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COP26 climate summit

(BBC)

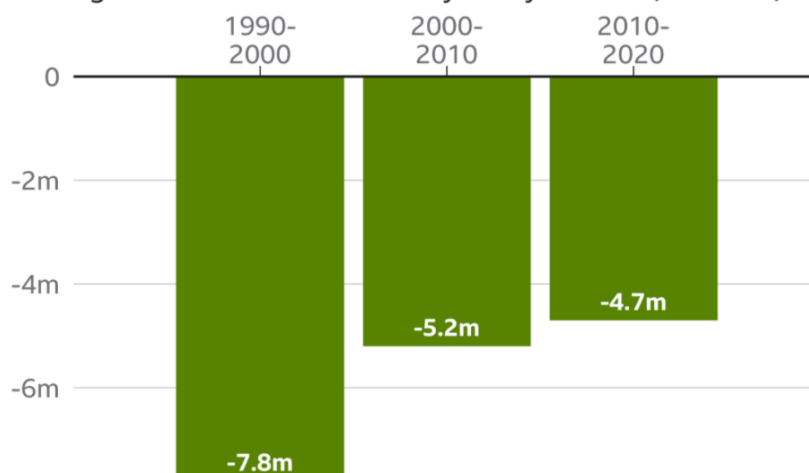
Last week, the COP26 summit in Glasgow officially began. It's main aim is for world leaders to effectively collaborate and agree on matters revolving around climate change, including attempting to contain the Earth's temperature to 1.5 degrees celsius. World leaders such as US president Joe Biden, UK prime minister Boris Johnson, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi were all present and contributed to discussion. However, Russia and China decided not to attend the summit, which some consider controversial due to their significance towards the issue. The summit will continue for the next 2 weeks, therefore there is hope that more concrete agreements will be made, in the world's last chances to combat climate change.

Fortunately, a major deal has already been reached, with "more than 100 world leaders promising to end reverse deforestation by 2030". The deal will be signed this Tuesday, marking a significant political commitment towards the resolution of this issue, with trees being one of the main defenders against global warming. Furthermore, the pledge includes £14 billion of funds, with a £1.1 billion fund being set up to protect the Congo Basin, the world's second largest rainforest.

(Further reading: <https://edition.cnn.com/world/live-news/cop26-climate-summit-intl-11-01-21/index.html>)

The world's forests are still decreasing in size

Average area of forest lost each year by decade (hectares)



Source: UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, 2020

BBC

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103rd Anniversary of CZSK

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Supreme court hears Abortion cases

(US Embassy CZ)

On Thursday, Czechs celebrated the day marking the establishment of the independent Czechoslovakia on October 28, 1918. Czechoslovakia as an independent state was established as one of the successor states of Austria-Hungary. The castle ceremony usually held on this date, at which major state honours are bestowed by the President, has been postponed until January 1 with Zeman currently hospitalized. Events marking Independence Day were also held in cities such as Brno, Olomouc and Ostrava.

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Today the Supreme Court began hearing two cases challenging Texas's abortion law, SB8. The cases, Whole Woman's Health v Jackson and United States v Texas, will determine if the law will stand. Plaintiffs argue that SB8 is an unconstitutional restriction on abortion, while the defendants argue that, because of the way the law is structured, the plaintiffs do not have standing to challenge it.

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Facebook becomes Meta

(DW, News)

As of Thursday October 28th, the company that owns Instagram and WhatsApp, earlier known as Facebook, is now "Meta". But the name change is not the only thing that is different now - CEO and Chairman Mark Zuckerberg wants to steer the company's focus into a totally different direction. He plans to spend about \$10 billion on hiring workers and developing technologies into developing what he believes to be the future of social media.

The "Metaverse" will be an augmented-reality-like space accessed through a pair of special glasses. This is different from virtual reality, where a whole new world is crafted around. However, this technology is really quite far off - Zuckerberg himself says it may take up to 10 years to make it accessible.

Facebook's Whistleblower, Frances Haugen, criticized this investment as she believes Facebook has to solve its current issues regarding user safety and privacy first before turning its focus into the future. Some agree with her, saying that "Meta" is just an attempt to expand into a nonexistent concept and profit off of recognition. This investment may change the internet forever, or just end up being a waste of money - and we will get to see the answer in the near future.

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Manchester United's chaotic game against Liverpool on Sunday October 24th ended in a huge loss of 5:0. Any loss at home that is this catastrophic results in the manager's position at risk. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is descending to new depths of disaster. The club is losing their cutting-edge reputation. Solskjaer still has a year in his contract left, however, there are a few reasons why he remains as the manager after Sunday's game, for now. Solskjaer's major advantage is the team's sense of loyalty towards him. In 1999, he won the Champions League as a player of Manchester United and due to this history he is receiving another chance to prove his position. The determination to refuse to give up has impacted Solskjaer to receive that chance. His contract was extended just this summer and the club doesn't want to deal with the publicity of another failed admission. Fortunately, Ronaldo's impressive goal rescued a point for Solskjaer's side at the end of United's and Atlanta game, which led to a draw. This resulted in much needed positive publicity to the team and future hope. The club is hoping that this scare result will navigate and motivate the manager to push the team to great results again.

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(United in Focus)



Trivia

Who is hosting the Kurandza Talent Show this week?

- a) Mr. Richards and Mr. Crane
- b) Neila Eichler and Maya Bashan
- c) Ayla Eichler and Sarah Eshanova
- d) Shaan Suri and Jasmine Suri

Answer from last issue:
Mr. Hesham's chosen major was (c) **mechanical engineering**

Make sure to check out next week's issue to find out the answer to this week's trivia question!

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