

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

May 20, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

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## WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Today, the EU Parliament is expected to vote on a motion to formally freeze the EU's Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) with China over sanctions imposed by Beijing on several European lawmakers earlier this year.

The draft motion also reportedly calls for increased EU cooperation with the US on China policy, as well as attention paid to Taiwan. If passed, the motion will mark a further blow to EU-China relations and undermine the chances of the investment deal, seven years in the making, ever being ratified.



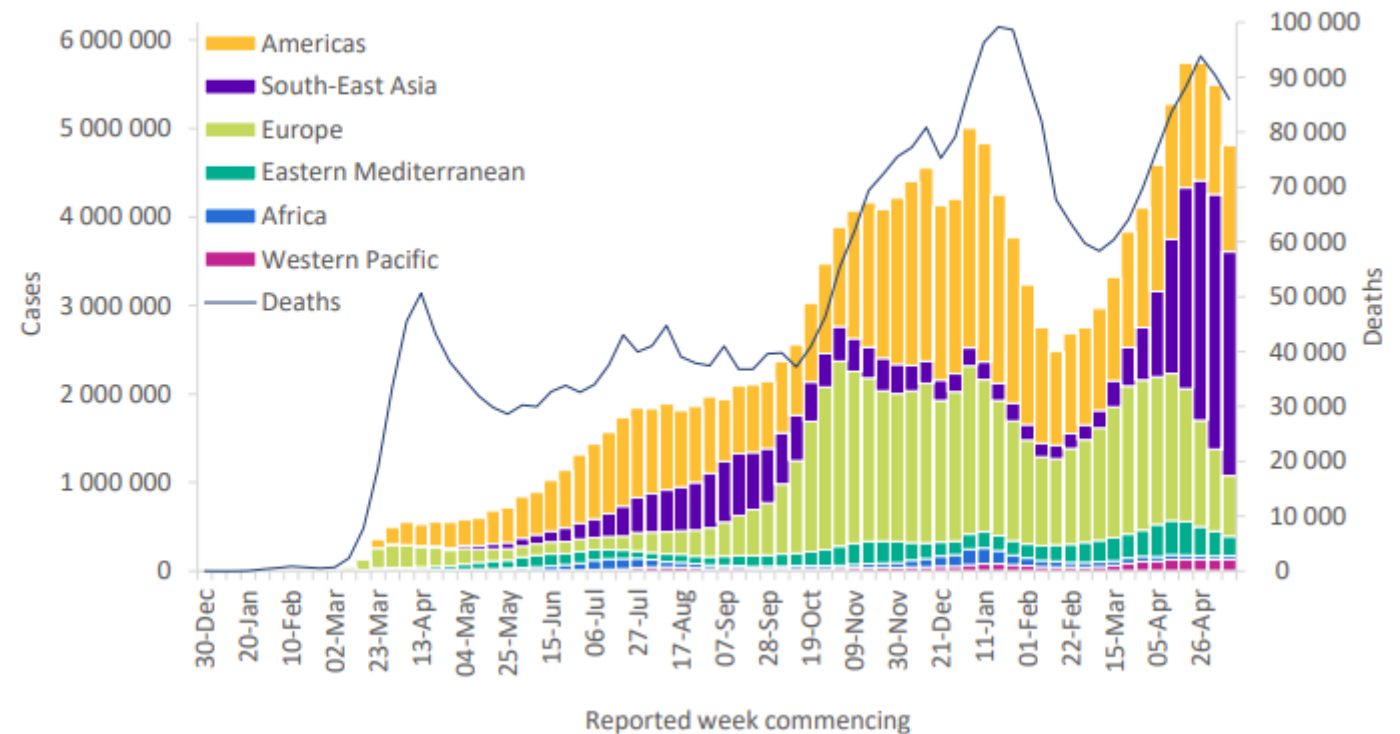
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# Global

Confirmed coronavirus infections topped 164.8 million with more than 3.4 million deaths.

Globally, in the past week, the number of new cases and deaths continued to decrease, although overall counts for both remained high with just over 4.8 million new cases and nearly 86,000 new deaths reported in the past week.

Figure 1. COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 16 May 2021\*\*



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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**Dr. Fauci said Wednesday that children in the US will likely be able to receive COVID-19 vaccines by the end of the year or beginning of 2022.**

- A letter published in the British Medical Journal on Wednesday urged G7 countries to **pay for two-thirds of the costs** required to vaccinate the global population.
- UK Prime Minister Johnson said there is “*increasing confidence*” that vaccines are effective against all **variants of COVID-19**.
- The US FDA has eased the **cold storage rules** for the **Pfizer-BioNTech** coronavirus vaccine so that the doses can be kept longer at normal refrigerator temperatures.
- Emergent BioSolutions said it has made enough ingredient for more than 100 million **Johnson & Johnson shots**.

# Markets & Business

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**German lender Deutsche Bank announced it will invest more than 200 billion euros (\$244 billion) into sustainable financing and investments by 2023, two years earlier than initially planned.**

- **Cryptocurrencies** saw a turbulent trading day Wednesday following signals of a Chinese crackdown digital currency; Bitcoin fell as much as 30 percent before regaining some losses.
- **Lowe's** booked a 26 percent year-on-year rise in fiscal Q1 sales in another sign of the continuing DIY boom.
- **Target and TJ Maxx** recorded surges in fiscal Q1 sales as reopening and stimulus money fueled consumer spending.
- **Kroger** became the latest US retailers to require customers and employees to wear a mask if they are fully vaccinated.
- **Microsoft** announced that it will officially retire Internet Explorer in June 2022.
- **Royal Dutch Shell** has agreed to sell its stake in a offshore gas field in the Philippines for \$460 million as part of its strategy to narrow its oil and gas operations.
- A number of European companies, including **Carrefour and LVMH**, have turned to share buybacks as they regain cash flow from economic recovery.

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# Africa

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- **Zambia's** main opposition candidate, Hakainde Hichilemare, was officially cleared to run for president.
- The UNHCR called on **Tanzania** to stop deporting asylum seekers fleeing violence in **Mozambique**.
- **Malawi** destroyed 20,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine that expired 18 days after arrival, despite assurances from the AU and WHO that the doses were safe until mid-July.
- **Kenya** set to appoint its first female chief justice.
- **Spain's** high court has served **Western Sahara** independence leader Brahim Ghali with a June 1 summons for a preliminary hearing in a war crimes case against him.



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# Asia

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- **China** released the first photos taken by its Zhu Rong Mars rover.
- Doctors in **Nepal** worry that the country's outbreak is on an even worse trajectory than India's.
- Officials in **Malaysia** are debating a full national lockdown as daily COVID-19 cases hit a record high of 6,075.
- **Taiwan** raised its alert level for the whole country after recording another 267 local infections. Taiwan will further curb water use in chip-making hubs as the country's drought persists.
- **Thailand** is aiming to vaccinate up to 70 percent of its population by September.
- A comment from Delhi's chief minister that a "*new form of corona found in Singapore*" is driving **India's** current wave of cases has prompted criticism from other Indian politicians and caused tensions with **Singapore**. India's top refiner cut crude processing by 10 percent.



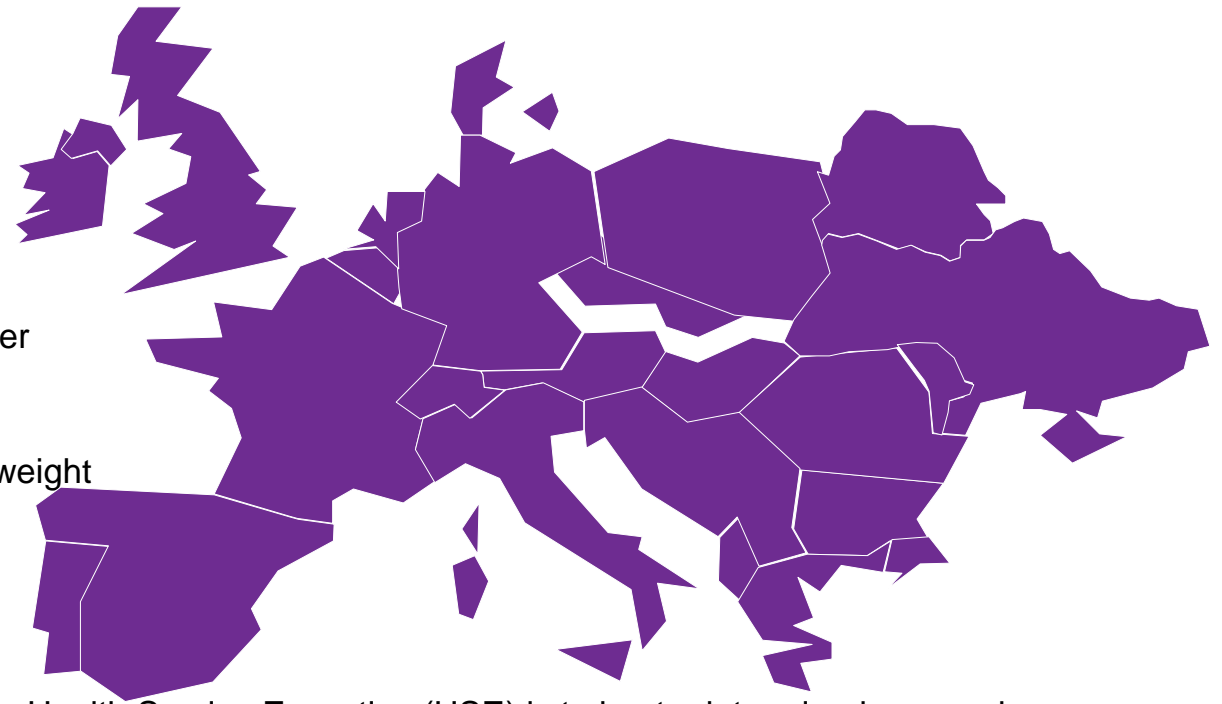
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# Europe

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- The **European** Central Bank warned that rising debt levels could trigger financial instability in the wake of the pandemic.
- **Scottish** first minister Nicola Sturgeon put former Westminster heavyweight Angus Robertson in charge of the push for a second independence referendum as part of a major cabinet reshuffle.
- Online files show that medical and personal information about **Irish** patients that was stolen last week is now being shared online; Ireland's Health Service Executive (HSE) is trying to determine how much patient data was compromised. **London's** Metropolitan Police have tripled amounts of cash seized within a year during the pandemic due to disruptions to money laundering operations.
- Armin Laschet gave his first big speech on foreign and defense policy since being elected as the center-right coalition's candidate for **German** chancellor in September elections; he called for the creation of a national security council and more "*proactive*" foreign policy.
- The number of new coronavirus cases in **Europe** dropped by 60 percent over the past month per the WHO, as vaccinations and other public health measures helped temper a winter surge. However, "*pockets of increasing transmission*" could lead to "*dangerous resurgences*" of the virus, particularly as new variants spread. The **EU** provisionally agreed to open to fully vaccinated travelers and ease rules that ban non-essential travel from countries with high levels of COVID-19. The **UK** health secretary said that increased vaccinations and surge testing will be offered to residents at potential COVID-19 hotspots in an effort to contain the Indian B.1.617.2 strain.



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# How do You Manage Cyber Risks?

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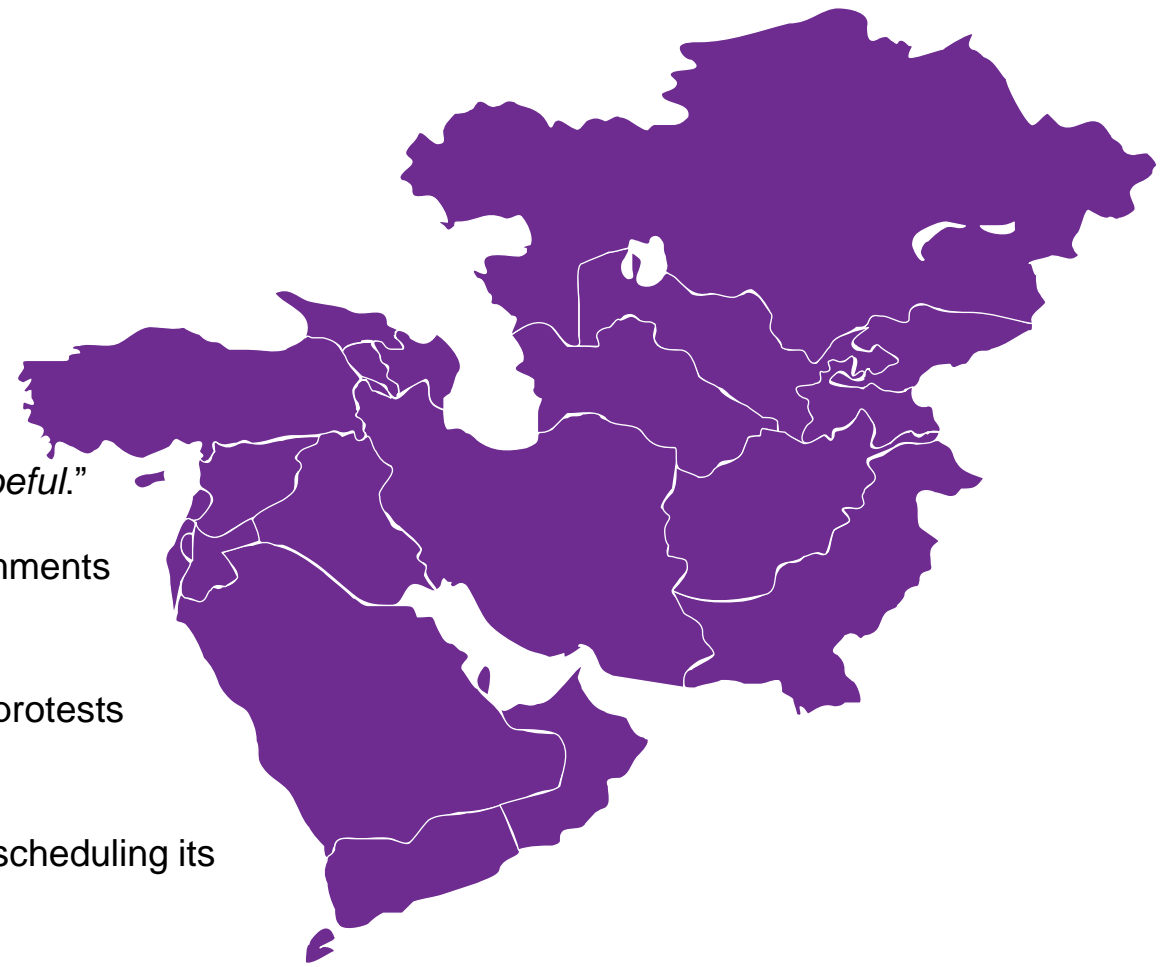
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# Middle East

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- Saudi Arabia's foreign minister personally addressed **Iran-Saudi** meetings for the first time after the Kingdom confirmed the meetings last week, saying the “*exploratory talks*” are at an early stage, but “*hopeful.*”
- **Lebanese** Foreign Minister Wehbe submitted his resignation after comments implying that **Gulf states** fueled the rise of ISIL.
- Kurdish authorities in **Iraq** canceled a planned price hike on fuel after protests left two dead.
- **Tunisian** finance minister Kooli said the country has no intention of rescheduling its foreign debt, despite a dire domestic situation.
- **US** President Biden called more strongly for de-escalation in a phone call with **Israeli** Prime Minister Netanyahu. The US signaled that it would veto a **French** UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire. Israel fired artillery into southern **Lebanon** following rocket attacks into Israeli territory. Facebook established a 24-7 special content moderation center to respond to content related to the conflict. Renewed pro-Palestinian protests broke out in **Tunisia and Kuwait**; Kuwaiti protesters burned an Israeli flag and denounced Arab-Israeli normalization. **Norway's** sovereign wealth fund has excluded two Israeli companies for constructing and letting out buildings in Israel's settlements in the occupied West Bank.

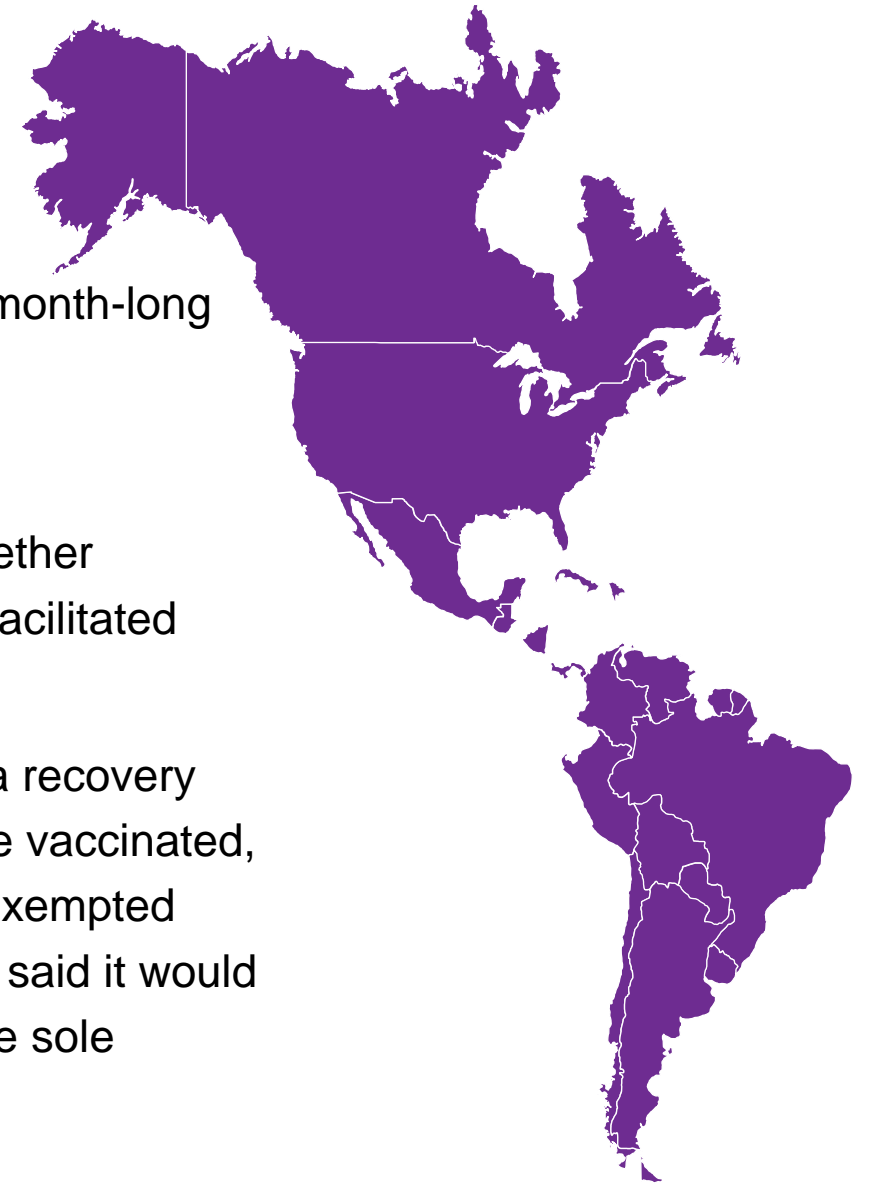


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# Americas

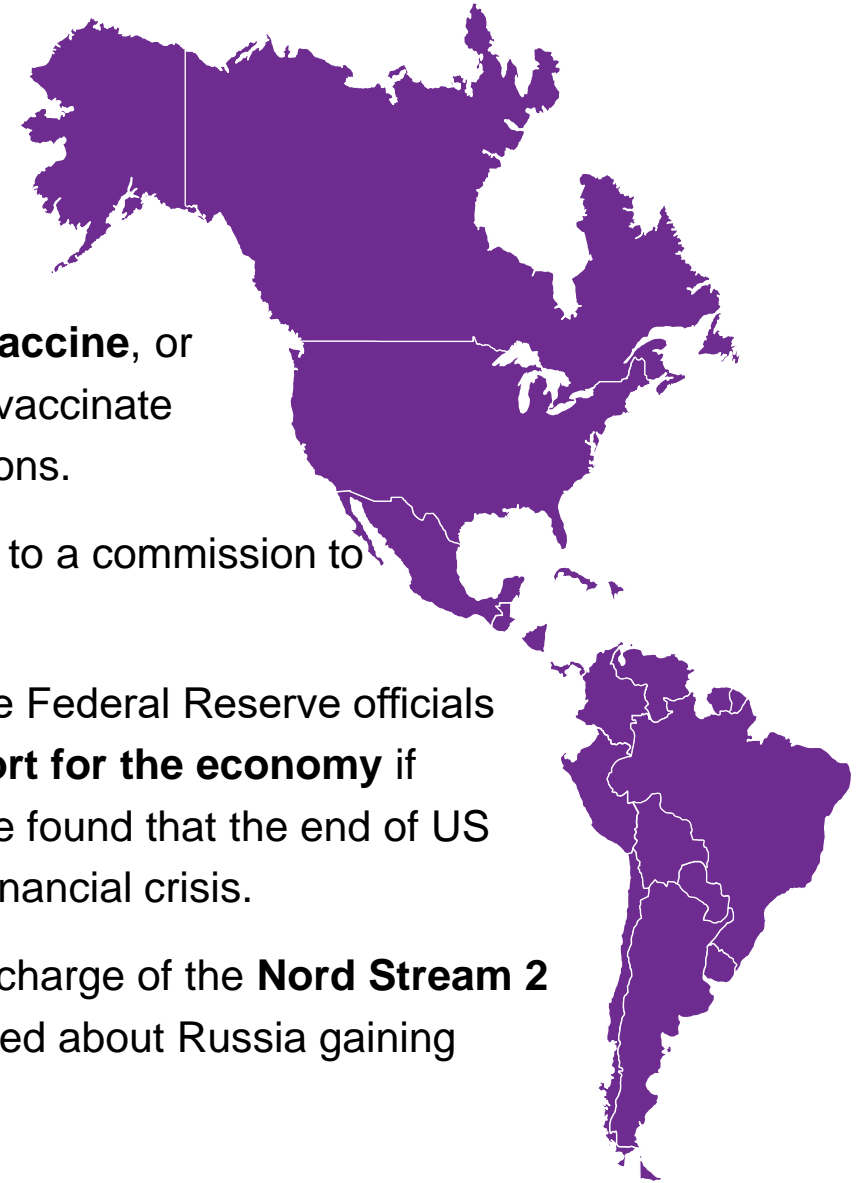
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- Farmers in **Argentina** will today begin a nine-day strike to protest a month-long suspension of beef exports aimed at reining in inflation.
- **Colombian** anti-government protests entered their fourth week.
- **Brazil's** federal police carried out searches Wednesday to probe whether Environment Minister Ricardo Salles and other key ministry officials facilitated illegal timber exports to the US and Europe.
- **Canadian** home prices rose sharply from March to April, continuing a recovery trend. In an effort to deter Canadians from crossing into the **US** to be vaccinated, the Canadian government announced these travelers would not be exempted from mandatory quarantine upon their return. The US border agency said it would deny entry to any Canadians attempting to drive into America with the sole purpose of getting a coronavirus vaccination.



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# Americas: US



- Across the nation, 159.2 million people have received at least **one dose of vaccine**, or 47.9 percent to the total population. **Maine** became the first US state to fully vaccinate 50 percent of residents. The US surpassed 33 million total COVID-19 infections.
- Senate Minority Leader McConnell (R-KY) publicly announced his opposition to a commission to investigate the **January 6 Capitol riot**.
- Minutes the Fed Open Market Committee's late April meeting show that some Federal Reserve officials argued that the central bank should move towards tapering **monetary support for the economy** if recovery continues to accelerate. A study from the New York Federal Reserve found that the end of US **mortgage forbearance** is unlikely to prompt as many delinquencies as the financial crisis.
- The Biden Administration is waiving Trump-era sanctions on the company in charge of the **Nord Stream 2** gas pipeline, a move welcomed by Germany but criticized by politicians worried about Russia gaining leverage over the EU.

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# Israel-Hamas Fighting Impacts Israeli and Palestinian Domestic Political Dynamics

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***After eleven days of continuous fighting between Israel and Hamas, international pressure is mounting on the two sides to end violence and seek a ceasefire.***

After providing Israel with the “*diplomatic space*” and time to hit Hamas hard, President Biden conveyed to Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu on May 19 his expectation for a “*significant de-escalation today on the path to a ceasefire.*” Netanyahu thanked Biden for his steadfast support, but noted Israel will continue with its operation until it achieves its goals. Egypt, Jordan and Qatar have been conveying stern messages to Hamas to de-escalate as well, but for the time being Hamas is determined to continue with its strategy, hoping to strike “*qualitative*” Israeli targets, before agreeing to a ceasefire. With each side looking to end the fighting with a “*victory photo,*” the world’s growing impatience will be critical in paving the way to a ceasefire, possibly before the end of this week.

Hamas’ actions took most global and regional actors by surprise. Hamas took advantage of rising tensions between Israelis and Palestinians in East Jerusalem during Ramadan over the sensitive issues of access to the Haram al-Sharif and pending evictions of

several Palestinian families from their homes in an East Jerusalem neighborhood. The latter is a long-running point of contention; Israeli settlers are seeking to populate this neighborhood as part of a larger agenda of consolidating Israeli control overall all of Jerusalem and preclude the option for a Palestinian capital in East Jerusalem by imposing facts on the ground, difficult to reverse in negotiations.

Hamas, through its rocket launches into Israel beginning on May 10, has managed to politicize and militarize the divisions over Jerusalem in an unprecedented way, furthering its reach beyond the occupied territories into inner Israel. Many Palestinian Arab citizens of the Jewish state felt motivated to protest Israel’s handling of the events in Jerusalem and clash with Israeli police and Jewish citizens. More than seventy years of a relatively peaceful coexistence in mixed Arab-Jewish cities like Haifa, Lod and Ramle soon began to unravel, as widespread violence between Arabs and Jews erupted in full force, with Israeli authorities unable to take control of the situation.

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On May 18, a general strike by Israel's Palestinian Arab citizens was held. While some of the tensions have subsided, it is estimated that it may take years to return to something like the status quo ante.

## *Impact on Israeli Politics*

On the eve of the conflict between Israel and Hamas, all indications were that Member of the Knesset (MK) Yair Lapid, Leader of the centrist Yesh Atid Party and MK Naftali Bennett, Leader of the right-wing Yamina Party would reach an agreement to establish a national unity government, leaning on a very narrow majority in the Israeli Knesset, which will not include Netanyahu and the Likud Party. Lapid and Bennett were reportedly in an advanced stage of discussions on a power-sharing mechanism, policy guidelines and the division of cabinet portfolios in their new government. The end of Netanyahu's rule after 15 years in office was all but certain. At the center of the power-sharing arrangement was an agreement that there will be a rotation of the prime minister position between Bennett and Lapid, with Bennett taking the role first for two years and Lapid serving as Alternate Prime Minister and Foreign Minister for the first two years. The new coalition (aka the "Change Bloc")

was to include seven parties across the entire political spectrum and also rely on the tacit support of the Islamist Arab Ra'am Party, led by MK Mansour Abbas.

Then came the events in East Jerusalem and the Hamas offensive. As rockets were falling throughout the south of Israel and the Tel Aviv area, and as tensions between Palestinian Arabs and Jews inside Israel spiraled out of control, pressure on Bennett was building up from within his own party, as well as from other right wing constituencies, not to side with Lapid and not to opt for a government leaning on several left wing parties, and relying on the Ra'am Party. Three days into the fighting, Bennett made clear he was abandoning the idea of a coalition and government of the Change Bloc and is resuming negotiations with Likud and Netanyahu to explore if there is an option for a right wing government and coalition. Bennett explained that at a time of a national crisis, security issues are top priority, and the domestic-civilian issues are only secondary.

Lapid's mandate from President Rivlin expires on June 2. Lapid expressed regret at Bennett's decision but vowed to continue with

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efforts to establish a government. However, Lapid's chances of succeeding without Bennett are extremely low. If he fails, the president will transfer the issue to the Knesset. Members of Knesset will have 21 days to try and agree on a candidate for Prime Minister.

Before May 10, Netanyahu's supporters and allies began talking about the "*day after Bibi*," yet as events unfold, he may remain in his position until the next elections and have another shot at winning. Many of Netanyahu's opponents and critics have accused the Prime Minister of stirring tensions in Jerusalem intentionally, hoping it will bring Bennett and Yamina back into the right wing camp. Others have argued that Netanyahu is not ending the war against Hamas in order to "*buy time*" and let Lapid's mandate run out. Whether it is true or not, Netanyahu's dream scenario is becoming a reality.

## *Intra-Palestinian Dynamics*

Hamas in its actions has upstaged the Palestinian Authority (PA), its leader President Abbas and its nemesis, the Fatah movement. In the aftermath of Abbas' decision to indefinitely postpone the elections to the Palestinian Legislative Council (set for the end of

May), Hamas did not hide its anger and vowed not to sit idly by. Nevertheless, Hamas' decision to begin its rocket attacks against Israel was not planned as a response to the election postponement, but rather Hamas seized on an opportunity created by the events in East Jerusalem, to portray itself as the coming to the defense of the al-Aqsa Mosque and Jerusalem and at the same time strengthen its image and score points in Palestinian public opinion. Abbas' weakness was once again exposed and once the Israel-Hamas fighting ends, he will face an emboldened Hamas that can destabilize the West Bank if it decides to do so. Israeli-PA security cooperation continued almost interrupted during this round of fighting, as the PA security forces have effectively maintained order in the West Bank. There were sporadic protests and several attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians, but the Israeli authorities are bracing for a possible escalation in violent activities in the West Bank when the fighting in Gaza dies down.

## *Conclusion*

The current round of fighting between Israel and Hamas is impacting great power competition, straining US-Israel relations and is putting



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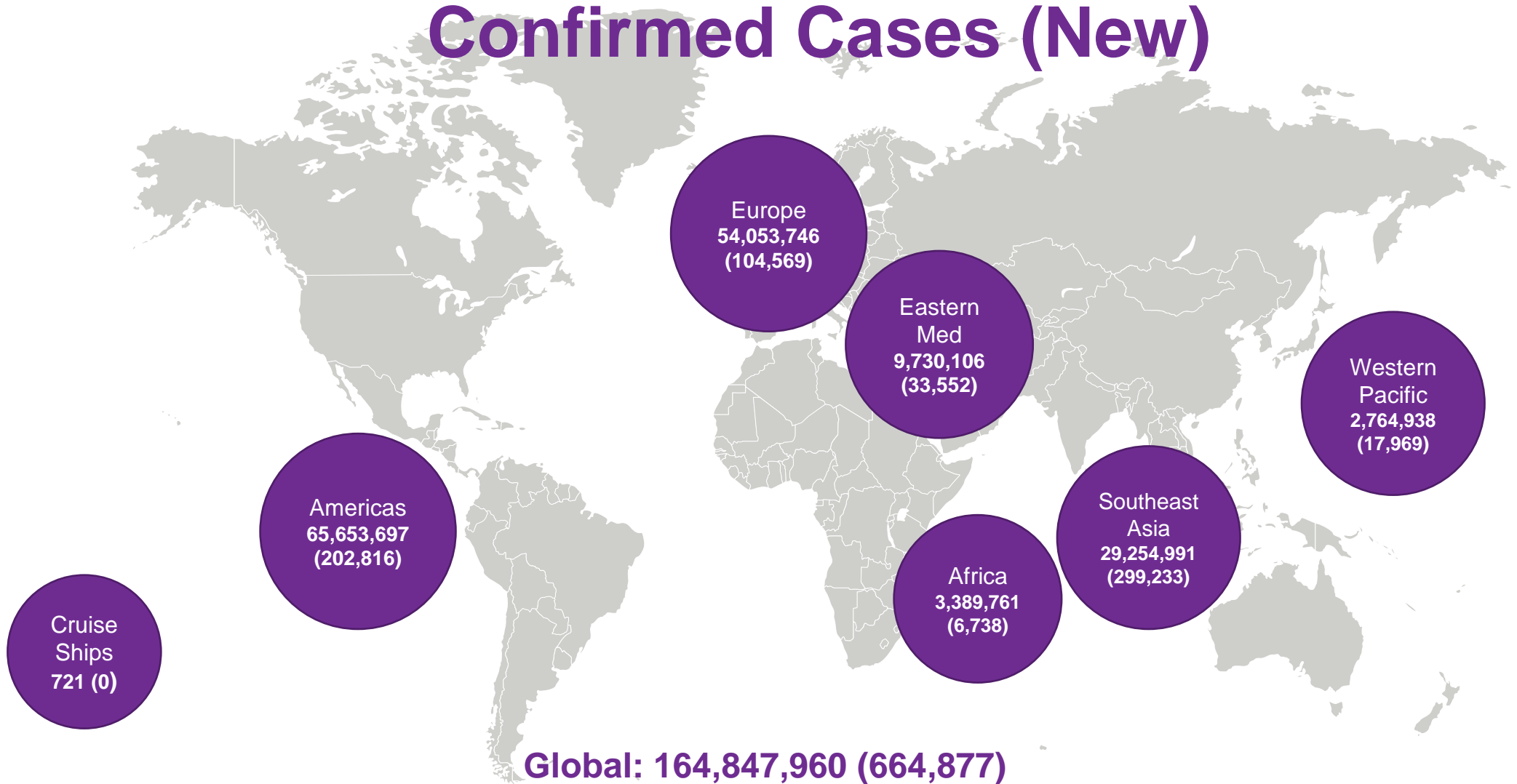
recent Arab-Israeli normalization agreements to the test. Domestically, it has the potential of leading to a tectonic shift in the Palestinian politics with Hamas in a position to gain the upper hand, and in Israel it may provide Netanyahu the opportunity to stay in power longer. Some analysts have pointed out that Netanyahu and Hamas leaders have a common interest, each profiting politically from a confrontation. This argument however is counterintuitive to Israel's interest in long term security and stability in the West Bank. Strengthening the PA at such a delicate time makes great sense and it is a goal the Biden Administration is pushing for. The unanswered question is whether Israeli policy will be driven by Netanyahu the statesman or Netanyahu the politician. Only time will tell.

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on May 19, 2021

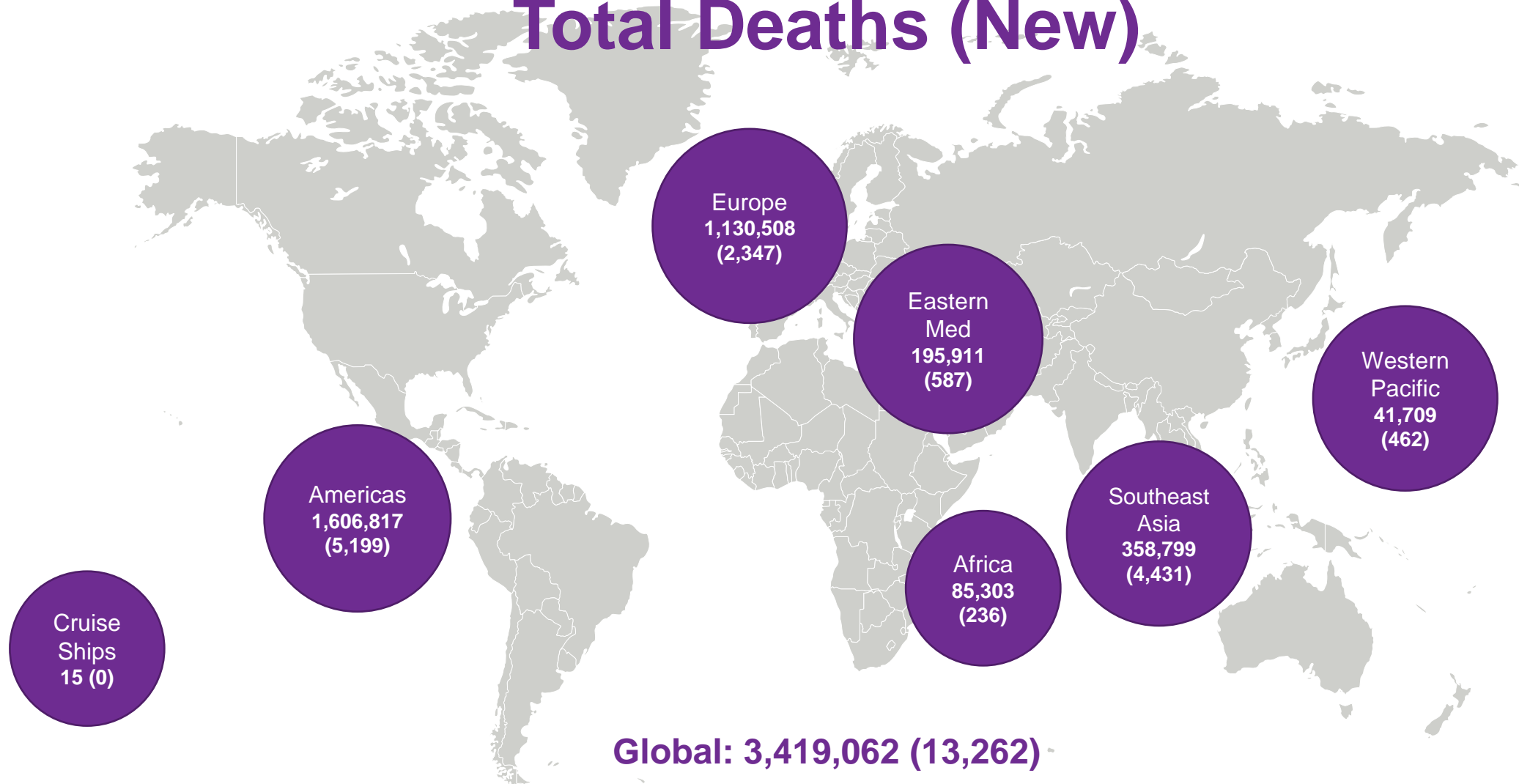
# Confirmed Cases (New)



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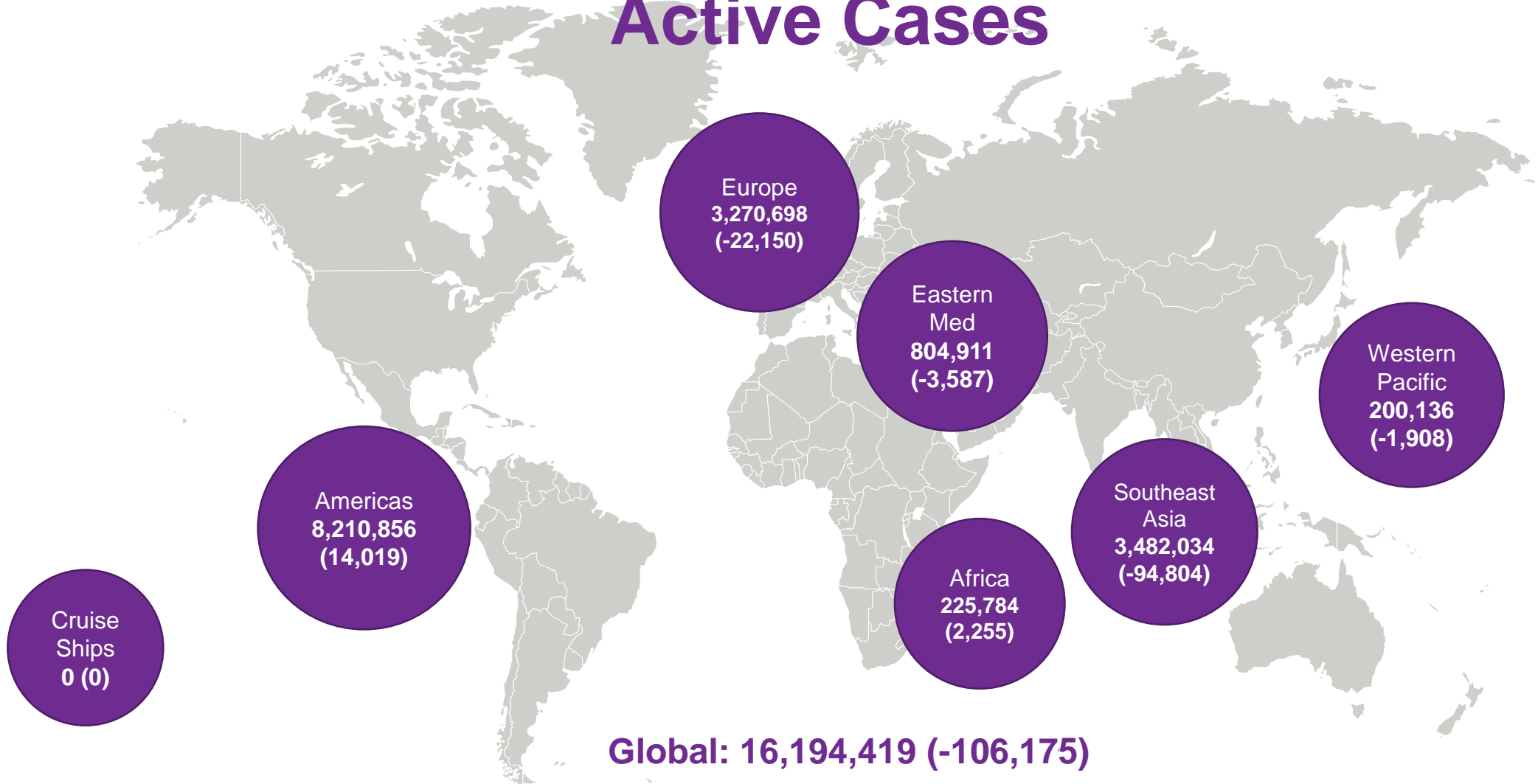
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	5761491	33026624 (29289)	587917 (667)	101596	1809	0.64%
India	3135566	25771405 (276261)	287156 (3880)	18515	206	8.03%
Brazil	1043209	15815191 (79706)	441864 (2485)	73941	2066	2.87%
France	678142	6034094 (19837)	109113 (141)	90479	1654	1.63%
Iran	441720	2792204 (12789)	77765 (233)	32874	916	3.02%
Argentina	329745	3411160 (39652)	72265 (494)	74871	1586	5.73%
Italy	306730	4172525 (5506)	124646 (149)	69101	2064	0.99%
Russia	266924	4965676 (7920)	116965 (390)	34014	801	1.22%
Mexico	259175	2385512 (2767)	220746 (257)	18333	1696	0.72%
Ukraine	217091	2165233 (5138)	48696 (227)	49774	1119	1.67%
Spain	204336	3625928 (6080)	79568 (66)	77526	1701	0.91%
Netherlands	200115	1637940 (4584)	17758 (16)	93828	1019	2.03%
Germany	199972	3627777 (11881)	87405 (257)	43178	1040	1.92%
Poland	176079	2859261 (2344)	72250 (329)	75622	1911	0.59%

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Honduras	139182	228287 (771)	6019 (49)	22731	599	2.70%
Sweden	134971	1051762 (0)	14349 (38)	103574	1413	2.27%
Turkey	125103	5151038 (11553)	45419 (233)	60503	533	1.53%
Hungary	121746	799588 (633)	29329 (52)	82956	3043	0.73%
Colombia	117070	3161126 (16579)	82743 (452)	61549	1611	3.56%
Peru	115916	1903615 (5715)	67034 (264)	57037	2008	1.99%
Nepal	114358	480418 (8064)	5657 (246)	16232	191	12.09%
Indonesia	87829	1753101 (4871)	48669 (192)	6350	176	1.42%
Belgium	87688	1034714 (1819)	24749 (26)	88938	2127	1.39%
Iraq	73513	1151557 (4609)	16069 (40)	28078	392	2.08%
Japan	71765	692702 (5229)	11851 (227)	5492	94	5.92%
Pakistan	66377	886184 (3256)	19856 (104)	3945	88	2.12%
Costa Rica	64174	293820 (2900)	3696 (23)	57219	720	5.76%
Canada	61608	1342388 (4247)	25066 (48)	35295	659	2.73%

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Egypt	51044	249238 (1160)	14498 (57)	2396	139	3.33%
Philippines	49951	1159071 (4700)	19507 (136)	10455	176	3.51%
Kenya	49112	166382 (376)	3035 (14)	3036	55	1.20%
Bolivia	48737	337441 (2617)	13635 (69)	28565	1154	4.40%
Switzerland	47610	684954 (1554)	10755 (4)	78637	1235	1.13%
Malaysia	47340	485496 (6075)	2040 (46)	14833	62	6.65%
Paraguay	46790	321032 (2781)	7914 (112)	44529	1098	5.03%
Bangladesh	45357	783737 (1608)	12248 (37)	4718	74	0.81%
Finland	43758	90687 (289)	929 (0)	16345	167	1.56%
Thailand	41903	116949 (3394)	678 (29)	1672	10	23.98%
Dominican Republic	41183	279565 (1016)	3597 (0)	25546	329	2.17%
UK	41056	4468414 (2707)	127956 (3)	65286	1872	0.24%
Ethiopia	40999	267597 (497)	4038 (17)	2278	34	1.21%
Ecuador	38429	412907 (1441)	19979 (102)	23095	1118	2.00%

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South Africa	36987	1621362 (3522)	55507 (167)	27038	926	1.19%
Kazakhstan	36108	364048 (2018)	4124 (29)	19187	217	4.32%
Chile	36051	1300629 (4767)	27997 (32)	67528	1454	3.09%
Algeria	34755	125896 (203)	3395 (7)	2826	76	0.96%
Cyprus	32124	71533 (135)	348 (0)	58870	286	1.64%
Greece	31359	383558 (2292)	11587 (53)	36958	1116	3.65%
Norway	30559	120292 (478)	781 (7)	22037	143	1.91%
Uruguay	29138	249365 (3339)	3638 (60)	71567	1044	8.53%
Bulgaria	28490	415687 (361)	17416 (37)	60225	2523	0.69%
Sri Lanka	27925	151343 (3623)	1051 (36)	7042	49	12.43%
Tunisia	26378	329925 (1397)	12032 (61)	27661	1009	1.76%
Lebanon	25618	537043 (489)	7651 (10)	78995	1125	0.49%
Czechia	23348	1655414 (1191)	29948 (6)	154329	2792	0.41%
Jamaica	23150	47572 (93)	892 (14)	16004	300	1.37%

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Portugal	22089	843278 (511)	17013 (2)	82914	1673	0.33%
Lithuania	20554	267819 (961)	4139 (12)	99610	1539	2.47%
Maldives	18852	48608 (1187)	112 (7)	88556	204	17.52%
Serbia	18756	708328 (609)	6725 (15)	81358	772	0.68%
UAE	18305	550029 (1348)	1639 (2)	55028	164	1.71%
Bahrain	17609	206878 (2354)	773 (8)	118004	441	6.09%
Georgia	15431	333601 (1160)	4519 (20)	83769	1135	2.38%
Romania	15409	1073679 (707)	29716 (54)	56142	1554	0.45%
Venezuela	13743	218814 (1211)	2446 (18)	7714	86	3.59%
Oman	13379	207805 (696)	2228 (9)	39807	427	2.45%
Denmark	13164	270047 (1091)	2506 (2)	46357	431	2.66%
Ireland	12982	256893 (503)	4941 (0)	51520	991	1.12%
Kuwait	12050	294693 (1119)	1703 (2)	68121	394	2.21%

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Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Libya	10183	182350 (338)	3097 (0)	26225	445	0.73%
Austria	9748	639054 (899)	10508 (9)	70601	1161	0.94%
Latvia	8780	129297 (609)	2298 (18)	69226	1230	0.84%
Azerbaijan	8617	331040 (339)	4814 (12)	32393	471	2.90%
Saudi Arabia	8367	436239 (1213)	7201 (13)	12362	204	11.65%
South Korea	8322	133471 (653)	1912 (8)	2601	37	3.41%
Cambodia	8168	23282 (393)	159 (3)	1376	9	1.53%
Jordan	7853	727612 (1180)	9314 (19)	70695	905	0.11%
Myanmar	7807	143159 (28)	3216 (3)	2616	59	0.70%
Armenia	7503	221368 (229)	4357 (11)	74582	1468	0.16%
Nigeria	7329	165852 (43)	2067 (0)	787	10	0.61%
Somalia	7234	14575 (0)	762 (0)	895	47	2.17%

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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
Belarus	7222	380089 (1378)	2732 (11)	40236	289	2.28%
Cuba	6978	128094 (1339)	834 (8)	11315	74	6.81%
Estonia	6916	127756 (256)	1232 (3)	96251	928	1.32%
Slovenia	6673	250453 (532)	4338 (5)	120457	2086	1.20%
Trinidad and Tobago	6649	17669 (519)	331 (14)	12589	236	18.41%
Mongolia	6286	50099 (575)	227 (6)	15069	68	7.29%
Afghanistan	6274	64575 (453)	2772 (10)	1627	70	2.53%
Cameroon	5743	77429 (0)	1189 (0)	2855	44	3.21%
Panama	5662	372221 (537)	6305 (5)	85091	1441	0.88%
West Bank & Gaza	5441	304532 (458)	3448 (11)	58505	662	0.41%
Croatia**	5223	351997 (1000)	7792 (27)	86213	1908	1.39%
Kyrgyzstan	5011	101219 (253)	1725 (7)	15293	261	1.88%

Data Source: WorldOMeter

\*\* Indicates moved up 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
Mali	4362	14221 (14)	512 (1)	685	25	0.51%
Qatar	4361	214150 (295)	538 (2)	76270	192	0.95%
Angola	4284	31438 (393)	696 (11)	931	21	6.47%
Lesotho	4059	10806 (11)	320 (0)	5009	148	0.30%
Sudan	3877	34272 (0)	2446 (0)	766	55	0.00%
Slovakia	3807	388138 (246)	12262 (14)	71062	2245	0.41%
Uzbekistan	3766	97280 (212)	674 (2)	2870	20	1.86%
Burundi	3603	4382 (29)	6 (0)	359	1	3.40%
Congo (Kinshasa)	3329	30708 (88)	776 (0)	334	8	0.91%
N Macedonia	3143	154891 (87)	5249 (17)	74349	2520	0.34%
Gabon	3133	24039 (130)	147 (2)	10582	65	1.27%
Congo (Brazzaville)	3118	11476 (133)	150 (2)	2036	27	1.16%
Papua New Guinea	2866	14341 (136)	139 (3)	1577	15	9.37%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Nicaragua	2783	7193 (0)	185 (0)	1075	28	1.49%
Moldova	2650	254213 (138)	6053 (10)	63148	1504	0.41%
Cabo Verde	2630	28699 (289)	253 (1)	51130	451	5.82%
Namibia	2557	51827 (191)	739 (6)	20078	286	2.53%
Botswana	2549	50800 (0)	774 (0)	21226	323	3.46%
Morocco	2443	515768 (338)	9107 (1)	13829	244	0.26%
Albania	2417	132095 (24)	2438 (2)	45946	848	0.19%
El Salvador	2377	71479 (0)	2199 (4)	10971	338	0.79%
Timor-Leste	2302	4949 (178)	11 (1)	3692	8	26.73%
Guinea	2179	22879 (26)	153 (0)	1702	11	0.70%
Yemen	2175	6593 (7)	1298 (1)	217	43	1.44%
Vietnam	1966	4690 (178)	37 (0)	48	0	22.75%
Seychelles	1903	9764 (0)	35 (0)	98743	354	16.30%

## 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
Guyana	1899	15607 (153)	349 (4)	19758	442	6.07%
CAR	1802	7010 (0)	96 (0)	1430	20	2.05%
Luxembourg	1787	69398 (159)	808 (0)	109302	1273	0.94%
Suriname	1663	12409 (158)	239 (1)	20987	404	7.91%
Taiwan	1383	2530 (272)	14 (0)	106	1	51.34%
Ghana	1325	93456 (66)	783 (0)	2954	25	0.35%
Rwanda	1268	26424 (80)	348 (2)	1997	26	2.19%
Montenegro	1239	99031 (60)	1566 (2)	157659	2493	0.49%
Madagascar	1165	40385 (59)	777 (3)	1426	27	2.17%
Togo	1161	13299 (13)	125 (0)	1574	15	0.67%
Laos**	1027	1737 (50)	2 (0)	236	0	18.42%

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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	1694216	3772702 (1462)	62765 (38)	95486	1588	0.25%
Virginia	604578	671325 (491)	11048 (6)	78651	1294	0.47%
Maryland	437264	456765 (337)	8957 (12)	75552	1482	0.55%
New York	405247	2089698 (1337)	53044 (24)	109991	2742	0.58%
Kentucky	395025	454044 (584)	6678 (5)	101629	1495	0.77%
Florida	360251	2299596 (2811)	36271 (44)	107069	1690	0.92%
Washington	209977	424903 (853)	5673 (20)	56123	753	1.62%
Michigan	207350	982400 (1950)	19931 (32)	98369	1996	1.22%
New Jersey	138991	1012196 (444)	26030 (32)	113958	2931	0.31%
Rhode Island	138867	150737 (0)	2703 (0)	142290	2552	0.32%
Georgia	124372	1117475 (700)	20569 (37)	105249	1937	0.46%
Colorado	116463	534364 (1245)	6472 (16)	92792	1145	1.44%
Idaho	78464	190712 (240)	2074 (1)	106718	1161	0.59%
Illinois	77120	1370247 (1625)	24864 (34)	108141	1962	0.77%

## 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
Texas	74972	2936614 (2022)	51081 (69)	101328	1769	0.47%
Wisconsin	69957	670876 (514)	7732 (6)	104276	1198	0.48%
Pennsylvania	69202	1190969 (1056)	26874 (46)	93318	2112	0.92%
Missouri	56049	601228 (450)	9403 (16)	96834	1550	0.49%
Maine	52546	66316 (202)	807 (2)	49334	600	2.36%
Nebraska	49459	222676 (64)	2286 (0)	115113	1160	0.26%
South Carolina	47715	589488 (390)	9667 (11)	114492	1878	0.66%
Hawaii	35093	35585 (98)	492 (0)	25133	347	1.88%
Oregon	29813	196788 (396)	2601 (7)	46657	617	1.92%
Louisiana	26611	467055 (615)	10509 (9)	100468	2261	0.65%
Ohio	23882	1093534 (918)	19628 (0)	93552	1679	0.58%
Indiana	20980	737282 (802)	13518 (11)	109515	2008	0.74%
Alabama	20046	540891 (288)	11045 (2)	110314	2253	1.69%
Arizona	18784	874605 (540)	17497 (17)	120159	2404	0.46%

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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	18030	321716 (348)	5545 (5)	104448	1800	0.62%
Connecticut	17917	345948 (228)	8204 (6)	97032	2301	0.52%
North Carolina	17070	993547 (969)	12938 (27)	94731	1234	0.72%
Puerto Rico	15736	137147 (61)	2461 (9)	77061	724	0.93%
Massachusetts	14328	703292 (516)	17794 (15)	101962	2579	0.58%
District of Columbia	13069	48634 (18)	1124 (2)	68911	1593	0.61%
Alaska	10497	69756 (99)	369 (1)	91536	495	0.70%
New Mexico	10466	201489 (153)	4122 (4)	96092	1966	0.62%
Kansas	7947	314058 (499)	5054 (13)	107297	1734	0.40%
Iowa	7855	369984 (291)	6018 (5)	126830	1907	0.38%
Utah	7181	403418 (430)	2275 (4)	125834	710	0.54%
Tennessee	6987	859281 (477)	12353 (14)	125825	1809	0.43%
Minnesota	6907	596186 (654)	7418 (15)	105714	1313	0.96%
West Virginia	5983	159149 (261)	2767 (4)	88804	1544	1.22%

## 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
Delaware	5934	107928 (753)	1652 (1)	110836	1697	1.36%

## 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
Mississippi	3234	315891 (257)	7269 (1)	106141	2442	0.55%
Arkansas	2055	339406 (244)	5805 (0)	112468	1924	0.40%
Vermont	1443	23988 (43)	255 (1)	38443	409	1.40%
Oklahoma	1158	451473 (124)	6918 (40)	114096	1748	0.21%
New Hampshire	1104	97978 (74)	1340 (1)	72058	986	0.90%

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