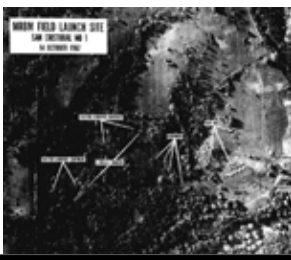


Roman Emperor Constantine the Great is said to have received his famous Vision of the Cross

Black Saturday during the Cuban Missile Crisis: An American spy plane is shot down over Cuba and the navy drops warning depth charges on Soviet submarines



China announces its population has reached 1 billion plus people

British government deregulates financial markets in a "Big Bang", enhancing London's status as a financial capital while increasing income inequality

fts restrictions on China, India



One concern among US officials and airlines is making sure foreign travellers are aware of the new vaccine rules that will take effect in just two weeks as well as unvaccinated Americans who will face stricter testing rules.

No to Sputnik

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

issued on Monday new contact tracing rules requiring airlines to collect information from international air passengers like phone numbers, email and US addresses and retain it for 30 days.

The CDC said this month it would accept any vaccine authorised for use by US regulators or the World Health Organisation and will accept mixed-dose coronavirus vaccines from travellers.

That list leaves off the Sputnik vaccine that has been used by Latin American countries extensively.

No religious exemptions

The CDC said there are no religious exemptions for international travellers seeking to avoid COVID-19 requirements.

Foreign air travellers will need to provide vaccination documentation from an "official source" and airlines must confirm the last dose was at least two weeks earlier than the travel date.

International air travellers will need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days prior to departure. The White House said unvaccinated Americans and foreign nationals receiving exemptions will need to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within one day of departing.

The Biden administration plans to issue details later this week of its parallel plans to lift restrictions to land border crossings on Nov. 8 for vaccinated foreign nationals.

up triggers deadly unrest



A protester waves a flag

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The United States has said it was immediately pausing delivery of \$700 million in emergency support.

Sovereign Council set up to guide Sudan to democracy following the overthrow of long-ruling autocrat Omar al-Bashir in April 2019.

Burhan announced a state of emergency, saying the armed forces needed to protect safety and security. He promised to hold elections in July 2023 and hand over to an elected civilian government then. On Tuesday he dissolved committees that govern trade unions, Arabic news channels reported.

The Sudan information ministry, still loyal to Hamdok, has called the takeover a crime and said Hamdok is still the legitimate leader.

Hamdok and his missing cabinet members were still being held in an unknown location, the foreign minister of the ousted government said in a message posted on the information ministry's Facebook page on Tuesday.

Main roads and bridges between Khartoum and Omdurman were closed to vehicles by the military. Banks and cash machines were shut, and mobile phone apps widely used for money transfers could not be accessed.



Protesters block a road

said seven people had been killed in clashes between protesters and the security forces.

On Monday, takeover leader General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan dissolved the military-civilian

s after ASEAN summit no-show

chaos, for his failure to cease hostilities, allow humanitarian access and start dialogue with opponents, as agreed with ASEAN in April.

The decision was a huge insult to Myanmar's military and a rare, bold step by a regional grouping known for its code of consensus, non-interference and engagement. "Today, ASEAN did not expel Myanmar from ASEAN's framework. Myanmar abandoned its right," said Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, who will become the group's chairman next year.

"Now we are in the situation of ASEAN minus one. It is not because of ASEAN, but because of Myanmar." Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno

Marsudi said ASEAN had a slot ready for Myanmar, but it chose not to join.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo in his remarks to leaders lamented Myanmar's "unwelcome attitude" towards ASEAN's diplomatic efforts, Retno said. "ASEAN's decision to invite a Myanmar representative on a non-political level was a heavy one, but it had to be done," she said. "The president reminded that it's important for us to honour the principles of non-interference. But on the other hand, we're obligated to uphold other principles ... like democracy, good governance, respect for human rights, and a constitutional government."

Iran says cyberattack behind widespread disruption at gas stations

Reuters | Dubai

A cyberattack disrupted the sale of heavily subsidised gasoline in Iran yesterday, state media reported, causing long lines at gas stations across the country.

"The disruption at the refuelling system of gas stations... in the past few hours, was caused by a cyberattack," state broadcaster IRIB said. "Technical experts are fixing the problem and soon the refuelling process... will return

to normal."

The disruptions came ahead of the second anniversary of a November 19 increase in fuel prices which led to widespread street protests in which hundreds were reported to have been killed by security forces.

The oil ministry said only sales with smart cards used for cheaper rationed gasoline were disrupted and clients could still buy fuel at higher rates, the ministry's news agency SHANA reported.

Jerusalem mayor says he won't shun US consulate if it reopens



Moshe Lion, who is now the mayor of Jerusalem, and his wife cast their votes in local council elections in Jerusalem (file)

Reuters | Jerusalem

Jerusalem's mayor dismissed media speculation yesterday that a US consulate for Palestinians in the city would be denied municipal services if the Biden administration reopens it despite Israeli opposition.

The rightist mayor, Moshe Lion, also said Washington's plan to reverse the Trump administration's subsuming of the consulate into the U.S. Embassy that was moved to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv in 2018 did not appear to be close to implementation.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken this month reiterated the plan to reopen the consulate as part of efforts to rebuild ties with the Palestinians but gave no timeline, read more

Asked on Israel's Army Radio whether the municipali-

ty might consider cutting off water or power to a future consulate, or refusing to collect its rubbish, Lion said: "No way ... There is no such intention."

"Wherever the municipality has to provide services, it will provide services," he said. "One has to provide this by law, and there is no reason not to do so."

The consulate had long been a base for diplomatic outreach to the Palestinians before it was closed by U.S. President Joe Biden's predecessor, Donald Trump.

"I very much hope that the diplomatic officials, the government of Israel, will prevent the establishment of this consulate," Lion said. "I think that is what is happening right now. I don't think we are on very high stand-by for this (consulate) getting built."

Russia puts onus on regional leaders to step up COVID fight

Reuters | Moscow

Russia ordered regional leaders yesterday to step up their fight against COVID-19 as the daily death toll hit a record for the sixth time in eight days.

Health Minister Mikhail Murashko said infections were up by more than 10% in the past week and 268,500 people were receiving treatment in hospitals across the country's 85 regions.

Doctors report packed wards and a heavy strain on resources and staff, including junior doctors and medical students who have been brought in to help.



Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin

"At the moment the hospital is completely full. It has 540 beds - 490 patients in the department and 50 patients in the intensive care unit," said Roman Mironov, deputy chief physician at a hospital in Volzhskiy, 900 km (550 miles) southeast of Moscow.



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#COVID19 will not be the last pandemic we face. But it can be the last one we fail. We need a modern & funded pandemic preparedness architecture that can prevent the mistakes the world is making now from ever happening again.

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Facebook fans the flames of hate, spreads lies, bulldozes competitors, and threatens our democracy. They won't clean up their act on their own, and no private company should have this much power.

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This week, any college or university student anywhere in the world can download my book How to Avoid a Climate Disaster for free.

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Fantastic to meet so many talented young people from @10000BI yesterday in Downing Street, and celebrate the amazing contribution of Black entrepreneurs, businesses and professionals to the UK.

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