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IS COVID-19 SET TO MAKE UNWELCOME RETURN VISIT TO UNITED KINGDOM?

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Britain is bracing for another bout of bad news: World Health Organisation (WHO) chiefs have raised the alarm of a new Covid variant making its rounds. They say it is more dangerous than the previous variants.

The new variant called BA.X, or Pirola as it is also called, is now classified as a “currently circulating variant” that has come under the WHO’s microscope.

The alarm has also been sounded as recently as last



Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson oversaw tough masking up and lockdown rules in the UK during two years of the pandemic. Photo SHAMLAL PURI

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President Xi Jinping's Speech At The China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday, August 24, gave the keynote speech titled “Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Create a Great Future for China and Africa” at the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue event in South Africa's Johannesburg, calling for unity and just

international order while discussing how China plans to work with Africa for the betterment of the continent. It is a great pleasure to co-chair with President Ramaphosa the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue. I feel a particular warmth seeing my African friends face to face after five years,

to celebrate our friendship and chart the way forward for our cooperation. I wish to thank all the colleagues for attending the dialogue, and send sincere greetings to leaders of other African countries who are not with us today.

Africa is a fertile land of hope in the

21st century. This is my 10th visit to the continent. Each time, I feel the new development and changes in Africa. As the Organization of Af-

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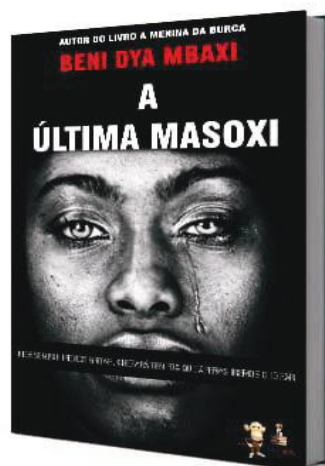
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It should be noted that the play was exhibited by the "Students of the School of Art and the Muximana girls", and it should also be remembered that the book won a distinction in 2021 in South Africa with the global prize for African writers, in the category of empowerment at children. The book *The Last Masoxi* was launched for the first time in England, in London and later in Angola, in Luanda. The young writer is the author of seven published works. This year, two of her books, namely "The girl in the Burca and the Last Masoxi", arrived in Brazil by Editora Cintra, from São Paulo, Brazil.



Angolan writer, Beni Dya Mbaxi

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Inspiration

Life Behind The Window

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Worth Noting:

It's just that we need to consider everything, we need to think in such a way that the shiny life behind that window cannot deceive us. We would like to cite an exemplary story as proof of our opinion. The only daughter of a great prince fell ill with a serious illness. Despite the efforts of many doctors, the disease did not go away from him. Then a wise man saw the girl and told the king that there is a cure for this disease. Dressing a girl in the shirt of a man who has no pain and is happy with his life.

Then the king invited all his ministers and servants to this work. They searched every corner of the country and neighboring countries and could not find a person without pain.

From behind the window, life looks different to me, as if everyone is happy except me. Indeed, perhaps. Thoughts and imaginations lead to boundless oceans. It seems to me that I have come back from the old days, even though I am wandering in the ocean for a moment. As I walk through Oman with a thousand difficulties, I witness various events. Most importantly, I understand that the life that is seen behind the window is a lie. Now I want to share with you the events that rejected these dreams. Just think, are you the only one having trouble? No, of course, how many people live a life full of problems than us?!

How many are those who have not breathed before birth, who see the bright world only in dark colors, who cannot carry the world on their heads and moan like we do when they stumble upon small obstacles?!

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Then the king invited all his ministers and servants to this work. They searched every corner of the country and neighboring countries and could not find a person without pain. On the way back drowning in the river of understanding, he met an old man who was leading his sheep in the heat of the desert and explained the matter to him. The old man said that he was not sick and was happy with his life. Then the king's officials said that if they really help them, they will give them gold equal to the height of the king. They asked him to give him his shirt instead. But let them see with their eyes that he has no shirt. But he is so satisfied and happy with his life that everyone around him is surprised. The lesson of the story is that it is in our hands to spend our life happily, to decorate it with special charms.

Don't complicate life, just live with a smile. How to spend the miracle of life from dawn to dusk is in our hands. It's just that we are far from being ungrateful. Because it affects our heart, our dreams, our whole life. We often hear the phrase "look at life differently". When we receive this advice from someone, it seems that the person is being smart. They have not walked the roads that we have crossed with our feet. Only we know where the traps are set at every step. I know...

But we should take it as just a formula. This is the



Ergashova Mehriniso Husniddin

simplest formula for overcoming difficulties and dark days. Everyone has problems, there is no one without pain. But the most important thing is not to darken our hearts by being deceived

by the beautiful life behind the window...

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EAC Heads Of State Summit Chair Officiates Swearing In Ceremony Of EACJ Judge

The Chairperson of the Summit of the East African Community Heads of State, Évariste Ndayishimiye, Tuesday, at the Ntare State House in Bujumbura, officiated over the swearing in ceremony of the newly appointed Judge of the East African Court of Justice in the Appellate Division, Justice Omar Othman Makungu from the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Judge was appointed in absentia during the 21st Extra Ordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State, that was held in Bujumbura, Burundi on 31st May 2023.

The Summit accordingly designated the Chairperson of the Summit to preside over the swearing in ceremony of the Honourable Judge at a later date, in accordance with Section 3 of the East African Community Oaths Act of 2019.

Justice Omar Othman Makungu, who currently serves as a Judge in the Court of Appeal of the United Republic of Tanzania replaces Lady Justice Sauda Mjasiri, who attained the mandatory retirement age of 70 years on 19th June, 2023.

Upon taking his Judicial Oath and Oath of Allegiance to the East African Community, the Chairperson of the Summit congratulated the Justice Makungu and wished him well in his judicial functions.



The Oath of the new Judge was administered by the Deputy Registrar Her Worship Christine Mutimura, assisted by Dr. Anthony L. Kafumbe, the Counsel to the Community. The swearing in ceremony was at-

tended by Domine Banyankimbona the Minister of Justice/Attorney General of the Republic of Burundi, Justice Nestor Kayobera the Judge President of the EACJ, Salvator Marcus Mbilinyi the Head of Chancery

and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania in Burundi, Severin Mbarubukeye the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports

and Culture, among other dignitaries.

Christine Muchira

DRC

Eastern DRC: UN food aid hangs in the balance amid severe funding crunch



The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is grappling with a dire humanitarian crisis

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The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is grappling with a dire humanitarian crisis fuelled by ongoing political instability and armed conflicts, severely impacting the entire food supply, the UN World Food Programme (WFP) said on Tuesday.

The situation is particularly alarming in the east, where malnutrition has taken hold among 4.4 million people, exacerbated by compromised health services, lack of clean water, and an uptick in gender-based violence, highlighted Peter Musoko, WFP Country Director, during a press briefing in Geneva.

“In my conversations with those displaced in eastern DRC, I was struck by their strength in the face of adversity. Their challenges, such as the daily struggle to secure enough food and the additional dangers women face when seeking sustenance, are deeply concerning,” he said. “It is evident that the assistance we

provide, though impactful, must be reinforced to ensure their well-being”.

Flexible funding has enabled WFP to procure vital complementary supplies such as pulses, oil, and salt, ensuring a comprehensive nutritional approach.

Critical juncture

However, the UN agency’s lifesaving programmes are at a crossroads due to a significant funding shortfall. “The stark reality is that our operations hang in the balance and are at a critical juncture,” Musoko said. While WFP managed to provide food aid to some 1.2 million people in July, funding has almost dried up. Without additional funding, he said it was unlikely “will even approach half of our intended target,” Musoko added. WFP requires a total of \$728 million for its response efforts in eastern DRC, but a staggering funding gap of \$567 million equivalent to 78 percent of the required funds for the next six months threatens to hamper relief efforts.

The WFP official highlighted that the situation demands immediate attention.

“Lives are at stake, and the cost of inaction has untold consequences for the people,” he said, urging governments, donors, and humanitarian partners “to stand with us in this time of need.”

World’s worst food insecurity

Globally, DRC has the world’s largest number of food insecure. One in four Congolese, about 25.8 million people, cannot meet their basic food needs. Compounding the crisis are outbreaks of preventable yet severe diseases such as measles, yellow fever, cholera, and malaria, which take a significant toll each year due to inadequate infrastructure, limited health access, and low vaccination coverage.

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BRICS

Xi says BRICS important force in shaping international landscape

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- BRICS countries invariably advocate and practice independent foreign policies, said Xi, adding that they always address major international issues based on their merits, making fair remarks and taking fair actions.
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Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov pose for a group photo during the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, Aug. 23, 2023. The 15th BRICS Summit was held in Johannesburg on Wednesday. PHOTO/ COURTESY

By: **Xinhua**

Chinese President Xi Jinping said here on Wednesday that the BRICS is an important force in shaping the international landscape.

BRICS countries choose their development paths independently, jointly defend their right to development, and march in tandem toward modernization, which represents the direction of the advancement of human society, and will profoundly impact the development process of the world, Xi said in a speech delivered at the 15th BRICS Summit.

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No matter how the international situation changes, the BRICS's commitment to cooperation since the very beginning and the common aspiration will not change,

he added.

Xi also noted that BRICS countries gather at a crucial time to build on their past achievements and open up a new future for BRICS cooperation.

He called on all members to navigate the trend of the times and stay in the forefront.

BRICS members should always bear in mind their founding purpose of strengthening themselves through unity, enhance cooperation across the board, and build a high-quality partnership, Xi said.

All BRICS countries, he added, should help reform global governance to make it more just and equitable, and bring to the world more certainty, stability and positive energy.

Xi called for efforts to deepen business and financial cooperation among BRICS countries to boost economic growth.

Xi said the world economic recovery remains shaky, and challenges for developing countries are even more formidable, hampering their efforts to realize the Sustainable Development Goals.

"Development is an inalienable right of all countries, not a privilege reserved for a few," Xi said.

He called on BRICS countries to be fellow companions on the journey of development and revitalization, and oppose decoupling and supply chains disruption as well as economic coercion.

BRICS countries should focus on practical cooperation, particularly in such fields as digital economy, green development, and supply chain, and bolster economic, trade and financial exchanges, Xi said.

He added that China will set up a China-BRICS Science

and Innovation Incubation Park for the New Era to support the deployment of innovation results.

Xi called on BRICS countries to expand political and security cooperation to uphold peace and tranquility.

"The Cold War mentality is still haunting our world, and the geopolitical situation is getting tense," Xi said.

The BRICS countries should keep to the direction of peaceful development, and consolidate the BRICS strategic partnership, Xi said, adding that members should make good use of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the Meeting of High Representatives on National Security and other mechanisms, support each other on issues concerning their respective core interests, and enhance coordination on major international and regional issues.

"We need to tender good offices on hotspot issues, pushing for political settlement and lowering the temperature," he said.

Noting that artificial intelligence (AI) is a new area of development, which not only can bring huge development dividends, but also contains risks and challenges, Xi said the BRICS countries have agreed to launch the AI Study Group at an early date.

"We need to enable the study group to play its full role, further expand cooperation on AI, and step up information exchanges and technological cooperation," he said.

The BRICS members should also jointly fend off risks, promote the establishment of an international mechanism for universal participation, and develop AI governance frameworks and standards with broad-based

consensus, so as to continuously make AI technologies more secure, reliable, controllable and equitable, he added.

Also in his speech, Xi said human history will not end in one civilization or one system.

"There are many civilizations and development paths in the world, and this is how the world should be," he said.

"We should increase people-to-people exchanges and promote mutual learning between civilizations," he added.

The Chinese leader said BRICS countries need to champion the spirit of inclusiveness, advocate peaceful coexistence and harmony between civilizations, and promote respect of all countries in independently choosing their modernization paths.

"We need to make good use of such mechanisms as the BRICS seminar on governance, the BRICS forum on people-to-people and cultural exchanges, and the Women Innovation Contest to deepen people-to-people exchanges and strengthen the bond between our peoples," he noted.

Xi also said that China would like to propose that BRICS countries expand cooperation on education, enhance the role of the BRICS alliance for vocational education, explore and set up a cooperation mechanism on digital education, and foster a paradigm of all-round cooperation on education.

In addition, he also urged BRICS countries to strengthen exchanges on traditional cultures and promote the renewal of fine traditional cultures.

Xi urged BRICS countries to uphold fairness and justice, and improve global governance.

Xi said strengthening global governance is the right choice if the international community intends to share development opportunities and tackle global challenges. International rules must be written and upheld jointly by all countries based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, rather than dictated by those with the strongest muscles or the loudest voice, he said.

Xi also said ganging up to form exclusive groups and packaging their own rules as international norms are even more unacceptable.

BRICS countries, Xi said, should practice true multilateralism, uphold the

UN-centered international system, support and strengthen the WTO-centered multilateral trading system, and reject the attempt to create small circles or exclusive blocs.

"We need to fully leverage the role of the New Development Bank, push forward reform of the international financial and monetary systems, and increase the representation and voice of developing countries," he added.

Addressing the summit, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa expressed his concerns that global financial and payment systems are increasingly being used as instruments of geopolitical contestation.

He also said new realities call for a fundamental reform of the institutions of global governance so that they can be more representative and better able to respond to challenges.

The BRICS group supports the rise of a multipolar world order, and opposes attempts made by some countries to assert their hegemony, Russian President Vladimir Putin said at the summit in a virtual address.

"We are all unanimously in favor of the formation of a multipolar world order that is truly just and based on international law," the Kremlin reported Putin as saying at the summit.

"We are against any kind of hegemony, exclusivity, which is being promoted by some countries," Putin said.

Putin noted that the BRICS group is strengthening economic cooperation in such fields as supply chain diversification, de-dollarization and transition to national currencies in mutual settlements.

Putin outlined the importance of enhancing cooperation in other fields such as innovation, and in the creation of safe transport routes.

The future-oriented strategic course of BRICS meets the aspirations of the global majority, Putin said, adding that the BRICS group is tackling some of the most pressing issues on the global and regional agenda.

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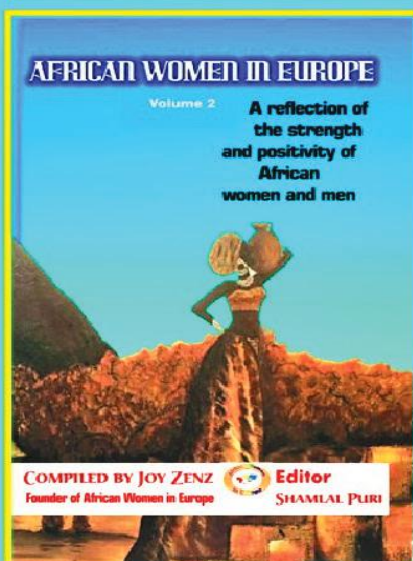
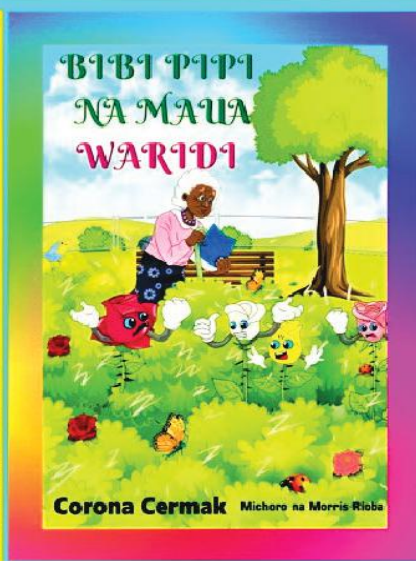
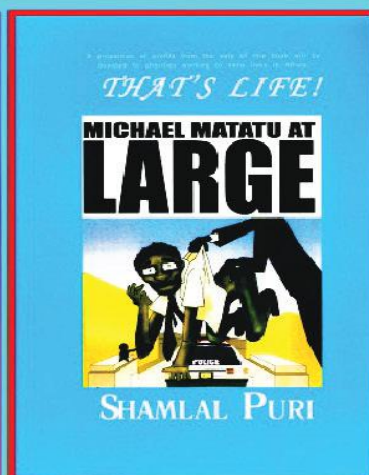
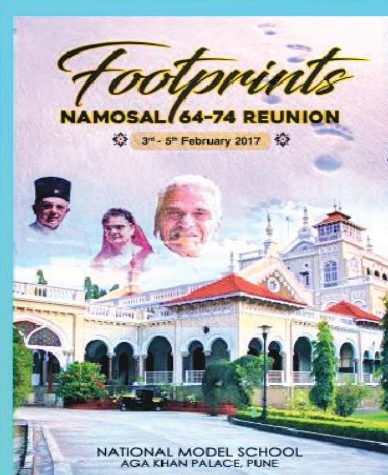
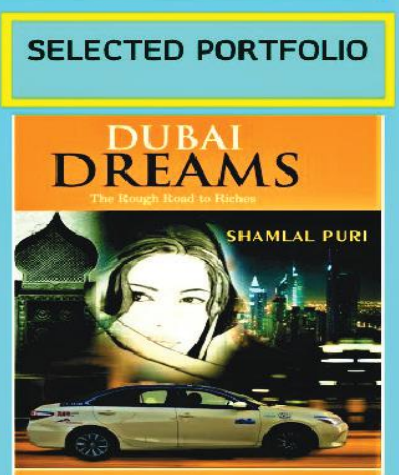
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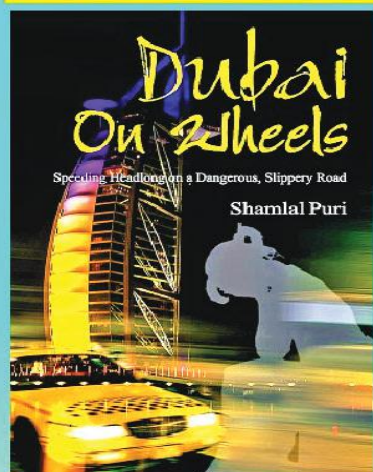
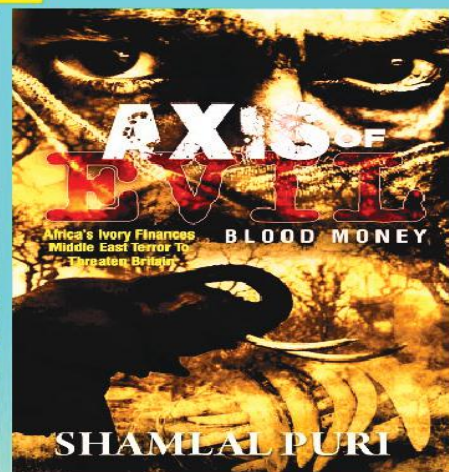
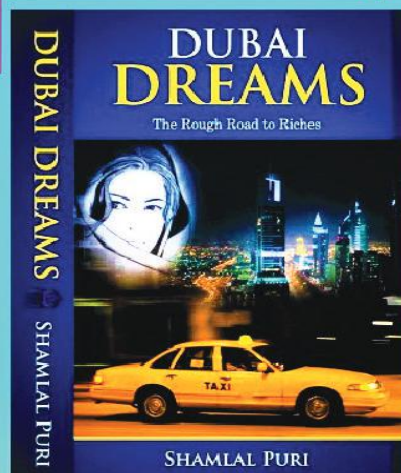
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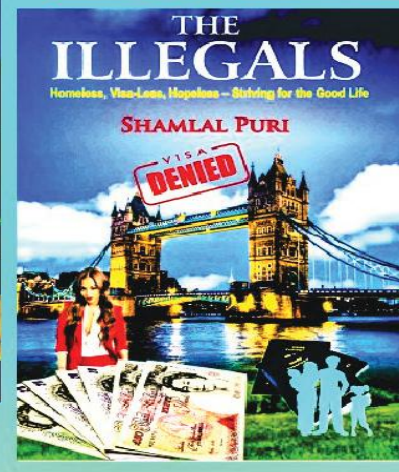
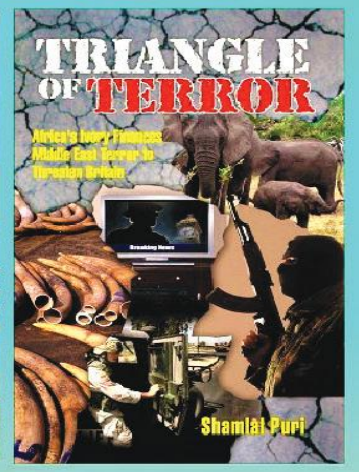
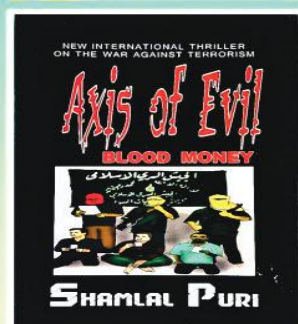
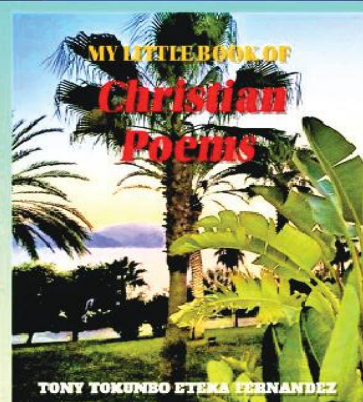
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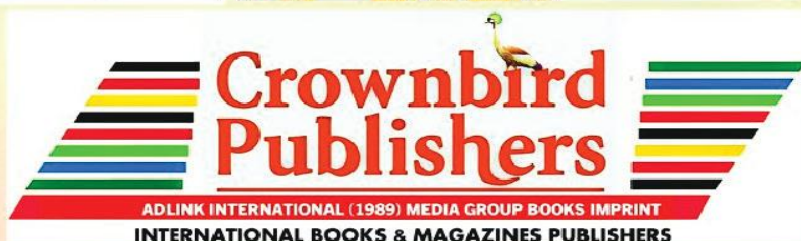


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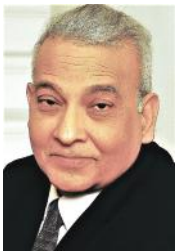
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week, another corona variant, which has been named as the new subvariant of omicron BA.2.86, was found in Denmark on 18 August, according to the Copenhagen-based Statens Serum Institut (SSI). Isolated cases of the same variant have also been detected in Israel, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The subvariant differs significantly from the other omicron variants that have been seen in the past, and it is designated as a 'Variant under monitoring' by the WHO.

"It is unusual for the corona to change so significantly and develop 30 new mutations. The last time we saw such a big change was when omicron appeared", says a senior researcher at SSI, Morten Rasmussen.

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SSI says they will announce the results, and raw sequencing data will also be shared at the European Nucleotide Archive. The resource will be made widely available because COVID-19 is not confined to the borders of just one country but the whole world.

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Still, observers say that no chances should be taken as even a speck of a strain could lead to a full-blown crisis.

The United States, where the strain has also been found, takes it more seriously than others.

The CBS media reports said a laboratory at the University of Michigan detected the first US case.

Scientists there were concerned about BA.X's collection of mutations.

There may be a sigh of temporary relief in the UK as the deadly BA.X has not wholly entered the UK borders in the past few weeks; however, there is a mention of the BA.2 variant and the EG.5 or Eris in the UK, The UK, Prof. Paul Hunter, an infectious diseases specialist, told a TV news network that it could be most likely in the UK, adding that if "it's not now, it probably will be very soon."

COVID experts are saying it could soon be necessary for lockdown measures to be introduced, including the return to wearing masks, which were discontinued when Boris Johnson was the Prime Minister after the public rebelled.

Primary Health Care expert Dr Trisha Greenhaigh, Professor at Oxford University, tweeted, "It looks like it's once again time to mask up." People still remember when the original Coronavirus hit the world. It was dismissed as a mere cold, but its devastating consequences led to millions of deaths.

Scientists have warned that it is highly transmissible as it has been feared initially. Though a few cases of this strain are detected in the Western world, it is just a matter of time; it could increase if not controlled immediately.

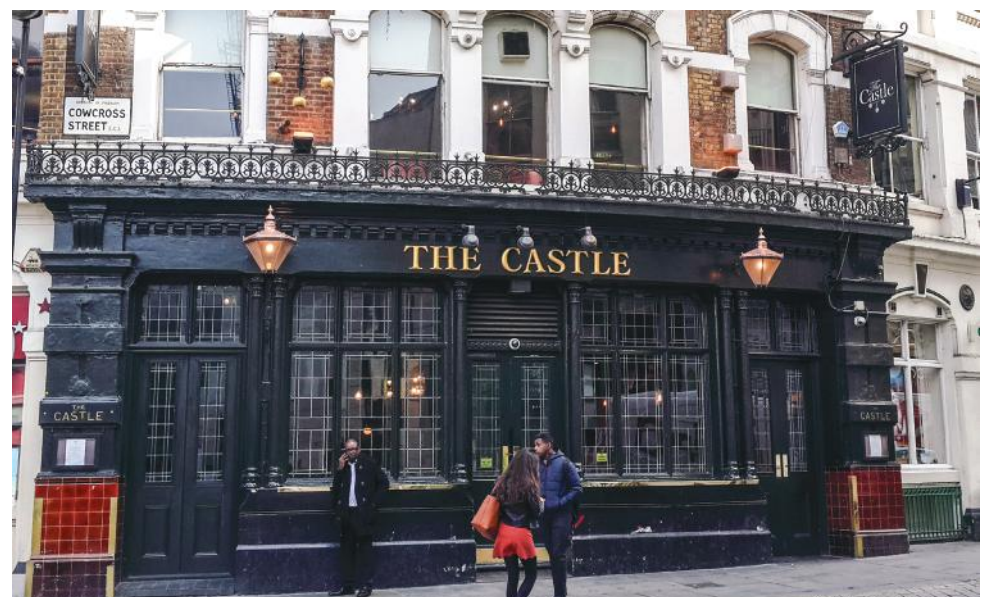
The previous rigorous



Makeshift Covid testing centre in London where tests were undertaken to detect new cases. I nearly got arrested taking this picture! as security objected. I had to put up a verbal fight and assert my right to freedom of the press. Photo © SHAMLAL PURI



Then Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak, now the Premier, had to find the cash to fund the Covid crisis of 20-22. File Photo Shamlal Puri



During the lockdowns, businesses and pubs were shut, causing huge losses that still haunt the economy. Photo © SHAMLAL PURI.

checks on arriving passengers in the UK have long been relaxed, and anyone can walk through customs and immigration as long as

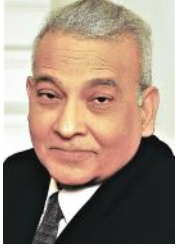
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Many Britons do not bother getting booster vaccines despite mediocre half-hearted publicity at medical centres. Even though the medical fraternity is still looking into the threats of the new variants, the Government mustn't be complacent.

It is still too early to say anything about the severity and contagiousness of the new variant. SSI is in the process of researching and growing the virus variant to test it against antibodies.

"It is clear that we react when we see something completely new; that is the job. But none of the three preliminary cases have had symptoms other than those normally seen during Covid-19. We also have a strong expectation that the vaccines with this variant will provide good protection against serious disease", Tyra Grove Krause, Executive Vice President for Epidemiological Infectious Disease Preparedness, SSI, said in a statement.

Undoubtedly, there is a lot of international attention to the findings. The SSI continuously shares information about the cases detected in Denmark with international researchers and health authorities to find a joint response to fight in the event of any pandemic.

To say COVID-19 was eradicated during the global pandemic is to understate the truth. It is very much here and continues to wreak havoc despite the initial vaccines and the follow-up boosters in the UK.

Plans are underway to pro-

vide the 2023 booster, the sixth vaccine in the periodic sequence, in the autumn, and posters have already gone up in hospitals inviting those eligible.

However, what seems to be described as Covid-19 vaccine fatigue' as fewer people are coming forward to receive the jab.

In the beginning, Western powers arrogantly pretended that the Coronavirus was a "third world" disease created in a lab in Wuhan, China and exported to decimate the world.

But the Covid Calling Card hit the Western countries, killing millions, and they sprang into action.

Over 760 million cases and 6.9 million deaths have been recorded worldwide since December 2019, but the actual number is considered higher.

In the United States alone, 1.127 million people died; in Europe, 2.16 million deaths, including 229,250 in small islands like the United Kingdom.

I still remember standing and reporting outside the city's hospitals where terminally ill Covid patients could not see their loved ones. I recall one sad scene where an elderly lady came to the window to see her weeping 30-year-old daughter. The elderly lady was weakly waving at her as she turned around to return to her bed in the hospital; she wobbled and fell, and her daughter, still at the window, saw her disoriented mother's life ebbing away.

Millions of us are lucky to survive the global apocalypse. We are among over 13 billion people worldwide who have received vaccine doses as of June 2023.

Many people ask how much the UK Government spent fighting the pandemic.

According to the official information, the public will likely never know the total that the Government spent and continues to spend in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is because the costs of the pandemic include not only spending on new programmes that directly deal with the effects of the pandemic but also higher indirect costs associated with the major changes in society

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Reduced to begging...job losses during the pandemic left thousands on the streets. Can the UK afford another lockdown? Photo © SHAMLAL PURI



The elderly will continue getting care for Covid even after the rest of the country will have to pay for their tests and jabs. Photo Courtesy, Shamlal Puri

and people's behaviour in 2020.

These indirect costs are much harder to measure.

According to the UK Parliament's official briefing on Coronavirus, Economic impact has more on the economic impact of Covid-19 firm figures are not possible to ascertain.

Various official organisations have, therefore, come up with different estimates for the total amount of public money spent on the pandemic.

The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in very high levels of public spending. Current estimates of the total cost of government Covid-19 measures range from about £310 billion to £410 billion. This is the equivalent of about



Covid ward nurse on duty at a British hospital. Photo SHAMLAL PURI Courtesy

Zimbabwean President Mnangagwa Re-Elected

Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa has been re-elected for a second five-year term, after garnering 52.6 percent of the total votes cast in the Aug. 23-24 elections, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) announced on Saturday.

Mnangagwa beat 10 other presidential contestants after polling 2,350,711 votes, ZEC chairperson Priscilla Chigumba said.

Mnangagwa's main challenger and opposition Citizens for Coalition Change (CCC) leader, Nelson Chamisa, got 1,967,343 votes or 44 percent of the valid votes cast, Chigumba said.

According to Zimbabwean law, a presidential winner must get 50 percent plus one vote of the total valid votes cast.

"Mnangagwa Emmerson Dambudzo of ZANU-PF party is declared duly elected president of the Republic of Zimbabwe with effect from Aug. 26, 2023," Chigumba said. According to the ZEC, Mnangagwa's ruling ZANU-PF party has won the majority of the 210 parliamentary seats.

Zimbabweans voted on Wednesday and Thursday, with a voter turnout of 68.9 percent, to choose a new president, members of parliament and representatives of local governments.

HARARE, ZIMBABWE - AUGUST 03: President Elect Emmerson Mnangagwa steps onto the lawn to pose for photographs after attending a press conference on August 3, 2018 in Harare, Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) officials last night announced the re-election of President Emmerson Mnangagwa of the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union - Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF). The election was the first since Robert Mugabe was ousted in a military coup last year, and featured a close race between Mnangagwa and opposition candidate Nelson Chamisa of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC Alliance). Deadly clashes broke out earlier in the week following the release of parliamentary election results, amid allegations of fraud by Chamisa and MDC supporters. (Photo by Dan Kitwood/Getty Images)



India

Indian Navy aircraft lands in Indonesia from Malabar exercise

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The Indian Navy's P-8I, Multi Role Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti-Submarine Warfare aircraft landed at Jakarta Airport on return transit post participation in Ex Malabar-23 on Saturday.

During the stoppage, the aircraft took part in the complete gamut of military, constabulary, benign and diplomacy roles of the Indian Navy.

On the occasion, India's Ambassador to Indonesia and Timor-Leste, Sandeep Chakravorty visited the aircraft and interacted with the crew where he discussed growing cooperation between India and Indonesia in the maritime security domain.

While the Ambassador was briefed on the various MDA upgrades and ASW operations being carried out by the powerful P-8I aircraft in

the IOR.

The 27th edition of joint defence Exercise MALABAR between the naval forces of India, the United States, Japan, and Australia concluded on the East Coast of Australia off Sydney on Monday. The exercise saw the participation of Ships, Submarines and aircraft from the Indian Navy, Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) and the US Navy (USN), according to an official release. Exercise MALABAR 23 was conducted in two phases, which included a harbour phase from August 11-15 and a sea phase from August 16-21.

An indigenously built destroyer, the INS Kolkata, a frigate, the INS Sahyadri, and a maritime patrol aircraft, the P8i, served as the Indian Navy's representation.



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£4,600 to £6,100 per person in the UK.

Official figures show that spending in 2020/21 was about £177 billion higher than had been planned before the pandemic for that year.

Some of the main ones are as follows. Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) The OBR – the UK's official independent fiscal watchdog – estimated in March 2022 that the total cost of "pandemic-related support measures" would be £311 billion, or around £4,631 per person in the UK. The OBR estimated that this total broke down to £229 billion in 2020/21, £78 billion in 2021/22, and much smaller amounts (£1 billion per year or less) in subsequent years. This is significantly lower than the OBR's earlier estimate of £346 billion in March 2021. The difference largely comes from various programmes, such as NHS Test and Trace, costing less than expected. 1 National Audit Office (NAO) The NAO, a Parliamentary organisation that audits government departments and examines value for money in public spending, has estimated that the total cost of all COVID-19 support measures will eventually come to £376 billion, or £5,603 per person.

Many will ask: How did the Government pay for extra Covid-19 spending?

Taxes and other government income eventually pay for all public spending, but the amounts raised by these methods fell during the pandemic (which is common during economic recessions). The Government compensated for this shortfall by increasing borrowing to £313 billion in 2020/21. The interest rates on government debt were low then so that the Government could borrow cheaply; however, with higher government debt, any increases in the interest rates on the debt would make it more expensive to pay off.

This week, UK doctors were urging those eligible for the sixth booster vaccine not to have them yet but instead wait for manufacturers such as Moderna to update their shot to protect the vulnerable against the new strains better. These should provide more powerfully formulated jabs based on subvariants of the omicron strain.

Covid cases have nearly



Cash crunch... placard during the workers union strike in London says it all about the pay crisis in the National Health Service. Photo © SHAMLAL PURI



Walk-in patients taking their Covid-19 vaccine at this health Centre in London. Photo © SHAMLAL PURI



Statens Serum Institut Copenhagen has warned about the new strains of the Covid virus variant that have already hit several countries, including the UK, Photo Courtesy Lasse Stilvange



A sign in a London public Park which advised-social-distance. Would this return? Photo © SHAMLAL PURI

doubled recently, but medical experts believe that waiting a few weeks longer for the updated dosage of the vaccine could control future issues of this killer disease. The situation seems dire, and the prompt injection of funds needed to roll on the new boosters could be the proverbial stitch in time to avoid a flare-up of pandemics seen in the past.



Wards at the prestigious London Hospital were filled with Covid patients during the 20-22 pandemic. Photo _ SHAMLAL PURI

Sino-Africa

President Xi Jinping’s Speech At The China-Africa Leaders’ Dialogue

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frican Unity marks its 60th anniversary this year, I wish to convey heartfelt congratulations to you all and to the African people. Over the past 60 years, under the banner of Pan-Africanism, African countries have made big strides on the path of independence, seeking strength through unity and integration. You have demonstrated the strength of Africa in the struggles to uphold multilateralism and the common interests of developing countries. With steady progress under Agenda 2063 of the African Union (AU), the official launch of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and growing coordination among the subregional groups, Africa is becoming an important pole with global influence.

In 2013 after I became Chinese President, I was here in Africa for my first foreign visit and announced the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith for China’s Africa policy. Over the past 10 years, China has stayed committed to this principle. Together with our African friends and drawing strength from the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation, we have pressed ahead on the path of solidarity and cooperation, stood for justice amid shifting global dynamics, and looked out for each other in face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have taken China-Africa relations to new heights and entered the new stage of jointly building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future.

Colleagues, China is marching toward the Second Centenary Goal of building itself into a great modern socialist country in all respects that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful when the People’s Republic marks its centenary. We are pursuing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization. Africa is moving at an accelerated speed toward the bright prospects envisioned in Agenda 2063, and making all-out efforts to build a new Africa that enjoys peace, unity, prosperity and strength. China and Africa must work together to create a sound environment for realizing our respective development visions.

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The African people have the most say on which path suits Africa best. Advancing modernization through integration is the independent choice made by African countries and people. On this path to modernization, China has all along been a firm supporter, and walking side by side with Africa. Over the years, China has helped Africa build a large amount of connectivity infrastructure, carried out extensive cooperation with the AU and subregional organizations, and assisted the construction of several signature Pan-African projects, including the AU Conference Center and the Africa Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Looking ahead, China will work with Africa to enhance the synergy of our development strategies. Through Belt and Road cooperation and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), and in light of Agenda 2063, China will intensify dialogue and communication with Africa at various levels, and support the African agencies for integration, including the AfCFTA Secretariat, the Pan-African Payment and Settlement System and the African Union of Broadcasting, among others, in creating cooperation mechanisms with China. China will continue to support Africa in speaking with one voice on international affairs and continuously elevating its international standing. China will work actively at the G20 Summit next month to support the AU’s full membership in the group. China supports making special arrangements on the U.N. Security Council reform to meet Africa’s aspiration as a priority. China will call on multilateral financial institutions to enhance the say of African countries.

To chart the course for our practical cooperation in the next stage and help Africa bring its integration and modernization into a fast track, I wish to make the following three proposals:

—China will launch the Initiative on Supporting Africa’s Industrialization. China will better harness its resources for cooperation with Africa and the initiative of businesses to support Africa in growing its manufacturing sector and realizing industrialization and economic diversification. In implementing the nine programs under the FOCAC framework, China will channel more resources of assistance, investment and financing toward programs for industrialization.

—China will launch the Plan for China Supporting Africa’s Agricultural Modernization. China will help Africa expand grain plantation, encourage Chinese companies to increase agricultural investment in Africa, and enhance cooperation with Africa on seed and other areas of agro-technology,

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to support Africa in transforming and upgrading its agricultural sector. China will host the second Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Agriculture in Hainan this November.

To help Africa tackle the current food crisis, China will provide additional emergency food assistance to African countries in need. More importantly, China has confidence that Africa will attain food self-sufficiency through its own efforts.

—China will launch the Plan for China-Africa Cooperation on Talent Development. China plans to train 500 principals and high-caliber teachers of vocational colleges every year, and 10,000 technical personnel with both Chinese language and vocational skills for Africa. China will invite 20,000 government officials and technicians of African countries to participate in workshops and seminars. To support Africa in strengthening education and

innovation, we will launch the China-Africa Universities 100 Cooperation Plan and 10 pilot exchange programs of China-Africa partner institutes.

Colleagues,

The world today is undergoing transformation and turmoil, and changes unseen in a century are unfolding at a faster pace. At this point of history, we all face the tasks of how to address the deficit in development, overcome security challenges and enhance mutual learning between civilizations. In view of this, I have put forward the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative and the Global Civilization Initiative, called for peace, development, cooperation and mutual benefit, and advocated building a community with a shared future for mankind. These proposals have received the extensive support of African countries. China and Africa, through our creative explorations for modernization, are giving our answers to the questions of our times, and making joint efforts to advance the great endeavors of win-win cooperation, harmonious coexistence and shared prosperity



of civilizations.

Next year, China will host the FO-CAC meeting, where we may come together again and draw up new plans for our development. It is a big gathering that both sides are looking forward to. I am confident that Chi-

na and Africa will carry forward the traditional friendship, enhance solidarity and coordination, and bolster our cooperation across the board. As we join hands to advance modernization, we will deliver a better future for the Chinese and African

people, and set a fine example in the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. Thank you.

BRICS

PM Modi congratulates 6 countries invited as BRICS members, says India supports expansion of the grouping

AGENCIES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday congratulated leaders and people of Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE over the decision on their full membership of BRICS and said India has always supported the expansion of the organisation. In a statement in the presence of other leaders from BRICS countries, PM Modi said India has always believed that adding new members will strengthen BRICS as an organisation.

“India has always supported the expansion of BRICS. India has always believed that adding new members will strengthen BRICS as an organisation,” he said. PM Modi said India has “historic ties” with all the new members of BRICS.

He said India will also contribute to other countries wanting to join as partner countries of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). In his remarks, South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the outcomes of the 15th

BRICS Summit and said the grouping will be expanded.

“We’ve reached an agreement to invite Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and UAE to become full members of BRICS. The membership will come into effect from January 2024,” Ramaphosa said. Participating in the BRICS Summit on Wednesday, PM Modi had said India fully supports the expansion of the BRICS membership and welcomes moving forward with consensus in this.

“In 2016, during India’s chairmanship, we defined BRICS as Building Responsive, Inclusive, and Collective Solutions. After seven years, we can say that BRICS will be – Breaking barriers, Revitalizing economies, Inspiring Innovation, Creating opportunities, and Shaping the future. Together with all the BRICS partners, we will continue to contribute actively in making this new definition meaningful,” he said.



inister Narendra Modi (left) with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa during the BRICS summit held in Johannesburg in August 2023.

Princess Lalla Hasnaa

Princess Lalla Hasnaa receives the children of Al-Quds in 14th summer camps

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By: Dismas Otuke

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Supporting Online Learning In The Countryside

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Annotation: This article describes the effectiveness and challenges of online learning in rural areas. The findings of the study reveal that e-learning is a huge challenge for rural schools with a lack of online learning resources, skilled teachers, and so on.

Keywords - rural region, online learning, lack of equipment, internet, education

Abstract
To this day students in the rural region can not have enough learning resources because of the limitation of time space and the unequal allocation of educational resources. Today many schools are not connected to the internet and frequent power outages are among the main problems of educational institutions.

It is a pity that many rural schools are not provided with the necessary equipment and the quality of education is low. Some schools even lack sufficient-

ly qualified science teachers. But fortunately, the interest of rural children in learning is high. But there are not enough conditions for them. Even in some subjects, there is also a lack of science teachers. They have appealed in this regard, but there is no result. There are no conditions for online education for students. In today’s modern age, online learning is essential. It provides many conveniences to students because not all children of the same family can go to additional courses due to financial constraints. By participating in an online course, they can develop their knowledge and learn new knowledge.

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ditional support from their communities; however, those living in rural areas have low incomes and are busy making money. They usually do not participate in and support the activities and pay less attention to the student’s learning. According to the concept of equality of educational opportunity, the public association should ensure that students receive equal educational resources, regardless of the presence of social, racial, economic, and geographic barriers. Ensuring truly equal educational opportunities for every student is not easy. Despite the development of information technology and easy access to computers, there is still a lack of educational resources in schools in rural areas due to limited time and space and uneven distribution of educational resources. School teachers are always busy not only with their teaching work but also with many tedious school tasks, such as implementing excellent classroom management strategies. Due to the small number of learners, these rural schools usually have very little budget to cover the costs of equipment maintenance, additional teaching materials, and remedial education for under-achieving students. Unfortunately, many rural schools lack the necessary equipment and teachers. Failure to solve this problem creates difficulties for many rural students. The reason is that they have well-equipped and qualified teachers to provide them with a good education. They are forced to study in city schools. The reason is that the level of good education is very low due to deficiencies in rural schools. Which causes financial difficulties for many families. So online learning is more convenient for them in every way. Since online learners can easily participate in online classes and learn whenever and wherever they want. Online learning gives them the opportunity to get new information and get the knowledge they want. In addition, online learning has several advantages.

1. Efficiency - Online learning offers teachers an efficient way to deliver lessons to students. Online learning has a number of tools such as videos, PDFs, podcasts, and teachers can use all these tools as part of their lesson

plans. By extending the lesson plan beyond traditional textbooks to include online resources, teachers are able to become more efficient educators.

2. Accessibility Of Time And Place - Another advantage of online education is that it allows students to attend classes from anywhere they choose. It also allows schools to reach a wider network of students, rather than being limited by geographic boundaries. In addition, online lectures can be recorded, archived and shared for future reference. This allows students to use the learning material at their convenience. Thus, online education offers students time and space in their education.

3. Affordability - Another advantage of online education is reduced financial costs. Online learning is much cheaper than physical learning. This is because online education eliminates student transportation, student meals, and most importantly, real estate costs. Additionally, all course or study materials are available online, creating a paperless learning environment that is much cheaper and better for the environment.

4. Student attendance improved - Since online classes can be taken at home or from a location of your choice, students are less likely to miss classes.

5. Suits A Variety Of Learning Styles - Every student has a different learning journey and learning style. Some students learn visually while some students prefer to learn through audio. Likewise, some students thrive in the classroom while other students are solitary learners who are distracted by large groups. An online learning system can be personalized in many ways with its capabilities and resources. This is the best way to create the perfect learning environment that fits the needs of each student.

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Politic And Human Ideas

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Politics is the art of state management. Its highest goal is to achieve the highest prosperity. You can never separate the state from politics, and politics from the state. According to Aristotle, the study of political science is the study of the state. After the first President I.K. However, the only way for the development of the state is politics. However, political science, law and economics are studied almost separately in Uzbekistan. However, economics, law and similar sciences without politics are like living without breathing. The writer Lauren Bowman says in her work that “only passing through the forest wilderness is the surest way to the Universe.” To me, Olam is state development, and forest wilderness is an “undervalued” or “abandoned” policy. That is why I want to become a political scientist and inform the society and the state about the importance and main tasks of politics. Only then we can develop our country and conduct good politics. A new policy is also needed to build a new country, and in my opinion, the study and teaching of a new policy is in the hands of political scientists. In fact, political science should be taught to students not only in higher education institutions, but also in secondary education institutions.

It is the task of political scientists to make such changes and inform about politics. My goal is to thoroughly study politics and gain knowledge about management and power systems, political activity, political thought, and political behavior. After all, “put politics to work, otherwise politics will put you to work,” says R. Nader. It is known that studying political science, like other fields, has its difficulties and hardships. It is not for nothing that the German scientist Albert Einstein said: “Politics is more difficult than physics.” Therefore, in order to have a difficult profession as a political scientist, we must take a stronger approach, because the development and future of the state and society are in the hands of future political scientists. Therefore, we young people must study and search and be worthy children of our ancestors. We are “descendants of the Great Ones”. Don’t be a stone to the muses, You are a descendant of the great, get up, do not lie under the feet. I am Shodiboyeva Dinora Doniyorovna, born on May 10, 2004 in Khavos, Syrdarya region. I graduated from school in 2019 and studied Jurisprudence at Gulistan Academic Lyceum for 2 years. I was accepted to study in the field of political science. I took pride of place in many regional and republican science Olympiads. I am the captain of the girls’ summit.I was awarded with the Order of the Creator of Development



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Mother

My Mother Is My Heaven

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My mother is not ordinary, she is my superhero. She supports and encourages me every step of the way. I am always by my side, regardless of the circumstances, day or night. In addition, his every work, determination, loyalty, selflessness, behavior inspires me. I love my mother. We must respect our elders. But I respect my mother in a completely different way, she took care of me even when I could not speak and walk. My mother is the only one who understood me what I want through one collection. In addition, my mother taught me to walk, talk and take care of myself. Similarly, every big step I have taken in my life is all because of my mother. Because if my mother had not taught me to take small steps, I would not have been able to take this big step. My mother is a symbol of honesty, love and sincerity for me. My mother is always praying. Mom is ready to give us everything, but does not ask for anything in return. Mother’s



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care for each of us in our family encourages me to do the same in the future. Although my mother is not physi-

cally strong, she is able to overcome any obstacles for her life and family. She encourages me to be like that and never gives up when times are

tough. Most importantly, my mother encourages me to be thorough in every way and to learn. My favorite words of my mother: “Don’t try again and again until you succeed, my child, every time you start with the experience you got from the previous failure.” When I’m not having a good day or when I hear something from my dad, I always run to my mom because she saves me from any problems. Whether it’s a small homework or a big problem, she’s always there for me. If I was afraid of the dark, he would become my light and save me from that darkness. Also, if I couldn’t sleep at night, she would hold my head on her lap until I fell asleep. Every mother is a special person for her children. She is a wonderful teacher, a dear friend, a strict teacher. If there is a person who loves us more than our mother, it is only Allah. Not only my mother, but every mother who sacrifices her life for her family deserves praise and applause. Thanks to our mothers, we learned to read and write, to solve all kinds of problems encountered in life...

We learned to distinguish between good and bad, and we ourselves were able to treat the people around us well. My mother taught me to appreciate life and every moment. She taught us to be hardworking and responsible people. My mother taught us to value people, to take care of loved ones, not to hurt children and to respect adults. Soyibova Nozigul Orifjon’s daughter was born on October 29, 2005 in Furqat district of Fergana region. Currently, she is a 1st-year student of foreign language literature: English language department of QDPI (Kokhan State Institute) in Kokhan region. 85.6% in mother tongue, holder of B2 certificate in English. Currently, she teaches students in these subjects. She is a gold medalist. She is interested in fiction. She writes articles and stories in her spare time

Wang Yi: Xi's visit enhances China-Africa traditional friendship

Worth Noting:

- Xi attended the 15th BRICS Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa and paid a state visit to South Africa from Monday to Thursday. While in the country, Xi co-chaired with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue.
- This is Xi's fourth state visit to South Africa as Chinese president, Wang said, adding that the Chinese president had long and in-depth talks with Ramaphosa.
- During their talks, Xi called on both sides to remain strategic partners with high-level mutual trust, development partners for common progress, friendly partners with deep mutual understanding and goodwill, global partners safeguarding justice, and to jointly build a high-level community with a shared future for the two countries.



Xinhua

Chinese President Xi Jinping's South Africa trip enhances the traditional friendship between China and Africa, builds new consensus on South-South cooperation and adds positive energy to peace and development, Wang Yi, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and foreign minister, said on Friday. Xi attended the 15th BRICS Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa and paid a state visit to South Africa from Monday to Thursday. While in the country, Xi co-chaired with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue.

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Wang said that Xi's visit yielded fruitful results, as the two heads of state witnessed the signing of a number of bilateral cooperation documents in such fields as the Belt and Road cooperation, new energy and electricity, agricultural products, special economic zones and industrial parks, blue economy, scientific and

technological innovation, and higher education.

The visit demonstrates the important consensus and shared interests of the two countries on major international issues, Wang said.

During the visit, Xi pointed out that BRICS should not become a closed and inward-looking group, instead it should be an open and inclusive platform to attract new members and pool new forces, which meets the practical development needs of BRICS and serves the common interests of BRICS countries, according to Wang.

The BRICS summit made a political decision to invite Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Argentina, Iran and Ethiopia to join BRICS, and extended welcome to other interested and eligible developing

countries to join the group, Wang pointed out, saying that this is a major historic moment in the development process of BRICS.

Noting that there are various paths leading to modernization, Xi said during the visit that the African people have the most say on which path suits Africa best, and advancing modernization through integration is the independent choice made by African countries and people.

On this path to modernization, the Chinese president added, China has all along been a firm supporter, and walking side by side with Africa.

Xi reaffirmed China's support for the African Union to join the Group of 20, announcing that China will host the ninth conference of the Forum on China-Af-

rica Cooperation next year, Wang said.

African leaders said the African side firmly adheres to the one-China policy, supports the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, and the Global Civilization Initiative proposed by President Xi, and will continue to push for high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, Wang added, highlighting Xi's remarks that China has been and will always remain a member of developing countries.



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New Uzbekistan

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Worth Noting:

Below, we focus on the global ranking of Uzbekistan's industries:

- It is in the 2nd place in terms of cotton fiber export and "Karakol" production.
- 3rd in Cadmium Mining, Cotton Export and Uranium Export
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- 5th in Cotton Production and 2019 list of Safest Countries for Solo Travelers.
- It ranks 8th in terms of gold mining.
- It ranks 39th in the world index of military power.
- It ranks 100th in terms of birth rate.

Today, along with all developing countries in our world, Uzbekistan also has its place in the world community. First of all, we can mention that, first of all, it is our peace, the purity of our sky, and the stable politics built in our country. For almost 32 years, the name of Uzbekistan has been spread, known and recognized throughout the world. In this, the role of the representative who was able to formulate the most correct strategy and unite the nation is special. Currently, friendly relations are being established in our country with neighboring countries and other regional countries through export and import activities. Education is the highest goal that new Uzbekistan has set before entering the world stage. In addition, the concepts developed in the development of the economy are growing with their positive achievements. He was able to show who Uzbekistan is and to what extent it has developed in all fields, i.e. sports, art, tourism and economy. Especially in the field of sports, no matter what kind of competitions, the flag of Uzbekistan will not be waved. At a time when there is unrest and war in other countries, Uzbekistan is moving towards development and growth.

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In the current era of globalization, a country that pays great attention to Uzbek youth and opens wide opportunities and opportunities for them is rare on our planet. Especially, the free education organized in Uzbekistan, in addition to attracting and encouraging young people to read, is



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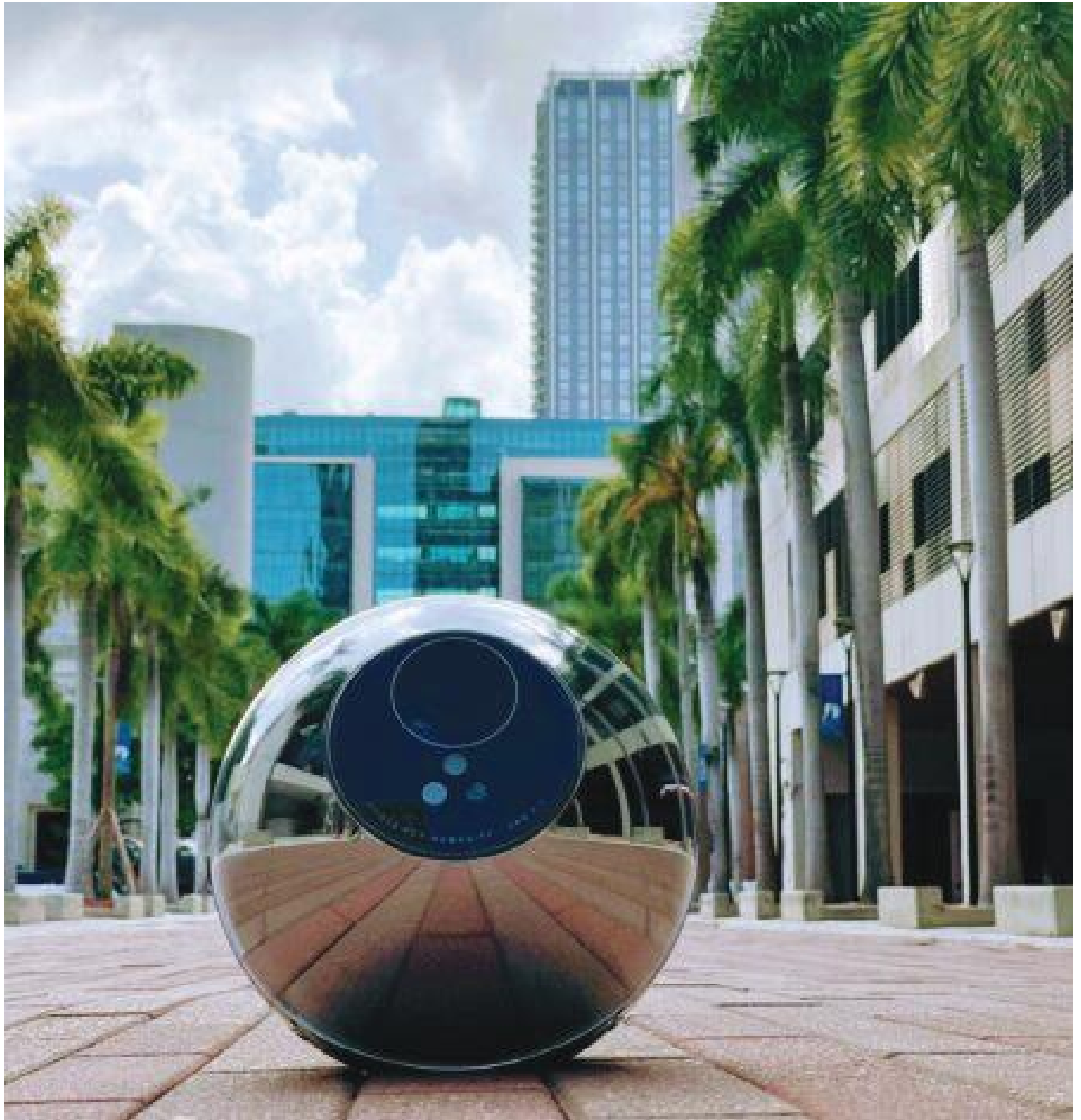
definitely worthy of praise. In particular, from 2021, attracting our young people to reading and rewarding them with monetary prizes is proof of our word. Also, provision of free books, educational materials, and school equipment to schoolchildren. Allocating additional quotas to young students, encouraging talented young people with grants and scholarships are among the wide opportunities for young people in our country. In addition, in order to support young entrepreneurs, they also receive assistance money. Now, if we pay attention to the numbers and results, the activity of the "5 ta harakatlar strategiyasi" has been launched under the Youth Union of Uzbekistan. Relevant projects, such as "Sport ustasi", "Bir million dasturchi", "Eng yaxshi kitobxon oila" are being implemented. In order to encourage young men and women who are working effectively in various fields, achieving high results and setting an example for their peers, the "Brave Boy" state award and "Kelajak bunyodkorlari" medal were established. During the past period, 113 young people were awarded the "Brave Boy" state award, and 75 were awarded the "Builder of the Future" medal. In conclusion, we can say that the new Uzbekistan, with the support of its great generation and ancestors, is developing and rising together with its talents, nation and young people who are thirsty for true knowledge. Our highest happiness is "El aziz - inson aziz" in our New Uzbekistan.

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10 things Kenya must do to enhance its Data Protection

Worth Noting:

- **Consumer Redress Mechanisms:** To ensure consumer protection in digital currency transactions, the government should establish efficient mechanisms for citizens to seek redress in case of disputes, fraud, or unauthorized transactions. These mechanisms will reinforce confidence in digital transactions and deter potential wrongdoers.
- **Collaboration with International Bodies:** The government should actively engage with international organizations and regulatory bodies to share best practices and insights regarding digital currencies.
- **Collaborative efforts** can help Kenya adopt global standards while customizing them to suit local needs.
- **Promotion of Domestic Digital Currency Solutions:** To provide alternatives and reduce reliance on global digital currencies like WorldCoin, the government could promote the development of domestic digital currency solutions that align with Kenyan economic and financial objectives.



1. **Comprehensive Regulatory Framework:** The government must swiftly establish a comprehensive regulatory framework specifically tailored to digital currencies like WorldCoin. This framework should cover aspects such as licensing, taxation, consumer protection, and anti-money laundering measures. A clear regulatory environment will not only safeguard Kenyan citizens but also provide guidelines for businesses and individuals to engage with digital currencies responsibly.

2. **Robust Data Protection Laws:** With the increasing reliance on digital currencies, the government should enhance existing data protection laws and ensure they align with international standards.

These laws must govern how digital currency transactions are processed, stored, and shared to prevent unauthorized access, breaches, and identity theft.

3. **Financial Literacy Campaigns:** The government should initiate extensive financial literacy campaigns to educate Kenyan citizens about the risks and benefits of using digital currencies like WorldCoin. Citizens should be informed about potential scams, phishing attacks, and fraudulent schemes that might arise in the digital currency ecosystem.

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misinformation.

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10. **Engagement with Industry Stakeholders:** The government should actively engage with industry stakeholders, including fintech companies, banks, and blockchain experts. Collaborative efforts will result in well-informed policies that balance innovation and security.

Sudan: 'lost generation' of children amid war, hunger, disease: UN humanitarians

Worth Noting:

- Griffiths added that in West Kordofan's El Fula, humanitarian offices have been ransacked and supplies looted.
- He also expressed concern for the safety of civilians in Al Jazira in the eastern part of the country. The state was known for its wheat production and Griffiths underscored that the conflict was moving ever closer to "Sudan's breadbasket".
- "The intense fighting that has ravaged the capital Khartoum and Darfur since mid-April has spread to Kordofan. In South Kordofan's capital, Kadugli, food stocks have been fully depleted, as clashes and road blockages prevent aid workers from reaching the hungry. In West Kordofan's capital, El Fula, humanitarian offices have been ransacked and supplies looted. I am also extremely worried about the safety of civilians in Al Jazira State, as the conflict moves closer to Sudan's breadbasket." He said.



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The spread of fighting and hunger in Sudan could destroy the country, as the future of a "lost generation" of children lies in the balance, United Nations Humanitarian Chief Martin Griffiths said Friday. Griffiths said that the conflict spelled trauma for Sudan's youth and cited "deeply disturbing" reports that some children were being used in the fighting. He also warned that hundreds of thousands of children in the country were severely malnourished and "at imminent risk of death" if left untreated. Those children were particularly vulnerable to disease outbreaks, while access to medical treatment was lacking. A "staggering" 67 per cent of all main hospitals in areas affected by the fighting were already out of service as of 31 May, the UN

World Health Organization (WHO) said. Only 29 hospitals were operating fully or partially and were at risk of closure due to shortages of medical staff, supplies, water and electricity. Griffiths stated that the conflict had simply "decimated" Sudan's health care sector. The UN health agency warned that critical services, including maternal and child health care and management of severe acute malnutrition, have been discontinued in many areas. WHO noted the high prevalence of wasting and stunting among children, and said that cases of dengue, measles and acute watery diarrhoea were being reported across the country. The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) joined other UN humanitarians in sounding the alarm over the future of the country's youth, saying that "the lethal combination of measles, malnutrition and

displacement is putting lives of children at a very high risk if urgent action is not taken". According to UNICEF, at least two million children have been forced from their homes since the start of the conflict just over four months ago. The UN agency also deplored that as the conflict dragged on, an entire generation of young Sudanese was likely to miss out on education.

'Viral' spread of conflict

Humanitarians expressed fears of a long war given the relentless, "viral" spread of fighting across the country. Griffiths noted that the violence and ensuing food shortages had reached the country's Kordofan region. In South Kordofan's capital Kadugli, food stocks have been depleted while fighting and roadblocks barred aid workers from reaching

those in need, he said. Griffiths added that in West Kordofan's El Fula, humanitarian offices have been ransacked and supplies looted. He also expressed concern for the safety of civilians in Al Jazira in the eastern part of the country. The state was known for its wheat production and Griffiths underscored that the conflict was moving ever closer to "Sudan's breadbasket". "The intense fighting that has ravaged the capital Khartoum and Darfur since mid-April has spread to Kordofan. In South Kordofan's capital, Kadugli, food stocks have been fully depleted, as clashes and road blockages prevent aid workers from reaching the hungry. In West Kordofan's capital, El Fula, humanitarian offices have been ransacked and supplies looted. I am also extremely worried about the safety of civilians in Al Jazira State, as the con-

flict moves closer to Sudan's breadbasket." He said. With cross-border displacement nearing the one million mark, "a protracted conflict in Sudan could tip the entire region into a humanitarian catastrophe", Griffiths said. He called on the warring parties to "put the people of Sudan above the pursuit of power or resources", and on the international community to respond "with the urgency this crisis deserves". According to the UN humanitarian affairs coordination office (OCHA), the \$2.57 billion humanitarian appeal for Sudan is currently only 26 per cent funded, while funding for the response plan to support neighbouring countries has reached just over 30 percent.