

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

March 3, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

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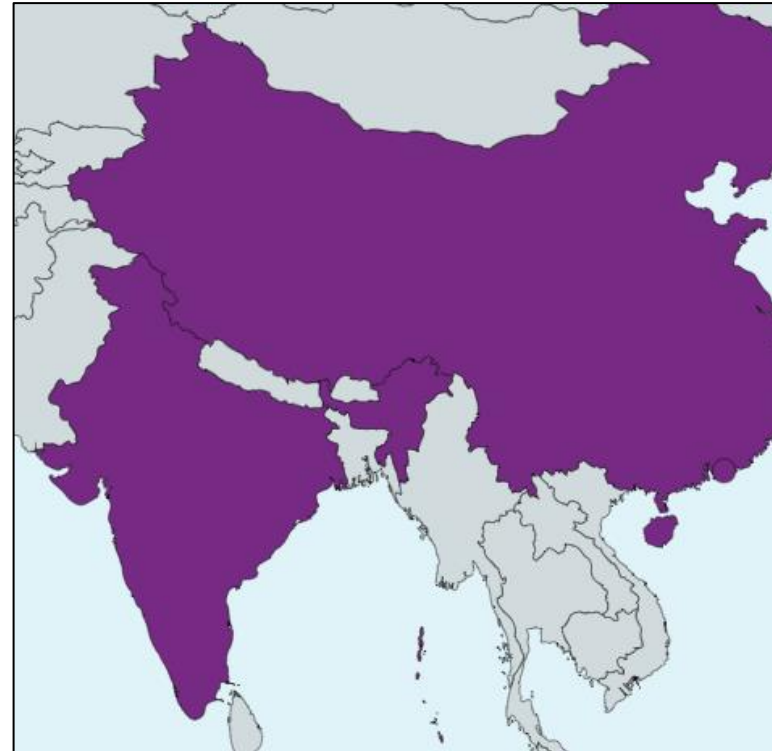
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## WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Recent media reports allege that China may have been behind a sweeping cyber campaign against India's power grid, as well as more recent cyberattacks on Indian vaccine makers, opening a new front in India-China tensions. Indian officials are now investigating the cyberattacks, while China vehemently rejects the accusations.



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# How do You Manage Incident Response?

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# Global

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## Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 114.8 million, with deaths at 2.5 million.

- Microsoft said a Chinese-linked **hacker group** has been targeting email inboxes using a newly discovered flaw in Microsoft's mail server software.
- Three-quarters of the people around the globe live in countries where **freedom** is declining, according to annual report produced by Freedom House.
- More than 168 million children around the world have missed school for nearly a year due to COVID-19 restrictions, per UNICEF, calling the impact of the lockdowns a “***catastrophic education emergency***.” The majority of those affected were in Latin America and the Caribbean.

# COVID-19 Vaccine

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## The US Chamber of Commerce voiced support for a WTO intellectual property rights waiver aimed at speeding global vaccination efforts.

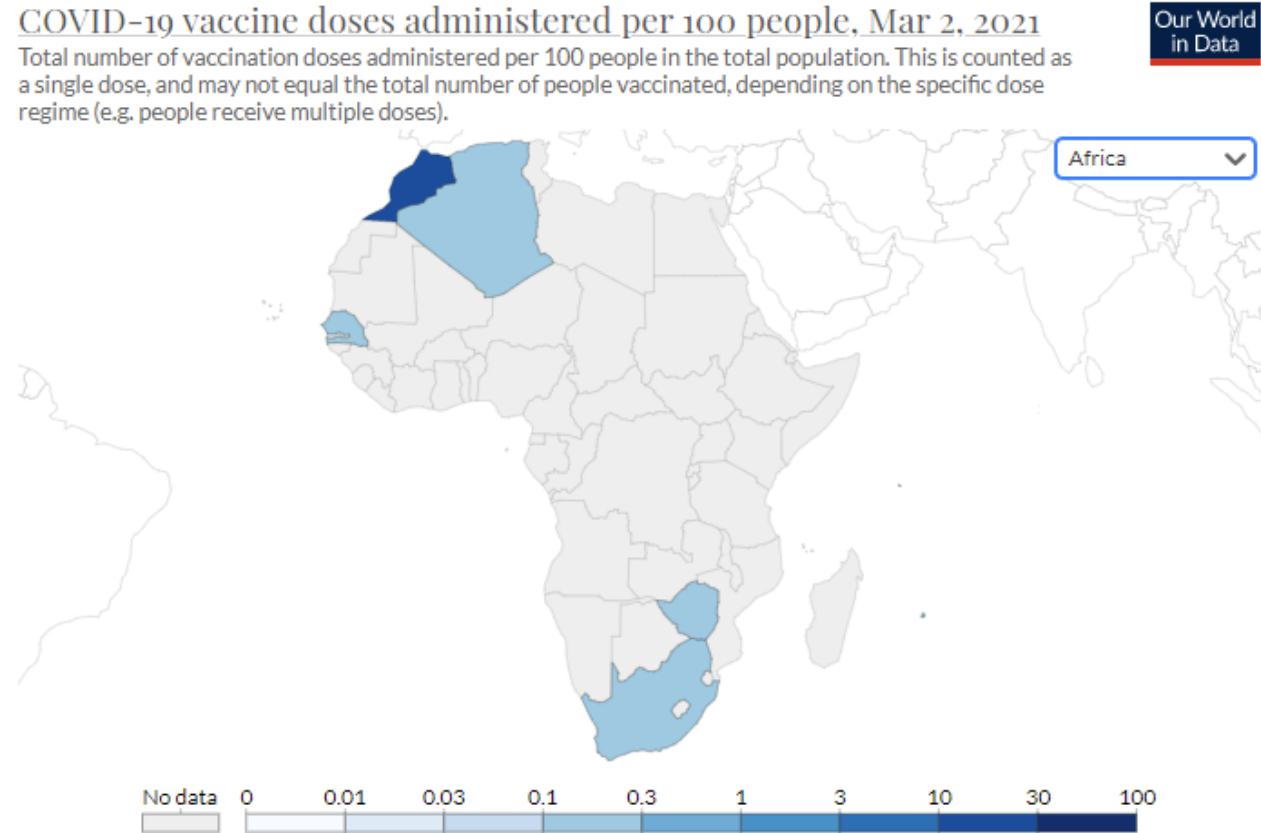
- Merck will help **Johnson & Johnson** manufacture its vaccine, boosting supply. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops urged Catholics to avoid taking the Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine because it used cells derived decades ago from an abortion.
- The **Covax facility** will supply 237 million doses to 142 countries by May, per an updated report.
- The US is working with Japan, India and Australia (the Quad) to develop a **plan to distribute vaccines** to countries in Asia as part of a broader strategy to counter China's influence.
- **Saudi Arabia** will make a COVID-19 vaccine a prerequisite for Hajj.
- South Korean is investigating the deaths of two people, both with pre-existing conditions, who died within days of receiving **AstraZeneca's** vaccine. Hong Kong is also investigating the death of a chronically ill individual who died two days after receiving the Chinese-produced **Sinovac** coronavirus vaccine.
- **France** recommended that people who have already recovered from Covid-19 receive a single vaccine dose, becoming the first country to issue such advice.
- **Brazil's** Congress approved a bill allowing private companies to buy COVID-19 vaccines in an attempt to accelerate the vaccination process.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

Globally, 268.57 million have received vaccinations.

Africa, with 4.09 million vaccine doses administered, trails behind all other regions in starting vaccination programs. In a hopeful comment, a senior WHO official said all countries should be able to start vaccinating this month, if pharmaceutical companies step up.



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data - Last updated 3 March, 10:10 (London time)

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# Markets & Business

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**Global shares gained on Wednesday, with European markets following the upward trend in Asia, as a retreat in US Treasury yields fueled demand for riskier assets and weakened the dollar.**

- President Biden's SEC chairman nominee Gensler pledged to **review market structure** in the aftermath of the GameStop turmoil.
- **Fidelity Investments** saw record profits in 2020, with retail accounts rising 17 percent to 26 million.
- **Deloitte PLT** will pay the Malaysian government \$80 million to resolve all claims related to their inaccurate audit of **1MDB** and its unit **SRC International** from 2011 to 2014.
- Germany's financial watchdog has taken oversight duties over **Greensill Bank**, as its parent company warns of insolvency risk that could cause defaults and cost 50,000 jobs.
- **Hertz** proposed a bankruptcy exit by mid-year under the control of a new investor group.
- **Target's** revenue jumped 20 percent last year, with many of its sales gains coming at the expense of its rivals.
- **Thai Airways** announced it will severely downsize operations, cutting its workforce by 50 percent.

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# Africa

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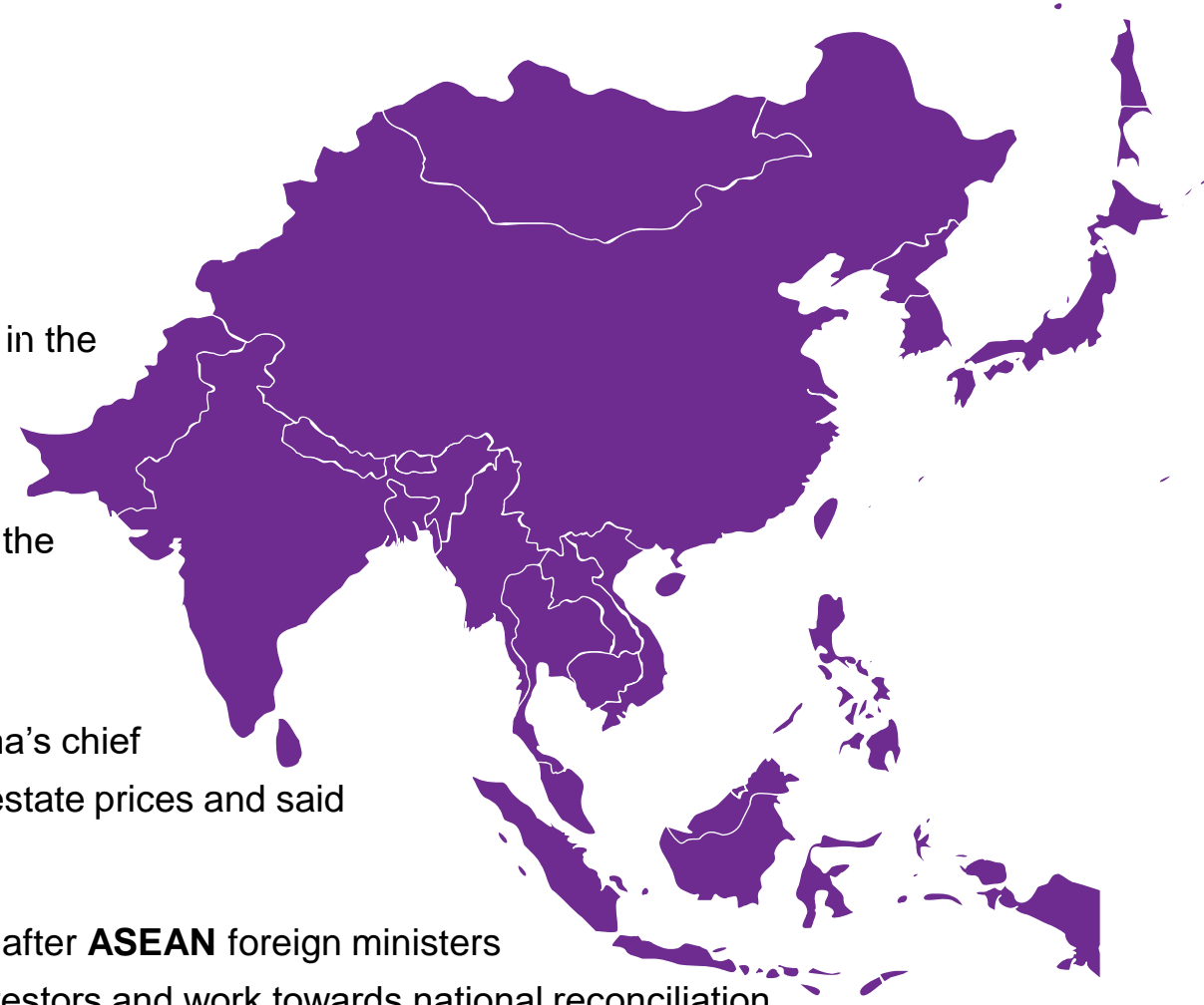
- A new Amnesty International report accuses all sides - government forces, armed militant groups, and military contractors – of committing war crimes in the ongoing conflict in **Mozambique's** Cabo Delgado region.
- **France's** foreign minister called on **Chad** to open an independent investigation after at least two people were killed during an operation to arrest opposition candidate Yaya Dillo on Sunday.
- The World Bank is preparing emergency financing to help about 30 **African countries** access COVID-19 vaccines, including the **Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Niger, Mozambique, Tunisia, eSwatini, Rwanda and Senegal.**



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# Asia

- **Japan** is considering a two-week extension of a state of emergency in the Tokyo area due to continuing high numbers of coronavirus cases.
- **Malaysia** announced that a number of provinces will exit the country's coronavirus Movement Control Order (MCO) at the end of the week.
- **China** has surpassed the US as home to the highest number of dollar-denominated billionaires, per the Hurun Global Rich List. China's chief banking regulator warned about risk from a possible bubble in real-estate prices and said that global financial markets are out of step with the real economy.
- **Myanmar** security forces fired on protests killing nine people, a day after **ASEAN** foreign ministers urged the leaders of Myanmar's military to end violence against protestors and work towards national reconciliation. Former UN investigator and expert on Myanmar, called on foreign firms to suspend all business in Myanmar to send a clear message to the military that its coup will hurt its people and ruin its economy.

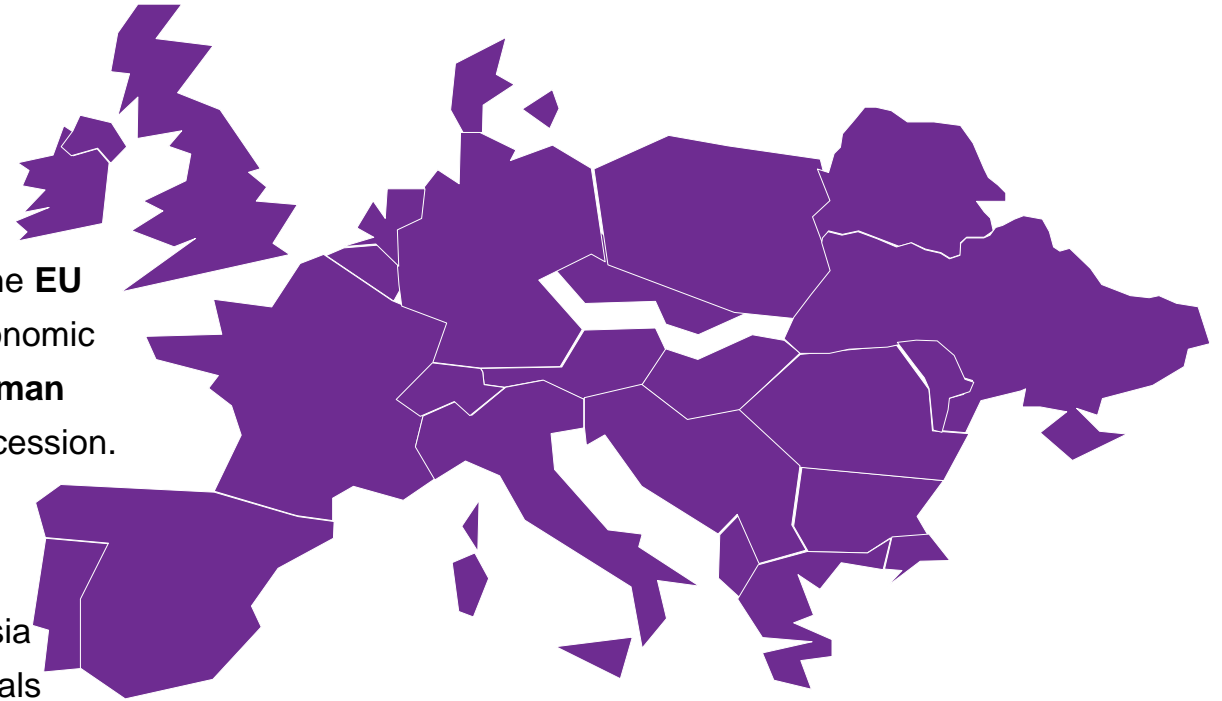


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# Europe

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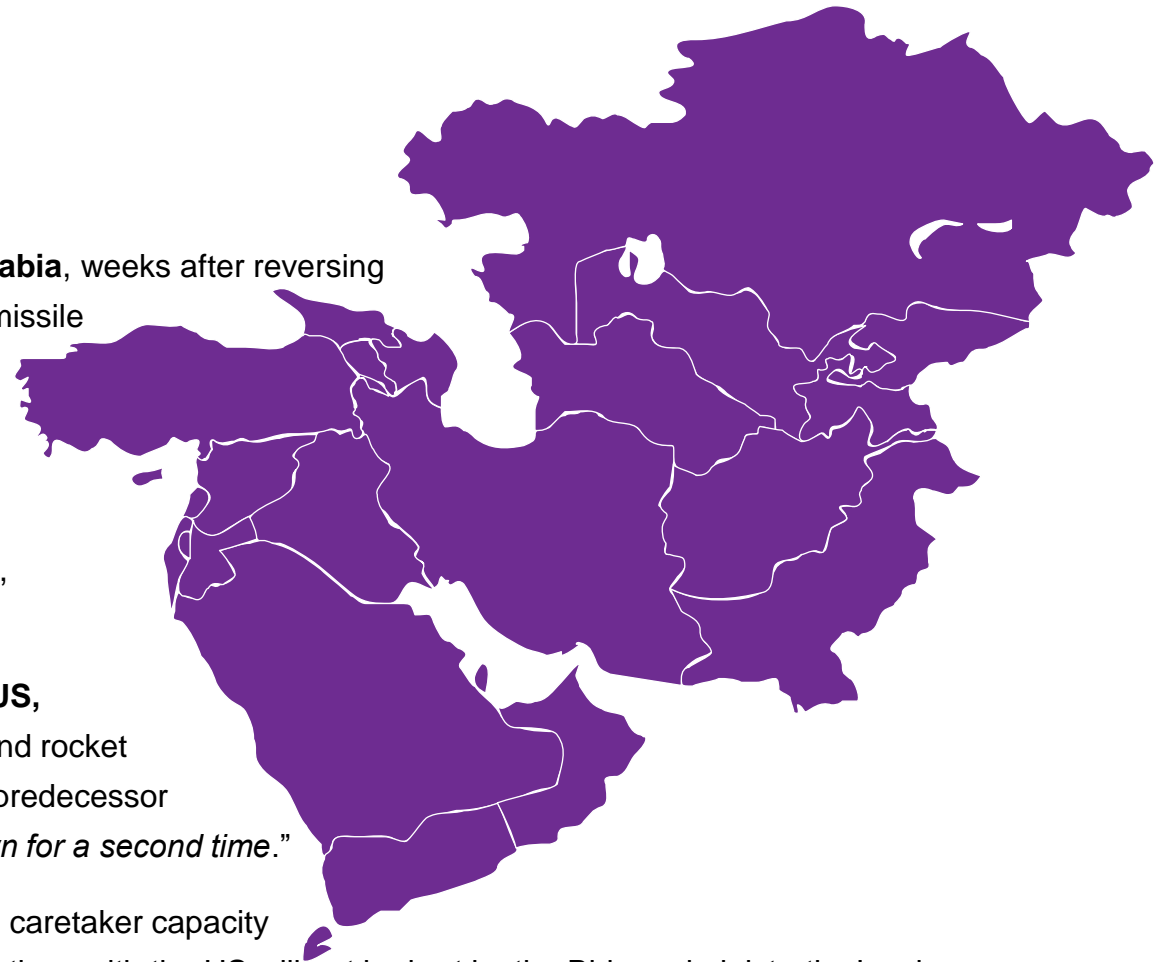
- European Commission guidance released today is set to signal that the **EU** will extend its suspension of budget rules in the face of continuing economic troubles. **Spanish** unemployment hit 4 million for the first time as **German** consumption slumped, pointing to a possible double-dip **eurozone** recession.
- **Russia's** Ministry of Foreign Affairs called new sanctions imposed by the **US and EU** were evidence of a “*hostile anti-Russian lunge*” and said it would retaliate to what it described as another blow to US-Russia ties. The US and EU imposed coordinated sanctions on Russian officials over the attempted poisoning and arrest of Alexei Navalny.
- **Turkish** President Erdogan announced a new “*human rights action plan*,” seen as a renewed effort ease tensions with western allies and meet EU membership criteria.
- The **Dutch** government postponed a trade mission to **Qatar**, citing concern over the living conditions of migrant workers.
- **Austria and Denmark** will partner with **Israel** to create new vaccines for coronavirus variants. An explosive was detonated at a coronavirus testing centre near Amsterdam before sunrise causing no injuries in what police called an intentional attack; this is the second time a testing facility has been attacked in the **Netherlands**. **Northern Ireland** announced a plan to gradually ease coronavirus restrictions. **German** Chancellor Merkel is expected to agree a gradual relaxation of coronavirus curbs with regional leaders in a meeting today.



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# Middle East

- The **US** sanctioned two leaders of the **Yemeni** Houthis over attacks on **Saudi Arabia**, weeks after reversing the blanket terrorist designation of the Houthis over terrorist concerns. A Houthi missile injured 5 in the Saudi Jazan region.
- The **Lebanese** pound hit an all-time low against the US dollar on Tuesday, prompting renewed protests over the country's ongoing economic crisis.
- Over 2,000 Algerians defied coronavirus curfew to participate in anti-government, pro-democracy protests.
- At least 10 rockets landed on Wednesday at **Iraq's** Ain al-Asad air base, where **US, coalition** and Iraqi forces are based. No fatalities were reported. It was the second rocket attack in Iraq this month. Pope Francis confirmed he is going to Iraq, where his predecessor John Paul was not allowed to go in 2000, because *"the people cannot be let down for a second time."*
- **Kuwait's** emir approved a new cabinet; the previous government was acting in a caretaker capacity after resigning en masse after a standoff with parliament. **Saudi Arabia** said relations with the US will not be hurt by the Biden administration's release of a **US** intelligence report incriminating the Saudi crown prince in the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi; the Kingdom has denied the report findings.
- **French** President Macron told **Iranian** President Rouhani that Tehran must make clear and immediate gestures to allow dialogue to resume on the 2015 JCPOA nuclear deal. **Israel's** defense minister intends to develop a *"special security arrangement"* with new **Gulf Arab** allies, who share common concerns about Iran.



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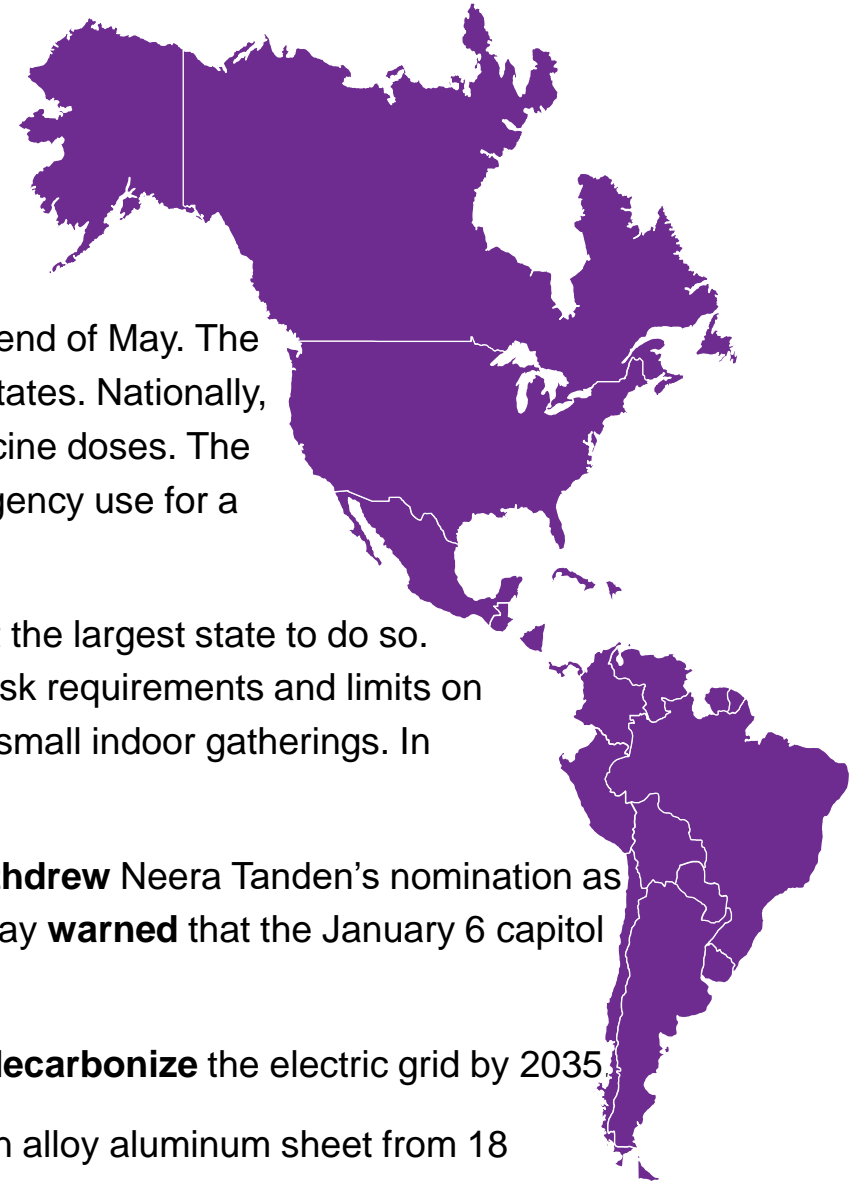
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- **Canadian** economic activity grew faster than expected at the end of 2020, despite a resurgence of COVID-19. Brazil's economy minister said the country's economy may have shrunk by less than 4 percent in 2020.
- **Mexican** President Lopez Obrador said that he and President Biden exchanged invitations to visit each other's countries, and that a \$4 billion US aid commitment to help development in Central American will include help for Southern Mexico. Mexico's Senate approved an electricity reform bill opposed by business and is expected to trigger a flood of lawsuits.
- Officials from **Peru and Colombia** said both governments are considering centralizing gold purchases in an effort to prevent illegal extraction.
- Court testimony revealed that **Venezuelan** intelligence services monitored six Citgo Petroleum executives on US soil, leading to their 2017 arrests in Venezuela.
- **Cuba** is starting final-stage trials of two new Covid-19 vaccines developed in the country, Soberana 2 and Abdala.



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# Americas: US



- President Biden said he expects the US will have enough **vaccines** for all adults by the end of May. The White House announced another boost in the weekly number of vaccine doses sent to states. Nationally, 51.8 million people (15.6 percent of the total population) have received one or more vaccine doses. The US has delivered more than 100 million doses of vaccine. The FDA has approved emergency use for a COVID-19 **antigen test** that can be performed at home.
- **Texas** lifted its statewide mask mandate and allowed all businesses to reopen, making it the largest state to do so. **Iowa and Montana** have also lifted mask requirements. **Mississippi** also eliminated mask requirements and limits on business capacity. **Michigan** increased dining and retail capacity and the resumption of small indoor gatherings. In **California**, San Francisco will resume indoor dining and some cultural activities.
- The Senate **confirmed** Gina Raimondo as Secretary of Commerce. President Biden **withdrew** Neera Tanden’s nomination as White House budget director. At a Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing, FBI Director Wray **warned** that the January 6 capitol riots has been an “*inspiration*” to domestic and foreign extremists.
- Three House Democrats introduced a wide-ranging climate bill that promotes efforts to **decarbonize** the electric grid by 2035.
- The US Commerce Department on Tuesday issued final anti-dumping duties on common alloy aluminum sheet from 18 countries investigated, including **Bahrain, Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Italy, Oman, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan and Turkey.**

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# Emerging & Existing Hotspots: US-Iran Relations

By Alexander Lucaci

***The security situation in the Persian Gulf and greater Middle East is entering a period of higher risk, as tensions between the US and Iran continue to escalate. Over the past week, both Washington and Tehran have engaged in a “tit-for-tat” strategic battle in what is the first real foreign policy test for the new US Administration.***

President Biden’s decision to order a retaliatory strike against Iranian-backed militias in eastern Syria last Thursday was quickly followed by Iran’s rejection of informal diplomatic talks to reestablish compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the 2015 multilateral accord limiting Tehran’s nuclear activities. Compounding these difficulties is the Iranian legislature’s decision to limit the scope of ongoing International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspections, a move that has thrown the future of international diplomatic discussions further into doubt. Although a hastily-agreed

compromise was reached between the UN and Tehran, it appears that hardliners in Iran are eager to “*salt the diplomatic earth*” as much as is possible in advance of any potential negotiations with Brussels and Washington. This was confirmed over the past weekend, when Iran rejected an invitation to informal diplomatic discussions with the US to be moderated by the EU.

The US now finds itself in a holding pattern as it relates to Iran policy and achieving its strategic aims in reviving the JCPOA. Administration officials have described last Thursday’s strike against Iran-backed militias as intended to be “*non-escalatory*,” “*purposefully restrained*,” and proportional in order to send a message to Tehran that attacks on US regional interests will not be tolerated. It remains to be seen whether Iran, via its proxies in Iraq and Syria, will continue to test the Biden Administration’s boundaries in the upcoming days and weeks. A potential mitigating factor for President Biden’s national security team will be the extent to which Iran, publically and privately, denies responsibility for the actions of its proxies, as it did in the most recent attack on a US base in Iraq. Some Iranian officials expressed surprise that Washington retaliated

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against a specific militia which had denied responsibility for the attack.

Nevertheless, it appears that the Biden Administration, for the time being, is comfortable with keeping the ball in Iran's court from both a diplomatic and military-security point of view. US officials have confirmed that the offer to restart informal talks with the EU remains valid, while emphasizing that the strike on Iranian-backed militias in Syria has sent a message of strength and deterrence. How Iran responds next will determine the course of Washington-Tehran relations over the next several months.

There are several additional factors that will affect Middle East stability in the short to medium term. The first is the actions of US regional allies in responding to Iranian aggression. On Monday, Prime Minister Netanyahu accused Iran of recent attacks on Israeli-owned cargo ships, stating that he is "*determined to halt [the attacks]*" and will be responding accordingly in the near future. A key question is the extent to which Israel will seek to coordinate responses with the United States, and whether the Biden Administration will be eager to go along - reports are already emerging of retaliatory Israeli missile strikes around Damascus. The

same is true of Saudi Arabia, which remains vulnerable to attacks on its energy infrastructure from Iranian proxies in Yemen, Iraq, and Syria. Despite a fraying of relations as a result of the Khashoggi affair, the US has reaffirmed its intention to help defend the Saudi Arabia's territorial integrity - this will be put to the test when and if Iran or its proxies conduct a major attack on the Kingdom. The question remains whether Riyadh or Jerusalem will act independently of President Biden in either responding to attacks or proactively seeking deterrence - it is unclear whether the new Administration will sanction or support the same types of military activities that the Trump Administration endorsed, such as the assassination of a top Iranian nuclear scientist last November.

Finally, it is likely that the Iranian presidential elections in June will act as a political constraint on diplomatic overtures from both Washington and Tehran. Although it is true that top Iranian political leadership (including the Supreme Leader) has committed to the broader strategic goal of re-entering the JCPOA, the contours of how this would be achieved will be affected by who wins the Iranian presidency in several months. At the moment, it appears likely that a hardline candidate will replace the relatively moderate Hassan

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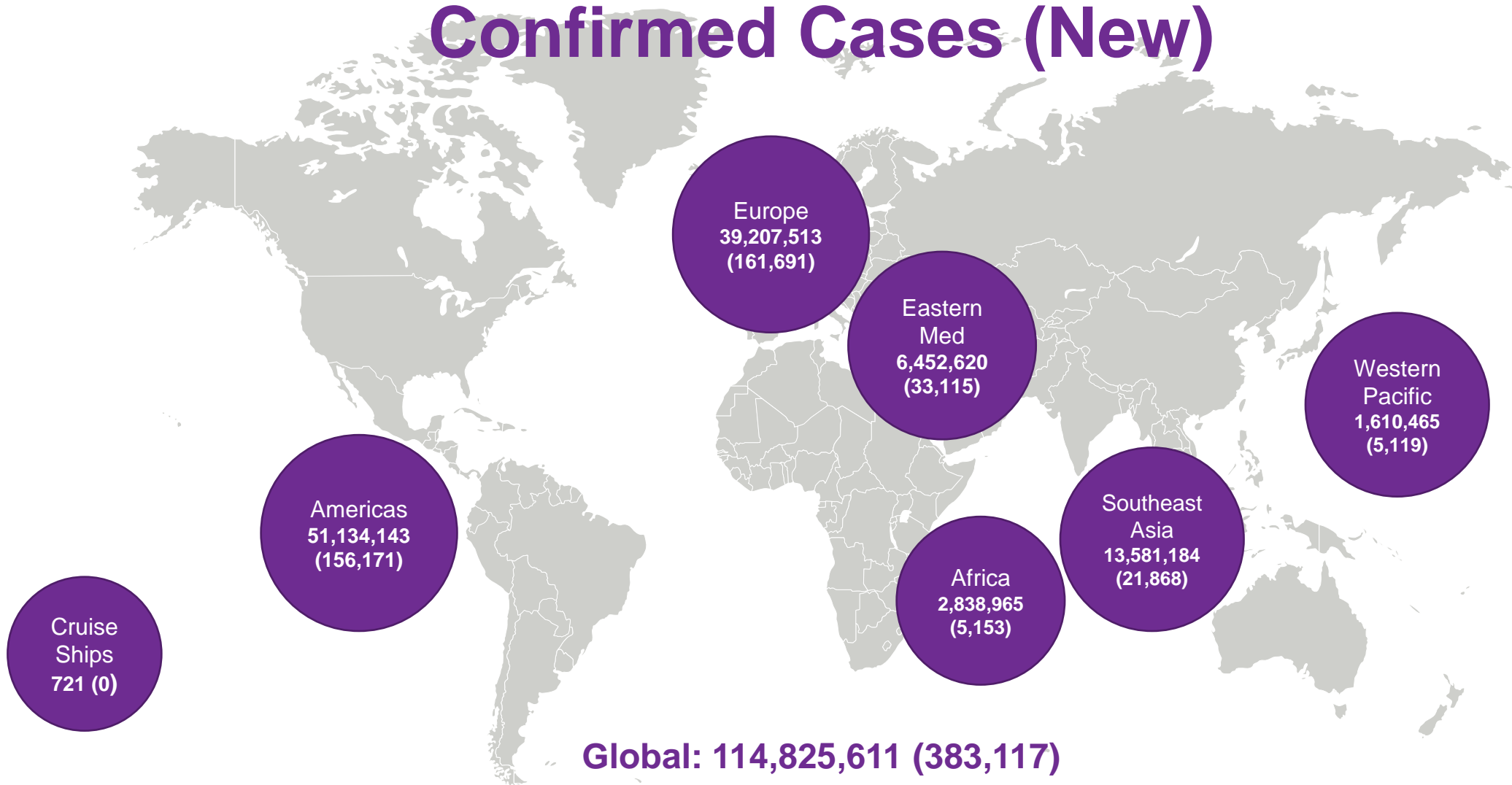
Rouhani, meaning that both Washington and Tehran will take harder positions if and when they get to the negotiating table. Iranian calculations may already be that re-entering the JPCOA prior to June is not in anyone's political interest, even if the same is not true for the country's dire economic situation. Regardless of what Tehran does between now and after their presidential elections, the Biden Administration has decided to pursue a course of "*strategic patience*" in re-engaging with Iran. This does not mean, however, that the risks of military escalation are low, as both Iran and the US's European partners now understand that Washington will defend its interests in the region with military force if necessary.

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on March 2, 2021

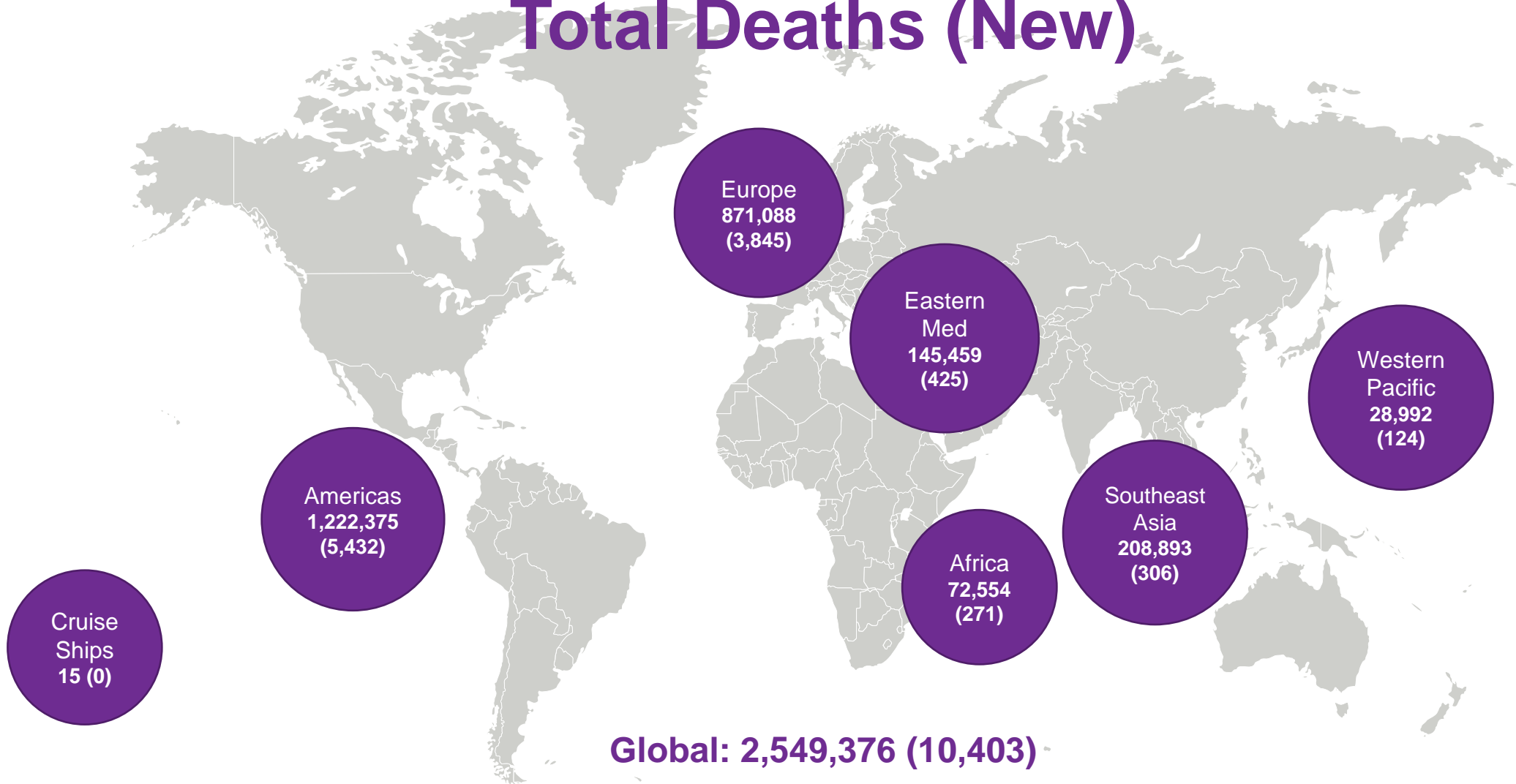
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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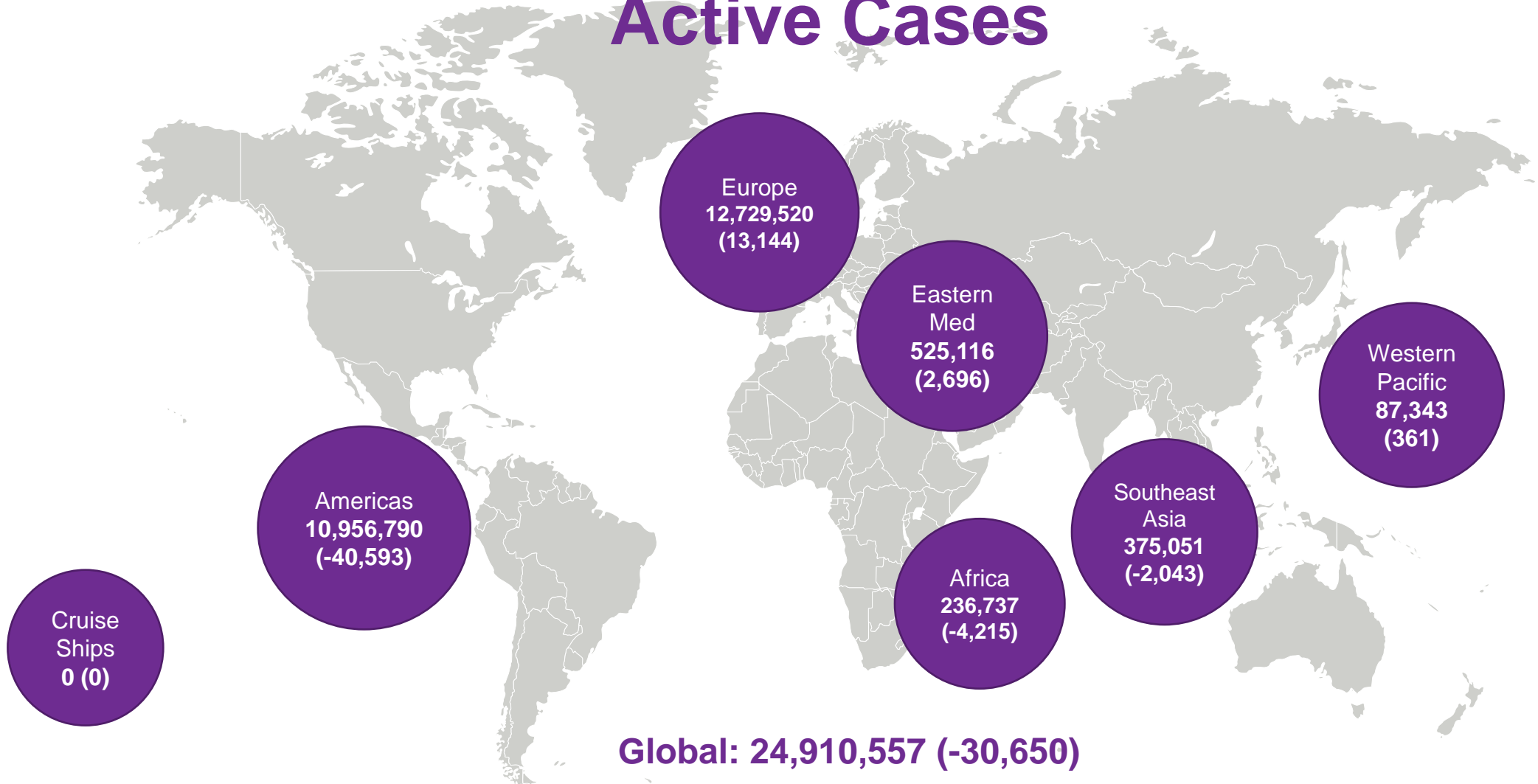
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# Active Cases



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# Country Risk Assessment

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
US	9199122	28719400 (55071)	516741 (1919)	88386	1593	1.59%
France	3489194	3843241 (22872)	87373 (418)	57879	1334	4.00%
Spain	2984354	3204531 (0)	69801 (192)	66932	1493	1.34%
Netherlands	1081056	1111364 (4017)	15775 (65)	63894	912	2.89%
UK	1059788	4200700 (6411)	123530 (343)	61482	1810	1.28%
Brazil	883314	10646926 (59925)	257361 (1641)	49857	1206	3.65%
Belgium	699618	774344 (2050)	22141 (35)	66443	1902	2.15%
Sweden	656231	669113 (11804)	12882 (56)	65979	1270	4.04%
Italy	430996	2955434 (17063)	98288 (343)	48929	1627	4.17%
Russia	339903	4220291 (10441)	85458 (433)	29239	595	1.85%
Mexico	264695	2097194 (7913)	187187 (1035)	16092	1434	2.14%
Poland	237668	1719708 (7936)	44008 (215)	45472	1164	4.11%
Switzerland	231017	558622 (1130)	10005 (17)	64233	1150	1.30%
Ireland	192933	220630 (357)	4333 (14)	44352	871	1.96%

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Iran	181062	1648174 (8495)	60267 (86)	19457	711	3.49%
India	170126	11139516 (14989)	157346 (98)	8019	113	0.98%
Ukraine	157716	1405394 (5460)	27650 (170)	31165	602	3.31%
Indonesia	149645	1347026 (5712)	36518 (193)	4890	133	3.59%
Argentina	149548	2118676 (6653)	52192 (115)	46593	1148	1.96%
Czechia	148924	1252242 (12191)	20701 (232)	116805	1943	6.69%
Germany	113509	2462061 (6492)	70926 (412)	29323	849	2.31%
Turkey	108537	2723316 (11837)	28706 (68)	32060	338	2.49%
Honduras	100668	171758 (773)	4187 (13)	17083	417	3.03%
Hungary	96299	435689 (2764)	15188 (130)	45178	1575	6.52%
Greece	94261	194582 (2312)	6557 (23)	18730	631	6.06%
Lebanon	78994	380036 (3098)	4805 (62)	55847	706	5.45%
Portugal	65793	805647 (691)	16389 (38)	79165	1610	0.81%
Serbia	62063	466885 (4157)	4475 (16)	53580	514	5.15%

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Norway	53613	72234 (499)	623 (0)	13255	114	4.27%
Slovakia	48314	311002 (2077)	7388 (118)	56945	1353	5.21%
Iraq	47164	703778 (4690)	13458 (30)	17241	330	3.95%
Bolivia	44484	250557 (790)	11703 (37)	21204	990	2.47%
Dominican Republic	44432	240201 (203)	3118 (12)	21996	286	1.66%
Colombia	43570	2259599 (4339)	59972 (106)	44095	1170	1.15%
Romania	43491	808040 (3950)	20509 (106)	42192	1071	2.89%
Jordan	43383	402282 (5124)	4756 (29)	39168	463	7.42%
Israel	41202	785218 (5260)	5790 (30)	85372	630	3.27%
Bangladesh	40502	547316 (515)	8423 (7)	3301	51	0.58%
Albania	35815	108823 (892)	1835 (19)	37842	638	5.99%
Philippines	33610	580442 (2061)	12369 (47)	5250	112	2.68%
Bulgaria	33227	252029 (2403)	10391 (83)	36456	1503	4.62%

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Cyprus	33008	35297 (288)	232 (1)	29094	191	4.90%
Algeria	32062	113430 (175)	2991 (4)	2556	67	1.01%
South Africa	31224	1514815 (856)	50271 (194)	25329	841	0.61%
Egypt	31158	183591 (581)	10778 (42)	1772	104	2.28%
Canada	29836	878051 (2663)	22043 (29)	22989	581	2.35%
Tunisia	26708	234231 (562)	8047 (25)	19682	676	1.90%
Uganda	25053	40395 (28)	334 (0)	865	7	0.38%
Malaysia	24563	304135 (1555)	1141 (6)	9317	35	5.23%
Chile	24128	832512 (2742)	20684 (24)	43302	1076	3.27%
Ecuador	22977	286725 (358)	15850 (18)	16089	889	3.82%
Paraguay	22939	161530 (1082)	3218 (20)	22463	448	4.79%
Ethiopia	22348	160813 (841)	2386 (13)	1376	20	4.08%
Austria	20291	462769 (1920)	8605 (31)	51187	952	3.11%
Nigeria	20022	156496 (479)	1923 (8)	747	9	2.11%

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Costa Rica	18783	205514 (428)	2820 (8)	40099	550	1.18%
Kenya	17747	106470 (345)	1863 (4)	1952	34	1.85%
Estonia	16783	67739 (1111)	605 (7)	51042	456	12.30%
Pakistan	16648	583916 (1388)	13013 (75)	2604	58	1.60%
West Bank & Gaza	16483	187309 (1973)	2063 (5)	36161	398	5.84%
Mozambique	16452	59914 (307)	665 (12)	1882	21	5.54%
Moldova	16403	187847 (1400)	4002 (27)	46639	994	4.95%
Japan	13736	433700 (922)	8005 (65)	3435	63	1.58%
Slovenia	11983	191056 (732)	3863 (9)	91892	1858	2.69%
Finland	11890	58645 (581)	755 (5)	10573	136	7.01%
UAE	11520	396771 (2721)	1253 (15)	39797	126	5.35%
Malawi	11191	32148 (140)	1053 (5)	1652	54	3.24%
Kuwait	11161	193372 (1341)	1092 (7)	44839	253	3.81%

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Lithuania	10792	199825 (427)	3263 (10)	74100	1210	2.50%
Libya	10672	134967 (840)	2216 (6)	19466	320	3.16%
Qatar	9921	164600 (463)	259 (0)	58622	92	1.98%
Jamaica	9781	23838 (239)	432 (7)	8027	145	8.44%
Latvia	9254	87103 (645)	1638 (17)	46525	875	5.33%
N Macedonia	8720	103746 (726)	3151 (7)	49798	1512	3.69%
Montenegro	8638	76868 (585)	1023 (8)	122378	1629	5.07%
Kosovo	8334	70285 (1834)	1616 (24)			5.04%
Panama	8048	342019 (599)	5871 (13)	78446	1347	1.23%
Belarus	7693	289136 (869)	1993 (8)	30605	211	3.01%
Oman	7644	142169 (361)	1580 (3)	27380	304	1.53%
South Korea	7504	90816 (444)	1612 (6)	1762	31	2.97%
Myanmar	7232	141965 (49)	3199 (0)	2598	59	0.13%

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# Country Risk Assessment

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Uruguay	7189	59171 (582)	617 (6)	16994	177	8.78%
Denmark	6943	212912 (532)	2368 (2)	36554	408	1.72%
Bahrain	6591	123531 (492)	453 (1)	70975	260	3.50%
Venezuela	6529	139934 (389)	1353 (5)	4930	48	2.11%
Guatemala	6518	175411 (758)	6412 (10)	9672	354	1.90%
Lesotho	6434	10497 (2)	295 (0)	4874	137	0.29%
Morocco	5646	484159 (393)	8645 (8)	13014	232	0.51%
Armenia	5518	172456 (240)	3200 (5)	58126	1079	1.03%
Botswana	5511	30727 (0)	332 (0)	12894	139	9.78%
Ghana	5444	84023 (0)	607 (0)	2667	19	3.88%
Sudan	5438	30417 (53)	1895 (5)	641	43	0.70%
Australia	5170	28996 (10)	909 (0)	1128	35	0.20%

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\* Indicates moved down a risk category

## HIGH RISK 1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Congo (Kinshasa)*	4873	26050 (88)	711 (4)	285	8	3.48%
Syria	4696	15696 (54)	1039 (7)	883	58	2.64%
Senegal	4542	34832 (100)	888 (8)	2045	52	4.56%
Cuba	4333	51587 (997)	328 (4)	4556	29	10.45%
Afghanistan	3966	55759 (26)	2446 (2)	1412	62	0.20%
South Sudan	3832	8144 (134)	95 (1)	722	8	12.84%
Somalia	3423	7518 (126)	249 (6)	464	15	16.92%
Sri Lanka	3367	83870 (318)	483 (7)	3906	22	3.41%
Malta	2931	22993 (336)	319 (3)	51982	721	7.34%
Luxembourg	2929	55632 (152)	641 (2)	87922	1013	2.30%
Croatia	2893	243458 (394)	5548 (11)	59550	1357	1.27%
Zambia	2890	79557 (555)	1104 (6)	4249	59	5.00%
Azerbaijan	2807	235014 (352)	3225 (2)	23040	316	0.68%
Maldives	2612	20144 (165)	62 (0)	36835	113	5.49%

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# Country Risk Assessment

## HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Saudi Arabia	2571	378002 (302)	6505 (5)	10747	185	0.62%
Cameroon	2569	35714 (0)	551 (0)	1324	20	5.50%
Haiti	2415	12493 (45)	250 (0)	1090	22	1.47%
El Salvador	2283	60491 (625)	1869 (8)	9295	287	2.08%
Namibia	2254	39182 (149)	430 (2)	15237	167	3.28%
Georgia	2161	271379 (461)	3532 (12)	68117	887	0.88%
Nicaragua	2090	6489 (44)	174 (1)	972	26	0.68%
Zimbabwe	1687	36148 (33)	1472 (4)	2409	98	0.66%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1673	8820 (0)	128 (0)	1573	23	2.21%
Mali	1651	8420 (30)	355 (0)	408	17	1.14%
Kyrgyzstan	1570	86356 (48)	1468 (1)	13085	222	0.41%
Eswatini	1536	17086 (61)	652 (0)	14626	558	1.45%
Gabon	1474	14849 (0)	87 (0)	6569	38	6.50%
Burundi	1448	2224 (7)	3 (0)	183	0	8.23%

## HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Rwanda	1374	19111 (125)	265 (1)	1452	20	4.11%
Togo	1189	7086 (153)	85 (0)	843	10	8.75%
Sierra Leone	1182	3889 (2)	79 (0)	481	10	0.69%
Benin	1116	5434 (0)	70 (0)	441	6	0.00%
Bahamas	1031	8519 (0)	179 (0)	21526	452	0.49%

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# US Risk Assessment

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
California	1660125	3577966 (4417)	52798 (307)	90190	1336	0.97%
New York	842303	1656684 (6381)	47818 (99)	87058	2470	3.13%
Florida	740973	1918100 (7179)	31135 (136)	89306	1450	2.06%
Arizona	687755	818670 (849)	16060 (80)	112474	2206	0.98%
Virginia	522466	578559 (1385)	8943 (160)	67783	1048	1.99%
South Carolina	510247	518823 (847)	8576 (14)	100767	1666	2.30%
Georgia	498333	1011807 (3147)	17480 (104)	95297	1646	2.07%
Maryland	365588	383170 (468)	7905 (26)	63379	1308	1.45%
Kentucky	353743	406201 (1075)	4671 (19)	90920	1046	1.77%
Kansas	291954	296654 (10)	4700 (0)	101930	1630	0.86%
New Jersey	235160	795785 (3289)	23321 (48)	89593	2626	2.96%
Indiana	217400	662750 (537)	12623 (28)	98445	1875	0.86%
Alabama	199300	494421 (652)	9991 (60)	100837	2038	1.10%
Colorado	187710	430615 (776)	5959 (7)	74776	1035	1.91%

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Missouri	173125	495812 (373)	8297 (14)	85147	1394	0.67%
Texas	168350	2668091 (7300)	44186 (277)	92160	1533	1.91%
Connecticut	168252	283128 (502)	7658 (7)	79412	2148	2.27%
Washington	166435	341441 (733)	4988 (19)	45261	664	1.68%
Oregon	153812	156037 (250)	2225 (13)	36995	528	1.53%
Rhode Island	116544	126849 (261)	2525 (8)	119741	2384	2.04%
Michigan	91255	649057 (1642)	16544 (25)	64991	1657	1.44%
Delaware	85767	87193 (113)	1426 (4)	89542	1464	2.25%
Illinois	76211	1189326 (1569)	22803 (44)	93863	1800	1.02%
Idaho	75029	171836 (374)	1871 (4)	96155	1047	1.15%
Pennsylvania	62626	938296 (2474)	24062 (78)	73491	1890	1.91%
Wisconsin	60527	618307 (607)	7050 (36)	96968	1106	0.79%
Alaska	58500	58802 (155)	302 (2)	77135	409	1.72%
Nebraska	43550	201346 (400)	2084 (2)	104087	1077	0.97%

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# US Risk Assessment

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Nevada	43161	294289 (309)	4967 (10)	95544	1613	0.93%
Iowa	42469	364782 (646)	5498 (26)	115473	1743	1.06%
Ohio	36635	968874 (0)	17346 (0)	83033	1484	1.11%
New Mexico	33161	185542 (245)	3740 (11)	88487	1784	1.19%
North Carolina	32282	863409 (1239)	11288 (34)	82323	1076	1.98%
Maine	31430	44944 (181)	703 (0)	33435	523	2.69%
Massachusetts	28867	582844 (301)	16182 (38)	84562	2348	1.90%
Hawaii	27380	27818 (33)	438 (0)	19510	310	1.31%
Utah	16293	371979 (487)	1949 (9)	116027	608	1.13%
Louisiana	13161	431271 (767)	9647 (19)	92771	2075	1.21%
Tennessee	13125	776337 (644)	11436 (15)	113679	1675	1.16%
Oklahoma	12531	424999 (111)	4534 (56)	107405	1146	1.13%
District of Columbia	10637	40767 (83)	1019 (0)	57764	1444	2.26%
Mississippi	10409	295295 (301)	6724 (43)	99221	2259	1.38%

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Puerto Rico	7561	100735 (151)	2040 (3)	54130	602	1.25%
West Virginia	6692	132184 (136)	2301 (1)	73757	1284	1.55%
Minnesota	6627	485655 (425)	6558 (4)	86115	1163	1.15%

## HIGH RISK (1,000-5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Arkansas	4106	322949 (440)	5417 (0)	107015	1741	1.97%
Vermont	2407	15372 (88)	206 (1)	24635	330	4.43%
New Hampshire	2274	75803 (215)	1170 (0)	55749	860	2.48%
South Dakota	1975	112652 (182)	1888 (0)	127339	2134	0.98%
Montana	1587	100158 (155)	1372 (15)	93713	1284	1.12%

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