Air travel restrictions to help limit the spread of the virus, and the measures have had a significant impact on the global economy. A recent report by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) found that the aviation industry has lost $680 billion in 2020 due to the pandemic.

On the other hand, the pandemic has also had a positive impact on some industries. For example, the e-commerce sector has seen a significant increase in demand, as people have shifted their shopping habits online.

In conclusion, the COVID-19 pandemic has had both positive and negative impacts on the global economy. It remains to be seen how the world will recover from this crisis and what long-term changes will result.
Ministry of Endowments set to take part in Doha International Book Fair

The Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs (MEIA) withdrew from participating in the 6th edition of the International Book Fair, which will start from Thursday until Saturday under the theme of "Light: The ministry治愈辖内的42个宗教活动场所，涉及宗教政策宣传、互信沟通和交流活动，包括宗教政策培训、宗教政策推广和宗教政策答疑。The participation will include visiting departments and centers of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and Religious Affairs.

Kazakhstan situation will not affect ties with Qatar: envoy

The current situation in Kazakhstan will not affect ties with Qatar, a Qatari envoy said. She confirmed that 327 people evacuated from the violence had crossed the border. During the visits with the heads of the central government and the presidential service, the envoy said they plan to hold a meeting on the topic of the situation in Kazakhstan. She said that the Qatari people are aware of the situation in Kazakhstan.

4,169 new Covid-19 cases in Qatar

The Ministry of Public Health announced 3,127 new confirmed cases of Covid-19, including 1,745 among residents and 1,382 among foreigners. The total number of cases in Qatar now stands at 185,085. There have been 563 recoveries and 13 deaths recorded in the past 24 hours, bringing the total recovery cases to 179,196 and the total death toll to 2,341. A total of 5,140 people are currently under medical supervision.

Military selection body holds meeting

The military selection body held a meeting to discuss the draft and proposed changes to the military selection process in the country to contain the spread of the virus (Covid-19). Among those present were the minister of the interior, the minister of the defense and the minister of the state. The meeting was attended by the heads of the army and the air force, as well as the heads of the military academies and the Institute of Strategic Studies.

Ministry attends FAO preparatory session

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Environment participates in the preparatory meeting for the 2023 session of the FAO Conference for the Near East and North Africa, which started in Rome on Monday. The meeting was attended by representatives of 27 countries and organizations. The session is aimed at discussing agricultural policies and strategies to improve food security and nutrition in the region.

416 booked for Covid violations

The designated authority set up a team to monitor the prevention and precautionary measures implemented in the country to prevent the spread of the virus (Covid-19). Among those present were the minister of health, the minister of interior, the minister of the state, the minister of the defense and the minister of the state. The meeting was attended by the heads of the army and the air force, as well as the heads of the military academies and the Institute of Strategic Studies.
Qatar attends Fana conference in Riyadh

The 49th Conference of the General Assembly of the Arab News Agencies Association (ANAA) has concluded in Riyadh, with the participation of 25 member agencies. In his speech, the Director-General of Qatar News Agency (QNA) Fahd al-Ahmed Al-Kaabi represented the agency and spoke about Qatar’s role in the media.

The participants in the conference discussed initiatives and strategies related to future financial and organizational development. Al-Kaabi highlighted Qatar’s role in supporting the Arab media and the positive impacts of the development of news agencies on the Arab world.

In a speech at the conference, the President of the Gulf News Agency (GNA) Fahd Al-Kubaisi affirmed the importance of strengthening cooperation between the Arab news agencies. He also announced plans to support the Arabic News Agency in Kenya and to develop new media initiatives in the Arab world.

ORCS’ healthcare assistance benefits 30,000 in Somalia

The repatriation mission of ORCS’ staff in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Yemen is continuing. The mission is focused on providing medical and social assistance to the Somali refugees in their host communities.

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Anti-Israel protest in West Bank

The Palestinian foreign minister has condemned the West Bank protest as an "insult to the memory of our fellow Palestinians." He added that the government will not allow such events to continue and that they will be handled according to the law. The West Bank protest was held in solidarity with the Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli jails.

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Sudanese medics shaken by attacks on hospitals, treating anti-coup protesters

Sudanese medics were shaken by recent attacks on hospitals treating anti-coup protesters. The situation has been tense in Sudan following the military coup on October 25, and several hospitals have been targeted by protesters and security forces.

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Tunisia press union says state TV bars political parties

The Tunisian Press Union has stated that the state television has barred political parties from appearing on its channels, citing the ongoing political crisis in the country. The union called for immediate action to ensure freedom of the press and protection of journalists' rights.

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Drone strike kills 17 in Tigray: aid workers

Students wearing protective masks, a study in a classroom at the Meirin school in Palu where, according to the director of the Palmır District in Ivorian Coast, professor Michel Dossou, cases of the new strain of Covid-19 were detected, and the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) in Mokolo, Centre of Ivory Coast yesterday.

Malian strongman Goita calls for protests against ‘extreme’ sanctions

Eight soldiers in Burkina Faso held for alleged plot

SA parliament fire suspect charged with terrorism

Six journalists among 14 dead in Tanzania road crash

In-person school classes amid pandemic in Ivory Coast
Biden defends pandemic response

President Joe Biden and White House officials have defended the administration’s pandemic response amid scrutiny over the handling of the crisis.

In a news conference on Wednesday, Biden and his team insisted that the country had made significant progress in controlling the virus and that the administration had taken aggressive actions to combat the pandemic.

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North Korea launches ‘advanced missile’ after hypersonic test

North Korea appeared to test a ballistic missile on Sunday. The test was announced by the North Korean military, which is a development from a previous test conducted on Tuesday. The missile was launched from the town of Wonsan, according to a military source. The launch was confirmed by multiple sources, and it is highly likely that the missile was a new version of an existing type. The North Korean military is expected to continue its testing programme in the coming months.

Launch detected by South Korea, Japan

Repeated N Korea tests “extremely regrettable,” Japan PM

US partners conduct tests as significant threat

South Korea’s National Intelligence Service said on Tuesday that North Korea had conducted an ‘advanced missile’ launch that was detected by South Korea’s military. The missile was launched from the eastern coast of the Korean Peninsula, and it traveled more than 1,000 kilometers. The launch was confirmed by multiple sources, and it is highly likely that the missile was a new version of an existing type. The North Korean military is expected to continue its testing programme in the coming months.

Chinese officials tighten Covid-19 restrictions

A health worker at a Temporary Covid-19 testing facility in Tianjin.

The variant from nearby Beijing has been detected in Tianjin, and authorities have tightened restrictions in the city. The measures include mandatory testing for all residents, limits on gatherings, and restrictions on public transportation. The city is one of the most populous in China, and its measures are expected to have a significant impact on the wider region.

Indonesia considers coal levy as it eases ban on overseas shipments

The Indonesian government is considering imposing a coal levy as it eases restrictions on overseas shipments. The move is part of efforts to boost revenue and support the country’s coal industry. The government is expected to announce the details of the levy in the coming weeks.

Tokyo batting virus surge

The Japanese government has declared a state of emergency in Tokyo and other areas as the number of Covid-19 cases continues to rise. The measures include restrictions on gatherings and the closure of non-essential businesses. The government is expected to announce more details of the emergency measures in the coming days.

Most of the complaints centre on the failure to pay income tax and file tax returns, both of which are due by December 31, 2021, according to the Philippine Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). The agency has filed 4,829 cases, or about 1.3% of the total number of cases filed in the past five years. The agency reported that 14,723 cases were filed by the BIR last year, compared to 14,073 cases in 2020. The agency has also reported that 2,142 cases were filed by the Peso, or about 14% of the total number of cases filed in the past five years. The agency reported that 14,723 cases were filed by the BIR last year, compared to 14,073 cases in 2020. The agency has also reported that 2,142 cases were filed by the Peso, or about 14% of the total number of cases filed in the past five years. The agency reported that 14,723 cases were filed by the BIR last year, compared to 14,073 cases in 2020. The agency has also reported that 2,142 cases were filed by the Peso, or about 14% of the total number of cases filed in the past five years.
**PM Johnson hit with new ‘lockdown party’ scandal**

The UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, is facing fresh scrutiny over claims that a lockdown party was held at No 10 Downing Street during the COVID-19 pandemic. The allegations are expected to further pressure Johnson’s already precarious political position.

Johnson has denied any wrongdoing, stating that the allegations were part of a “body of false and desperate narratives” being spread by his political opponents. However, the opposition has argued that the Prime Minister’s inaction and handling of the pandemic have contributed to the deaths of thousands.

The party occurred on 20 March 2020, a date that is significant due to its proximity to the UK’s initial lockdown measures. Members of staff are reported to have gathered in the garden of No 10, despite government guidelines at the time urging people to stay home and avoid social gatherings.

The news comes just weeks after the publication of the UK’s official COVID-19 report, which concluded that lockdown measures were crucial in preventing the spread of the virus and saving lives. The report also highlighted the overworked and understaffed NHS as a key factor in the pandemic’s devastating impact on the UK.

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EU mourns parliament speaker David Sassoli

AP (Feb 18)

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After spectacular 2021 rebound, oil market stays bullish on 2022

After staging a spectacular rebound in 2021, oil still has started 2022 with a bang. A market that was supposed to suffer during a ballooning surplus instead matched $80 a barrel recently as global demand offset the OPEC+ variant, with a sharp drop in supply constraints for producers from Canada to Russia. Global oil demand is forecast to hit 100 million bpd in 2022. The world began to recover from the coronavirus pandemic. Overall world consumption has rebounded substantially and is seen rising in 2022 despite efforts to bring down fossil fuel consumption to mitigate climate change.

For 2022, crude oil consumption is expected to reach 99.5 million bpd, up from 96.5 million bpd last year, according to the International Energy Agency. Oil prices are exchange-traded on both the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the US crude oil industry to meet demand — after a year when many producers were surprised by the rebound in activity that oversupplied the market and led to tight inventories worldwide.

In fact, movements in the price of oil are felt more broadly and quickly than any other commodity because it passes almost immediately into the cost of end-products like gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and food. This price cut of excess stocks was also a crucial factor in keeping the government from increasing the price of liquefied petroleum gas — a key fuel for cooking.

But OPEC+ has reduced its estimate of consumer global oil markets this quarter. It has a surplus of 1.5 million bpd in the first three months of 2022, about 1.5 million bpd smaller than it estimated more than a year ago. The main drivers of the change was a weaker outlook for supply from elsewhere. Numerous OPEC nations have struggled to adjust output, while the US industry has yet to deal with inventory demands to hold the line on spending.

Going forward, investors now see crude prices could resume their upward path in 2022 unless oil prices increase by more than expected.

The Jeddah Summit, which occurred in June 2022, is a major landmark in the region's diplomatic history. It was the first time in decades that leaders from all 43 Arab League states met together. The summit aimed to address a range of issues, including regional security, economic cooperation, and political stability.

The summit concluded with a declaration that affirmed the commitment of the Arab states to work towards a common future. It was seen as a significant step towards reconciliation and cooperation in the region. The leaders agreed to pursue initiatives aimed at resolving disputes and promoting peace and stability in the Middle East.

The summit also addressed the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with leaders calling for a two-state solution and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. This was seen as a significant achievement, as it represented a shift from previous positions that had been more confrontational.

The summit's outcomes were widely seen as positive, with many Arab states expressing hope for improved relations and greater cooperation in the region. The declaration issued at the end of the summit was seen as a strong message of unity and commitment to shared goals.

The summit's success was also seen as a validation of the efforts made by Arab leaders to promote dialogue and diplomacy in the region.

Overall, the Jeddah Summit was viewed as a significant milestone in the region's diplomatic history, with its outcomes having far-reaching implications for the future of the Middle East.
Technology and the global struggle for sustainable democracy

All signs point to increasing illiberalism and anti-democratic sentiment around the world

by Michael逆势

The announcement of the January 6th anniversary of the United States Capitol insurrection on January 6, 2023, is a stark reminder of the growing threat posed by authoritarian regimes and their democratic counterparts around the world. This crisis is not just a matter of national security; it is a global one.

Authoritarian regimes around the world are using technology to suppress dissent and undermine democratic institutions. They are using social media to spread disinformation and manipulate public opinion, while also using surveillance technologies to monitor and control their citizens. Authoritarian regimes are also using technology to suppress free speech and to censor dissenting voices.

In this context, it is crucial that we support the development of democratic technologies that can counteract these authoritarian threats. This means investing in research and development of democratic technologies, such as open-source software, that can be used to promote transparency and accountability in government.

We must also support the development of democratic institutions that can protect democracy from these authoritarian threats. This means supporting democratic governments that are committed to promoting transparency and accountability, and supporting international organizations that can promote democratic values and institutions.

In conclusion, we must be vigilant in the face of authoritarian threats, and we must support the development of democratic technologies and institutions that can protect democracy. Only then can we hope to build a world that is truly democratic and sustainable.

Biden's ambitious spending bill ignites debate over dairy market pollution

by Louis Uchida and Nicholas Wirth

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Joe Biden's landmark climate change bill, which could significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the dairy industry, has sparked heated debate among farmers and environmentalists.

The bill, which is expected to cost between $20 billion and $30 billion over 10 years, would provide financial incentives for dairy farmers to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The bill proposes a carbon pricing mechanism that would impose a fee on dairy producers for each ton of greenhouse gas emissions they produce.

Some farmers have warned that the bill could hurt their businesses, while environmentalists have praised the bill as a crucial step in addressing the climate crisis. The bill has also sparked concerns among farmers about the potential impact on dairy prices.

In conclusion, the debate over Biden's climate change bill highlights the complex challenges faced by the dairy industry and the environment. As the debate continues, it is essential that we find a way to balance the needs of both industries and the environment.

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