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Covid Protests in Europe



As cases continue to rise in Europe, many countries are taking measures over the winter. Due to new lockdowns and more vaccine laws, protests have sparked up in the Netherlands, Austria, Croatia, and the Caribbean. Rioting broke out at The Hague on Saturday over the Dutch government's decision to re-enter 3 weeks of lockdown and ban unvaccinated people from some venues. 5 police officers were injured, and 19 arrests were made. Violent clashes happened on Friday night, 19th in the port city of Rotterdam, where 51 people were arrested. On Saturday, 20th thousands of people joined a peaceful protest in Amsterdam against lockdown, in a slow march with torches across the city.

In Vienna, the same day, an estimated 40,000 people joined for the same cause; officers had "unidentified liquid" sprayed on them and gave up on neutralizing the scene. Austria is re-entering a nationwide lockdown on Monday, 22nd and vaccination will be mandatory starting February 2022. France sent dozens of police officers and counter-terrorism professionals to Guadeloupe, their island in the Caribbean, following looting and arson on Saturday over an overnight curfew. Lastly, in Zagreb, Croatia 15,000 people protested against the new law that only people with "Covid Passports" can enter government and public buildings.



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The Giving Tree Project

The Giving Tree is a project working under ISP's Community Service organization. We annually collect Christmas gifts for those in need, including women and children from St. Vincent shelter, disabled employees at Cafe Ad Astra, children in kids oncology at FN Motol, and people living in the Senior home in Šumperk.

This December, we're giving everyone the opportunity to donate a gift (or as many as you'd like!) to all these people, to make their holidays just that little bit better:)

Check out [THIS WEBSITE](#) to find all the info about the project and to find a person whom you would like to give a present to this year.

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New Covid Variant Omicron

(Reuters, BBC)

On the 26th of November, the World Health Organisation (WHO) classified a new variant of covid, Omicron, as a "variant of concern". This comes after it was first discovered in South Africa and reported to WHO on the 24th of November. It has now spread to multiple countries in the world, including the UK, Germany, Israel, and Portugal. A Czech woman has also tested positive for the variant when returning from her trip from Namibia. Additionally, the new variant was detected in 13 passengers from a South African flight to Amsterdam, with a total of 61 passengers testing positive for coronavirus. This sparks controversy regarding the safety of air travel. Fortunately, dr. Angelique Coetzee, one of the first who spotted the virus, says that the symptoms observed so far are "very mild." The most common clinical observations made have been "severe fatigue for one or two days." This is all still very recent, therefore make sure to check a reliable source for further updates, such as the live BBC page linked below.

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Pet Appreciation



NAME: LOLA
ANIMAL: CAT
OWNER: EMMA
FATOMA

FUN FACT: "SHE IS A RESCUE KITTEN AND CAN JUMP HIGHER THAN ANY CAT I'VE (EMMA) EVER SEEN."

SEND AN EMAIL IN THE CONTACT BELOW WITH YOUR PETS SO WE CAN APPRECIATE THEM!



Olympic Boycott

Last week, the Biden Administration announced that it would engage in a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics, meaning the government will not send an official delegation to the games hosted by China. The administration cited human rights abuses committed by the Chinese government, including human rights abuses against the Uyghurs and China's crackdown in Hong Kong, as the reason for the boycott. Since the announcement, the UK, Canada, and Australia have joined the U.S. The boycott, however, will not prevent U.S. athletes from competing in the events.



Texas Abortion Case Update

The Supreme Court issued a ruling regarding S.B. 8, the Texas abortion law that bans abortions after six weeks with no exception for rape or incest. The ruling allows abortion clinics in the state to sue certain licensing officials that would be responsible for S.B. 8 enforcement actions. The decision was narrowly focused and did not rule on the legality of the law itself. More challenges to the law are expected to make their way to the Court in the future.

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