to restore their original names, in a new policy unveiled as the country's government seeks to atone for historical abuses. "For far too long, Canada's colonial legacy has disrupted Indigenous peoples' Indigenous naming practices and family connections from being recognized," Marc Miller, minister of Indigenous services, said in a statement, adding that the new policy would allow residents

**catastrophic food crisis in a decade.** "There is famine now in Tigray," UN aid chief Mark Lowcock said on Thursday after the release of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis, which the IPC noted has not been endorsed by the Ethiopian government, according to Reuters. "The number of people in famine conditions ... is higher than anywhere in the world, at any moment since a quarter million Somalis lost their lives in 2011," Lowcock said. Most of the 5.5 million people in Tigray need food aid. Fighting broke out in the region in November between government troops and the region's former ruling party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). Troops from neighboring Eritrea also entered the conflict to support the Ethiopian government. The violence has killed thousands of civilians and forced more than two million from their homes in the mountainous region. The most extreme warning by the IPC – a scale used by UN agencies, regional bodies and aid groups to determine food insecurity – is Phase 5, which starts with a catastrophe warning and

emitidos, según ha anunciado este sábado el ministro del Interior, Abdolreza Rahmani-Fazli. Tanto sus dos principales rivales como el presidente saliente, [Hasan Rohaní](#), le felicitaron sin esperar al resultado oficial. Rahmani-Fazli ha informado de que, concluido el escrutinio, Raisí obtenía 17,9 millones de votos, seguido por el ex jefe de la Guardia Revolucionaria Mohsen Rezaí, con 3,4 millones (12%); el moderado ex gobernador del Banco Central Abdolnaser Hemmatí, con 2,4 millones (8,5%); y el diputado Amir Hossein Ghazizadeh Hashemí, no ha llegado al millón (3,4%). El resto, un 14%, han sido votos nulos, según el ministro. [...]. Amnistía Internacional ha pedido que se investigue a Raisí por crímenes contra la humanidad. Le responsabiliza "del asesinato, la desaparición forzada y la tortura a disidentes políticos" por su participación en la llamada *comisión de la muerte* a finales de la década de los ochenta del siglo pasado. "Como jefe del Poder Judicial, Ebrahim Raisi, ha presidido sobre una represión creciente de los derechos humanos

to reclaim “the dignity of their Indigenous names”.

NATO, *The Guardian* ([Vincent Ni](#)), 14 June 2021: Expect China to be furious at being cast as a threat to the west. **Analysis: Political divergences within Nato’s 30 members – from the US to North Macedonia – may well threaten ambitions for its strategy on China.**



President Biden greets Nato’s secretary general, Jens Stoltenberg, at the Nato summit in Brussels on Monday. Photograph: Anadolu Agency/Getty Images. When the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) was established on 4 April 1949, its mission was to counterbalance armies from the Soviet Union that were stationed in central and eastern [Europe](#) after the conclusion of the second world war. After Emmanuel Macron, the current leader of one of its founding members, France, called it

rises to a declaration of famine in a region.

SOMALIA, *Iran Daily*, 15 June 2021: At least 15 killed in suicide bombing at army camp in Somalia.



[FEISAL OMAR/REUTERS.](#) An ambulance carrying wounded from a suicide bombing attack at a military base arrives at the Madina Hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia, on June 15, 2021. **At least 15 people were killed on Tuesday in a suicide bombing as recruits lined up outside an army camp in the Somali capital Mogadishu.** Officials at Madina Hospital confirmed the dead were killed in an attack earlier in the day at a checkpoint outside the General Degaban military training camp in the capital, Reuters reported. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Al-Shabaab terrorist group frequently carries out bombings in the Horn of Africa country. Dozens of people crowded outside Madina Hospital searching for their missing relatives. "My son is dead. I have seen with my eyes. Many boys perished. They

que ha provocado la detención arbitraria de cientos de disidentes pacíficos, defensores de los derechos humanos y miembros de grupos minoritarios perseguidos”, ha tuiteado Agnès Callamard, nueva secretaria general de AI y ex relatora de la ONU para las ejecuciones extrajudiciales.

“[brain-dead](#)” in 2019, some analysts said the alliance will have to look for a new unifying mission to keep itself relevant in the new age of great power competition between the US and China. It is of little surprise therefore that the traditionally Russia-focused military alliance has, for the first time, asserted that it needs to respond to Beijing’s growing power during this week’s summit in Brussels, [calling it a “systemic challenge”](#) – echoing the EU’s phrase “systemic rival” and the UK’s “systemic competitor”.



This follows last week’s G7 summit in Cornwall, where the leaders of some of the world’s richest nations publicly exhibited their dissatisfaction with China. In public, Beijing is already furious. It has accused the group of seven democracies of “lies, rumours and

were asked to come for recruitment and then bombed. The government is still hiding other casualties,” said Amina Farah, sobbing as she collapsed into the arms of family members at the hospital. Government officials were not reachable for comment. Army recruit Ahmed Ali, who was struck in the head by shrapnel, told Reuters at the hospital: “The place was overcrowded with new recruits and soldiers when the blast occurred.” A Somali military officer, Odawaa Yusuf Rage, told state media earlier on Tuesday that 10 new recruits had been killed, and 20 others wounded, when a suicide bomber detonated explosives. Hotels and security checkpoints are commonly attacked in Somalia. In December 2019, 81 people were killed by a suicide car bomber at a checkpoint in the city centre, while the last significant assault on a hotel killed 11 in August 2020. Somalia has been mired in interlocking crises for the last 30 years, with repeated bouts of civil war, clan conflict, armed rebellion, famine and political instability.

NIGERIA, *Iran Daily*, 18 June 2021: [At least 80 students abducted in](#)

baseless accusations”. Last week, in response to Nato secretary general Jens Stoltenberg’s remark on China-Russia military ties, a foreign ministry spokesperson urged the alliance to “abandon cold war mentality and ideological bias”. On the surface, Nato’s pivot to China is yet another example of the intensifying China-west confrontational rhetoric, which prompted Stoltenberg to say there is “no new cold war with China” this week. But Chinese analysts have long been following Nato’s movements in Asia and questioning its ultimate intention in the region. In 2013, for example, the secretary general at the time, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, [paid his first visit to Seoul](#) to “step up its partnership” with South Korea. And in 2019, the US secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, urged the alliance to adapt to “Chinese strategic competition”, making

[attack on Nigerian school.](#)



[sunnewsonline.com](http://sunnewsonline.com).

**Gunmen killed a police officer and kidnapped at least 80 students and five teachers from a school in the Nigerian state of Kebbi, police, residents and a teacher said.**

The attack is the third mass kidnapping in three weeks in northwest Nigeria, which authorities have attributed to armed bandits seeking ransom payments, according to Reuters. Usman Aliyu, a teacher at the school, said the gunmen took more than 80 students, most of them girls.

"They killed one of the (police officers), broke through the gate and went straight to the students' classes," he said. The attack took place at a federal government college in the remote town of Birnin Yauri. Bandits seeking ransom have kidnapped more than 800 Nigerian students from their schools since December in a series of raids. Some have been freed while others remain missing. The raids in the northwestern region are separate from insurgencies centred on the northeast, where the



## Nato's concern about China more explicit.

**USA-RUSSIA**, *Iran Daily*, 18 June 2021: Biden, Putin agree to disagree in Geneva.



**AP.** U.S. President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin ended their bilateral summit early on Wednesday with nothing left to say and not much to show for it. Although the post-summit press conference saw Biden deliver a Trump-style rebuke of a CNN reporter, the meeting largely avoided the mixed messages sent during the 2018 Helsinki summit. Speaking separately to the press after the meeting, both leaders struck a tone of mutual respect. “If you ask me what sort of a partner . . . Biden is, I’d say he is very constructive,” Putin said. “He’s very balanced — just the way that I expected,” he added. Biden, meanwhile, spoke of two “powerful and proud countries” coming together, American magazine *Foreign Policy* wrote on Thursday. Although there were few concrete outcomes, the two sides have agreed to begin a dialogue on “strategic stability” or, as

Boko Haram terrorist group made global headlines in 2014 when it abducted more than 270 schoolgirls from the town of Chibok.

<p>Biden put it, to “get our military experts and our diplomats together to work in a mechanism that can lead to control of new and dangerous and sophisticated weapons that are coming on the scene now that reduce the times of response that raised the prospects of accidental war.” Biden also presented Putin with a 16-point list of areas considered off limits for cyberattacks. The list (likely the 16 critical infrastructure sectors noted by the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) includes energy, food, and water systems — and also the U.S. defense industry. If such targets were subject to a Russian hack, Biden warned of retaliation. “I pointed out to him we have significant cyber capability, and he knows it,” Biden said.</p>			
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