

Dentons Flashpoint

Daily Global Situation Report

February 24, 2021

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Lebanon becomes the latest country to be mired in scandal after politicians jump the vaccination line.

Canada and Australia agree to coordinate on efforts to get big tech to pay for news.

A German court convicts a Syrian security official for crimes against humanity for torturing civilians in the ongoing Syrian civil war.

WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Thousands took to the streets in Tbilisi, Georgia protesting the arrest of the country's main opposition leader. This latest uprising comes as Russia is experiencing its own wave of domestic political unrest, in addition to simmering instability in Belarus, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, and Nagorno-Karabakh. The US, UK and EU are expressing increased alarm over "democratic backsliding" in Georgia, a country considered to be the West's strategic partner against Russian malign political and security influences in the region.

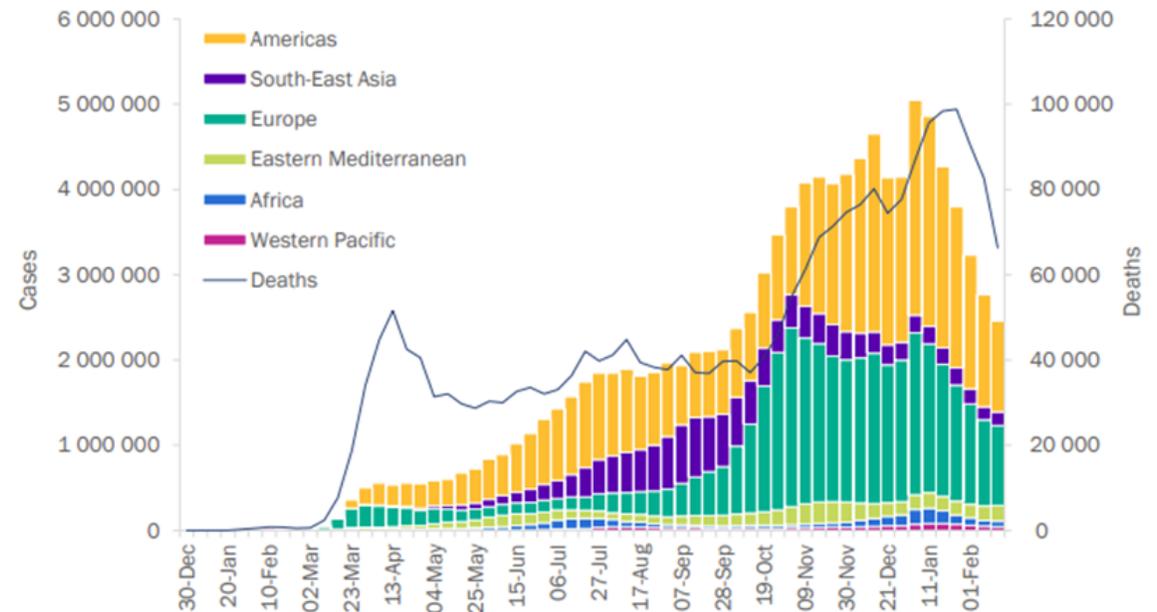
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Global

Confirmed coronavirus cases globally surpassed 112 million, with deaths at 2.48 million.

- **Global coronavirus cases** fell for a sixth week and the number of fatalities declined by a fifth, according to the WHO.
- A leaked WHO report revealed that the organization last year thought China had done “*little*” to investigate the **origins of the coronavirus pandemic**.

Figure 1: COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 21 February 2021**



Source: WHO

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COVID-19 Vaccine

China pharmaceutical giant Sinopharm announced that a coronavirus vaccine developed by its research unit in Wuhan was 72.5 percent effective in Phase 3 trials.

- Pfizer said it is in discussion with the FDA about **clinical trials for booster shots** to fight coronavirus variants.
- **Pfizer and Moderna** pledged an addition 140 million vaccine doses to the US over the next 5 weeks.
- The US FDA is expected to grant Pfizer and BioNTech's plan to store its vaccine at **regular freezer temperatures**, rather than in ultra-cold storage, expanding the sites that could administer the shots.
- The presidents of Mexico and Argentina pressed the United Nations and the world's richest countries to improve poorer nations' **access to COVID-19 vaccines**, deriding efforts as grossly inadequate so far.
- **Israel** will wield some of its excess supply of coronavirus vaccines as international humanitarian aid; the first three countries to receive vaccines will be Honduras, the **Czech Republic and Guatemala**, all of whom recently agreed to strengthen their diplomatic presence in Jerusalem.
- **Kyrgyzstan** registered Russia's Sputnik V vaccine.
- **Thailand** received its first 200,000 doses of Sinovac Biotech's CoronaVac, with inoculations set to begin in a few days.
- **Colombia** has approved emergency use of AstraZeneca's coronavirus vaccine.

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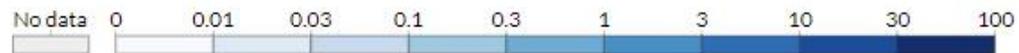
Globally, 216.17 million have received vaccinations.

As global leaders warn of the costs of leaving poor countries behind in the race for vaccine rollout, the WHO's global vaccine-sharing scheme COVAX delivered its first COVID-19 shots on Wednesday, with 600,000 doses of the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine produced by the Serum Institute of India landing in Ghana. Additionally, Senegal began its vaccination campaign with doses of the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, Feb 23, 2021
Total number of vaccination doses administered per 100 people in the total population. This is counted as a single dose, and may not equal the total number of people vaccinated, depending on the specific dose regime (e.g. people receive multiple doses).

Our World in Data

World



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data – Last updated 24 February, 10:00 (London time)

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Markets

The spread between the two-year Treasury yield and a key US Federal Reserve-set interest rate dropped Tuesday to its narrowest level since last year's market selloff, sending a sign of potential financial-system stress.

- **Markets in Europe** were mixed. Europe's STOXX 600 rose in early trading, but London's FTSE 100 was down.
- Falling tech stocks pulled **Asian markets** lower overnight, as recent gains in US Treasury yields put lofty valuations under pressure.
- **US stocks** reversed early losses to close higher Tuesday, after Federal Reserve Chairman Powell signaled no immediate plans to change monetary policy. Tech stocks again saw big losses, only partially recovering by day's end.
- **Bitcoin** fell 11 percent Tuesday after hitting a record high of over \$58,000 Sunday; **Ether**, the second-largest cryptocurrency by market value, also fell by almost 13 percent.
- **Hong Kong** moved unexpectedly to raise taxes on share trading by 30 percent, putting a damper on the city's stock-exchange operator just as it was unveiling record annual sales and profits.

Business

California may soon begin enforcing its first-in-the-nation net neutrality law after a federal judge ruled against broadband providers that had sought to scuttle the state's open-Internet safeguards which require companies to treat all Web traffic equally, blocking the practice of slowing down Web traffic or charging for faster delivery of some content or services.

- **Wells Fargo** announced plans to sell its asset management business for \$2.1 billion to private equity firms **GTCR LLC** and **Reverence Capital Partners**.
- **Home Depot** sold an extra \$22 billion worth of goods last year, in a sign of booming demand for property improvement in the US.
- **Macy's** forecast an upbeat 2021 sales outlook, betting on its growing online business, new stimulus checks, and the return of in-person shoppers in H2.
- Canada and Australia have agreed to coordinate on efforts to get **big tech** to pay for news.
- The board of **Petrobras** called a shareholder meeting to begin the process of replacing its CEO, in a case that has peaked concerns about further state intervention in Brazil's private sector.
- The CEO of **Lucid Motors** said the company aims to launch a **Tesla** Model 3 rival in 2024 or 2025.
- Logistics automation provider **Berkshire Grey Inc.** is planning to go public through a merger with special-purpose acquisition company **Revolution Acceleration Acquisition Corp.** that would value the robotics company at \$2.7 billion.

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How do You Manage Incident Response?

2021 has already seen business disrupted by extreme weather, ransomware attack, the ongoing pandemic and more. The common refrain “It’s not if, but when” rings truer than ever for disruptive incidents that will impact business as usual.

Working with Dentons, you can effectively develop an organizational incident-behavior adopted by all your team members. Dentons will help you build muscle memory through tabletop exercises, which are crafted to fit the business strategy of every client.

Our team plays events and incidents of different severities and complexities and accounts for real-world factors such as inconclusive evidence, mistakes by responders, and the business impact of eradication steps. Our tech-savvy lawyers continuously revise the playbooks per the evolving sector-specific threat landscape.

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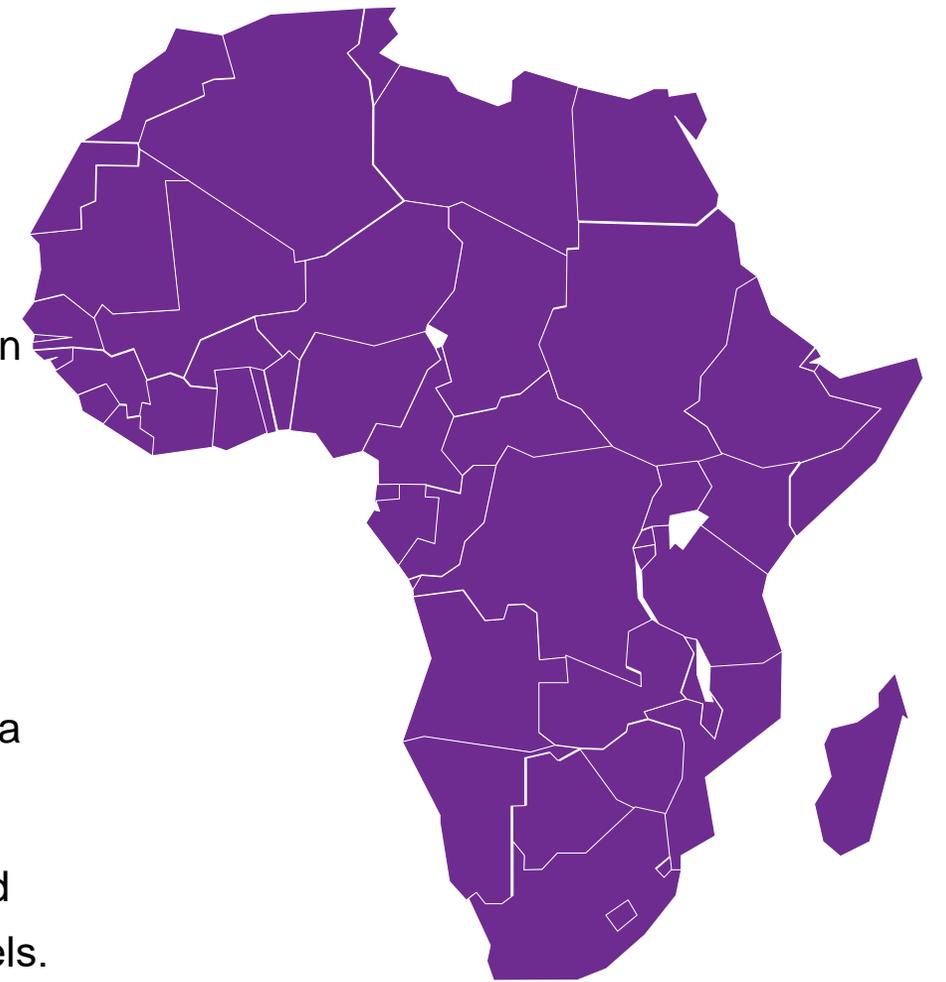
- ❖ Ransomware tabletop exercises
- ❖ Post-tabletop action reports
- ❖ Maturity assessments for preparedness
- ❖ Supply-chain attack simulation
- ❖ Comprehensive incident response plan
- ❖ Threat analysis and monitoring

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Africa

- Ruling party candidate Bazoum won the run-off presidential election in **Niger**. This election will usher in the first democratic transition in Nigerien history.
- The **South African** Supreme Court ruled that former president Zuma would stand trial for graft in May.
- **Guinea** launched a vaccination campaign against Ebola, a little over a week after a new Ebola epidemic was announced in the country.
- The **Democratic Republic of the Congo's** President Tshisekedi said that Italy's Ambassador to the DRC was killed by Rwandan Hutu rebels.



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Asia

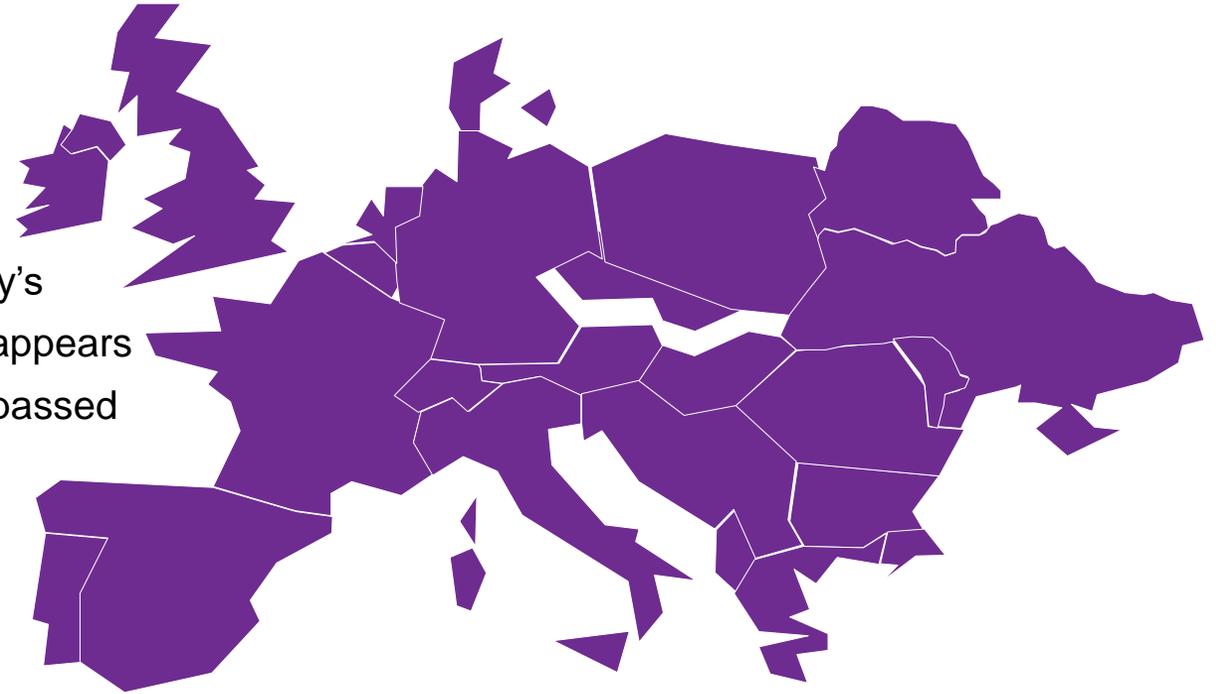
- **Nepal's** top court ordered the reinstatement of the nation's Parliament, two months after Prime Minister Oli dissolved it. The verdict is a blow to the prime minister, who now faces a no confidence vote.
- Unnamed government sources reported that **Indonesia** is pushing ASEAN neighbors to agree on a plan to ensure **Myanmar's** military will hold to its promise of elections, and ensure said elections are free and fair. Protests fear that regional interference will legitimize the coup.
- **Malaysia** deported over 1,000 Myanmar nationals, despite a legal bid by human rights groups to stop the deportation.
- **Cambodia** is struggling with its worst surge of COVID-19 since the pandemic began; the outbreak has been linked to foreign nationals bribing guards to be let out of quarantine early.
- **China's** top diplomat Yang Jiechi is in **Zambia**, holding talks about how the African nation will restructure its debt. Zambia is seen by many analysts as a test case of how China will approach the G20 "common framework" for debt restructuring.



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Europe

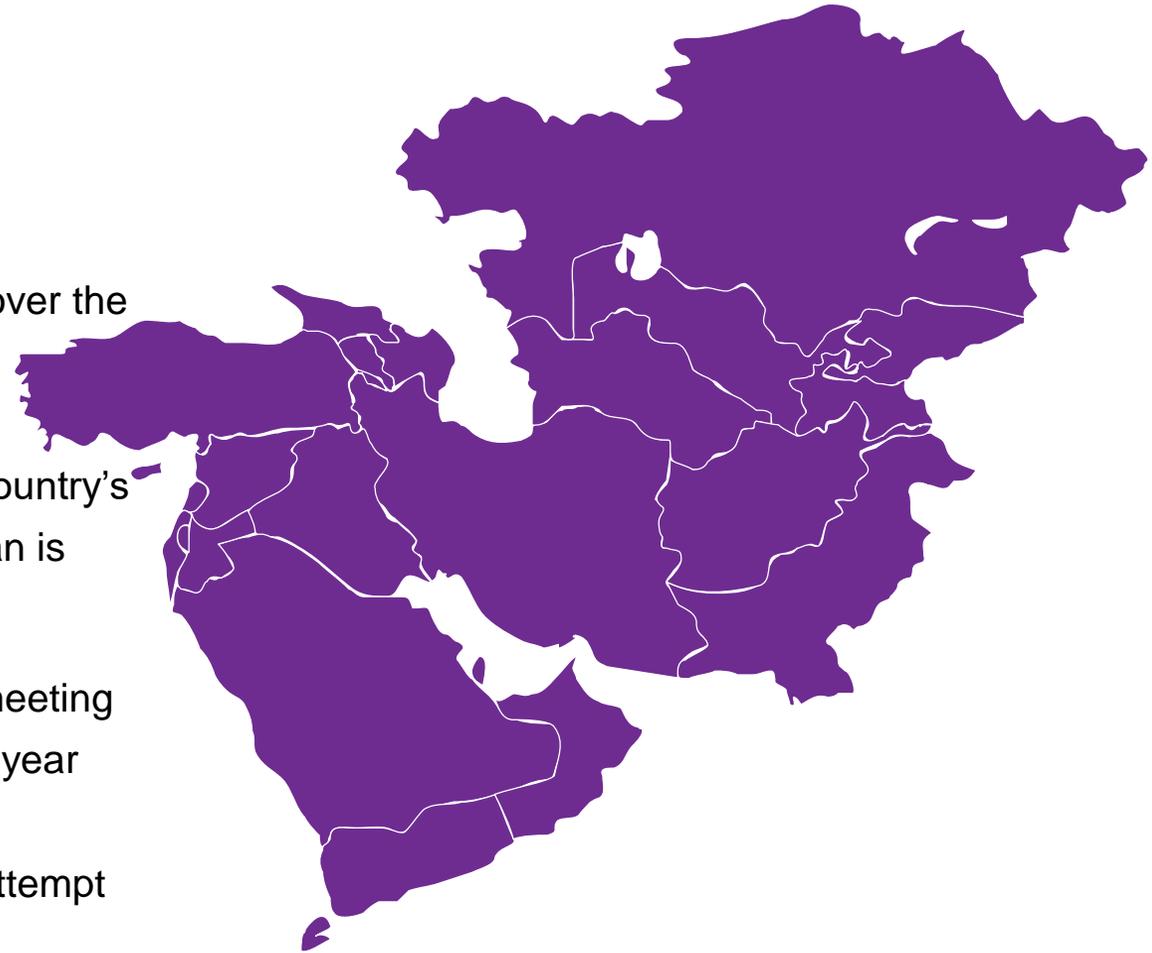
- Officials in the **Czech Republic** have warned that the country's health system is on the brink of collapse, as central Europe appears headed for a third wave of coronavirus cases. Romania surpassed 20,000 deaths.
- Police in **Georgia** raided the headquarters of the country's main opposition party and detained its leader, escalating the country's political crisis.
- **Russian** President Putin approved legislation beefing up fines for offences committed during street protests after thousands were detained at unsanctioned rallies in support of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.
- The **German** government is threatening to ditch the government's accounting watchdog as the Wirecard scandal continues to drive disputes over the body's governance and independence. Strong exports and solid construction activity helped the German economy to grow by a better-than-expected 0.3 percent in the final quarter of last year, but stricter lockdown measures at home and abroad are clouding the outlook for Europe's largest economy.



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Middle East

- The head of **Lebanon's** vaccine taskforce threatened to resign over the vaccination of Lebanese lawmakers in parliament, rather than via registration at a medical center, which he called evidence of favoritism. The World Bank, which is financing the country's vaccination drive, said that they could withdraw support if the plan is violated.
- **Egyptian and Qatari** representatives met in Kuwait in the first meeting since the signing of the Al Ula Agreement, which ended the four-year Gulf-Qatar split. The meeting follows a summit earlier this week between **Qatar and the UAE**, a hopeful sign that the GCC will attempt to fully mend the split.
- A **German** court sentenced a former member of **Syrian** President al-Assad's security services to 4-1/2 years in prison for facilitating the torture of civilians, the first such verdict for crimes against humanity in the 10-year-old Syrian civil war.



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Americas

- The number of people going hungry in **El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua** has nearly quadrupled in the last two years, the United Nations reported.
- Hundreds of **Ecuadorean** indigenous protestors arrived in Quito to demand a recount of the initial February 7 presidential election.
- Senior **Mexican** lawmaker Alfonso Ramirez Cuellar, a deputy for the ruling Morena party, floated the idea of making the super-rich pay a one-time pandemic tax to help raise resources to fight COVID-19. Mexico's attorney general's office has asked lawmakers to strip the governor of the violent northern state of Tamaulipas of his immunity, alleging probable cause for money laundering and ties to organized crime, Mexico's navy minister contracted COVID-19 for the second time, four months after his first infection.
- A new UN report recorded a concerning rise in murders of human rights activists and mass killings of civilians in **Colombia**.
- US Sen. Merkley (D-OR) introduced legislation targeting **Honduran** President Hernandez over allegations of ties to drug trafficking.
- Consumer confidence in **Brazil** rose in February for the first time in five months.



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Americas: US



- The House will vote on Friday on legislation to provide \$1.9 trillion in **new coronavirus relief**. The Senate **confirmed** Tom Vilsack as agriculture secretary and Linda Thomas Greenfield as UN ambassador. Biden's nominees for OMB, Interior, and HHS secretaries faced varying levels of Republican opposition.
- Nationally, 44.5 million people have received one or more **vaccine doses**. Two new studies found that the new variant identified in **California** in December is indeed more contagious than other strains and may be more resistant to vaccines. US coronavirus cases and deaths on Tuesday recorded their biggest daily increases in several days due in part to delayed reporting from **Texas**, which reported over 10,000 cases for the first time since February 13. **Maryland** expects to receive shipments of the yet-to-be cleared Johnson & Johnson vaccine as soon as next week.
- The US is reportedly planning a package of punitive measures, including sanctions, against **Russia** over the enormous SolarWinds cyberattack. The US is seeking election to the **UN Human Rights Council** where it will press to eliminate a "*disproportionate focus*" on ally **Israel**. A bipartisan group of senators plans to reintroduce legislation to counter **Chinese** censorship in the US, a new effort by Congress to hold Beijing accountable for coercing US companies – from hotel chains and airlines to Hollywood film producers – to take pro-Beijing stances. President Biden and **Canadian** Prime Minister Trudeau agreed to work toward achieving net zero emissions by 2050.
- A bipartisan group of lawmakers will meet with President Biden today to discuss **supply chain** issues, including semiconductors. Biden is expected to sign an executive order for an immediate 100-day review of supply chains for four critical products: semiconductor chips, large-capacity batteries for electric vehicles, rare earth minerals and pharmaceuticals.

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Opportunities and Risks for Business in the Post-SolarWinds Environment

By Scott Muir

Cybersecurity is in focus this week on Capitol Hill with the first public hearing on the SolarWinds hack before the Senate Intelligence Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee expected to mark up the Cyber Diplomacy Act and create a high-level Office of Cyber Issues at the State Department. While the CEOs of tech companies involved in the unprecedented supply chain cyber-attack make their defense and plead for further assistance from lawmakers, down the road at the White House, President Biden's National Security Advisor and top officials say they are preparing responses to the "largest and most sophisticated attack the world has ever seen" that will be rolled out within weeks.

The events that sparked this current flurry of activity reportedly began in mid-2019 when SolarWinds was unknowingly breached. After the breach was discovered, an estimated 33,000 customers were notified of the hack, although only 18,000 had used the

trojanized software update. A much smaller number were actually compromised, likely nine US federal agencies and 100 private-sector companies. It will take months, if not years, to discover the full impacts of the attack, but it is already clear that the supply chain vector is important, and that sensitive government and military networks were compromised through a private business. As a result, there are several lessons already learned from the hack that will help inform cyber risk management for business moving forward, and that also provide opportunities for the corporate world to partner with government and civil society to safeguard democracy.

Risk of Corporate Liability for Government Breaches

There are several findings from the ongoing investigation into the attack that indicate a sophisticated nation-state actor, rather than a common money-motivated hacker, is responsible. SEC filings from SolarWinds make clear that the attack was highly complex in breadth and depth, and the perpetrators were patient and persistent over an extended period of time. The attackers apparently conducted reconnaissance on old releases of SolarWinds' Orion software, used a multitude of hacking techniques and deliberately cleaned up after

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each step of the intrusion. The attackers did not spread the malware like wildfire, which cybersecurity would have surely noticed, but instead hid in plain sight and carefully chose targets.

Not even the biggest companies with the largest cybersecurity budgets likely could have prevented such a breach, but the lesson learned is that businesses which are a part of government and military supply chains must be especially vigilant and aware that they are a target. Emboldened by the success of the SolarWinds hack, capable adversaries will again pursue prized official assets, like intellectual property or state secrets, through unsuspecting private business. To avoid spending millions on remediation efforts after a hack, and liability for a government breach (not to mention a sullied corporate reputation), CEOs will need to embrace greater collaboration with federal authorities and private industry.

Opportunity to Boost Business as Defender of Democracy, Free Market

Before they marched up Capitol Hill to face frustrated lawmakers, the leaders of tech companies involved in the hack talked to friendly

media and participated in think-tank events to get some points across. The CEO of SolarWinds, for example, emphasized in a conversation with the Center for Strategic and International Studies that his company has an organizational commitment, and obligation, to the community, to publicly discuss what happened with the breach because it was a supply-chain attack that may have affected many. The lesson learned for those company leaders that suffer breaches in the future is that post-crisis communication is crucial to protecting corporate reputation from accusations of indifference or negligence. Companies must emphasize that they are part of a community of learning and sharing in pursuit of cybersecurity best practices.

In addition to strengthening enterprise level security infrastructure with the advice of experts, and more closely scrutinizing the security of third-party vendors, CEOs can also explain to concerned customers that they are pursuing excellence when it comes to cybersecurity rather than just aiming for lowest common-denominator compliance. Once excellence is achieved, the company will share best practices with all in an effort to better safeguard the public and authorities, and thus the free market upon which they depend.

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Opportunity for Industry Leaders, Lobbies to Emerge

Again, what happened to SolarWinds and its supply chain can happen anywhere, anytime when sophisticated bad actors are involved. Government leaders in Washington understand that it is not enough to protect federal assets if less vigilant or inadequately defended private businesses can act as Trojan horses into official networks. Mike Rogers, a former member of Congress who served CEOs of concerned companies must step up as allies of government and also lobby for positive changes that will benefit business and society. Calls for tighter public-private collaboration and partnership will be well received in this current fragmented cybersecurity climate. Insights and understanding on best practices, from either side, must be shared and discussed rather than pushed. This would be much easier, of course, if there were a single government entity, or clearinghouse, with cybersecurity authority which business leaders could interact with and ask to coordinate and disseminate best practices throughout the federal system and to the public. Industry

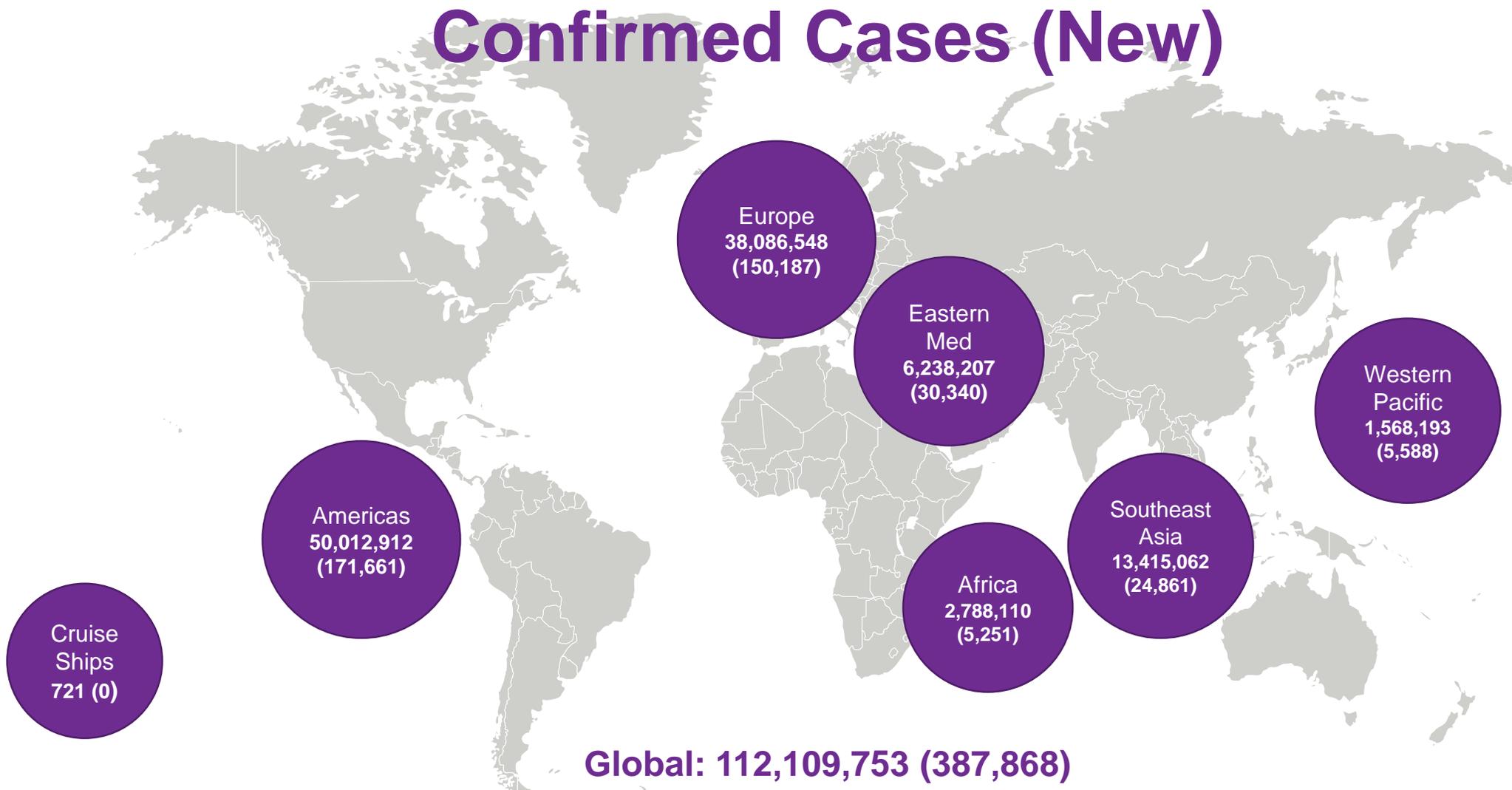
leaders can lobby the government to create such a body, which will make life easier for all. Finally, C-Suite heads can highlight for the government how current regulations disincentive victims of cyber-attacks to report incidents in a timely manner because of fears over liability and punitive measures. Industry leaders will join the call to reform policy so that businesses share critical information about hacks immediately and improve the speed and agility of responses that protect all members of society.

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Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on February 23, 2021

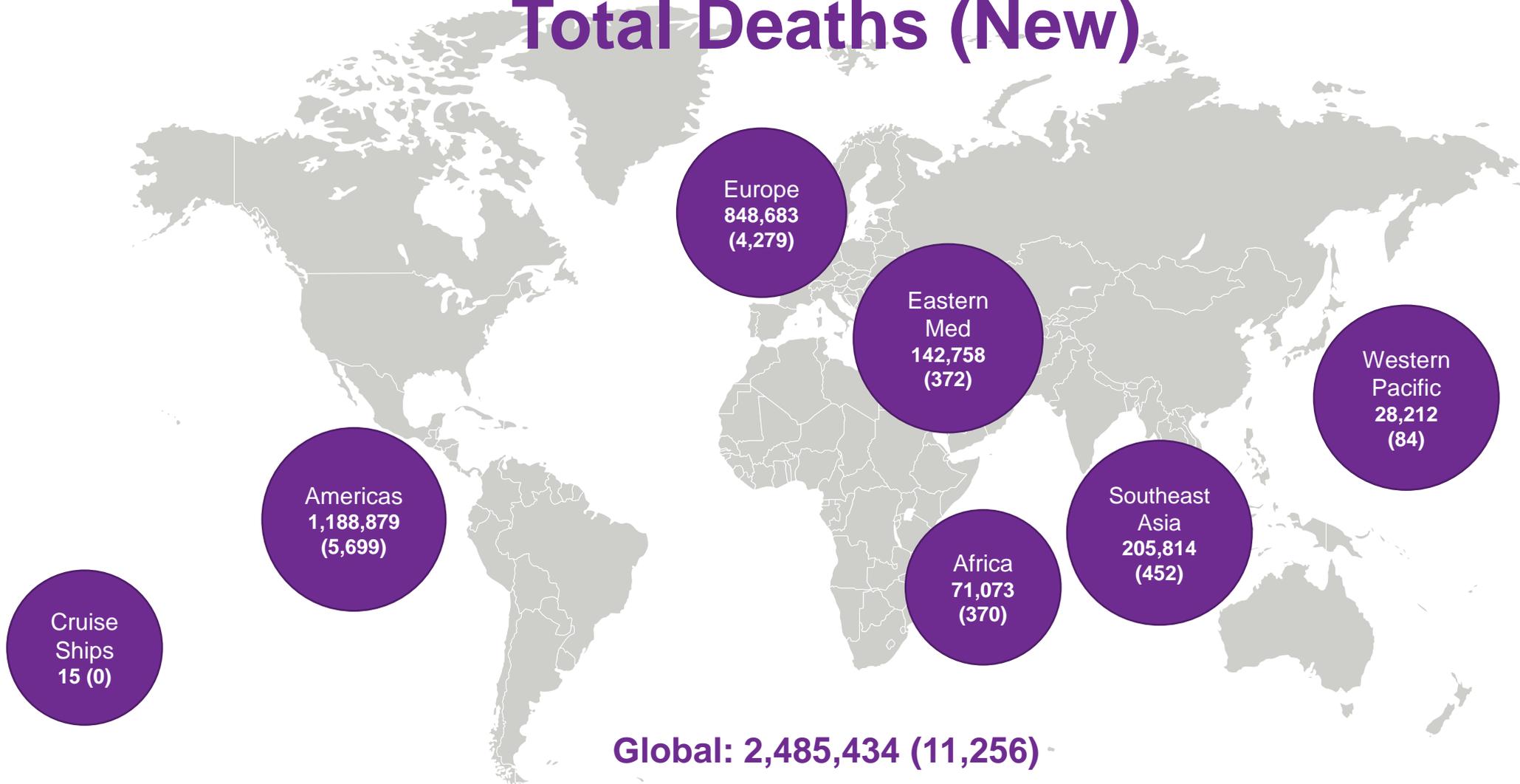
Confirmed Cases (New)



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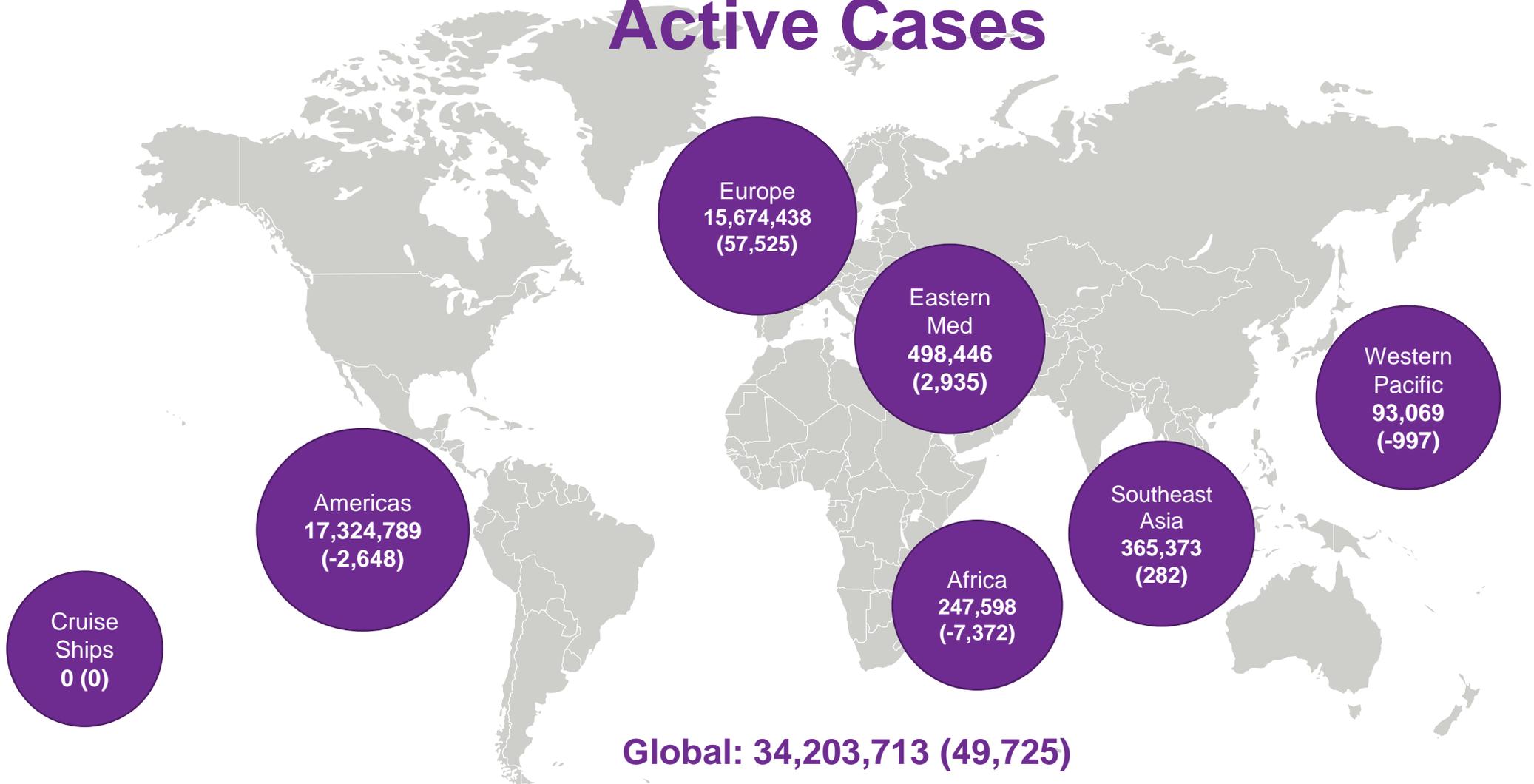
Total Deaths (New)



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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	15633468	28261595 (71436)	502660 (2350)	86973	1550	1.79%
UK	4013767	4146760 (8527)	121536 (548)	60699	1781	1.84%
France	3345476	3689534 (20180)	85195 (431)	55531	1301	3.82%
Spain	2942977	3161432 (7461)	68079 (443)	67600	1456	2.06%
Netherlands	1049658	1079272 (3847)	15466 (94)	62041	894	2.79%
Brazil	819443	10257875 (62715)	248529 (1386)	48050	1164	3.27%
Belgium	735740	757696 (2102)	21956 (33)	65012	1886	2.18%
Sweden	629386	642099 (10933)	12713 (64)	63323	1254	3.77%
Serbia	438487	442853 (3257)	4366 (15)	50818	501	4.25%
Italy	387948	2832162 (13299)	96348 (356)	46887	1595	3.27%
Russia	361673	4142126 (11679)	82666 (411)	28698	576	2.14%
Mexico	262588	2052266 (8634)	181809 (1273)	15743	1391	2.32%
Switzerland	223825	551355 (1131)	9930 (23)	63406	1142	1.28%
Poland	217010	1648962 (6304)	42436 (248)	43601	1122	3.17%

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Ireland	188755	216300 (557)	4181 (44)	43491	841	2.40%
Iran	172401	1590605 (8330)	59663 (91)	18782	705	3.56%
Indonesia	158604	1298608 (9775)	35014 (323)	4715	127	4.98%
Argentina	147820	2077228 (7477)	51510 (151)	45689	1133	2.13%
India	146907	11030176 (13742)	156567 (104)	7942	113	0.84%
Ukraine	138847	1358871 (4326)	26690 (159)	30114	581	2.68%
Czechia	120823	1168491 (11311)	19537 (207)	108999	1830	5.89%
Germany	114506	2405263 (5764)	68785 (422)	28648	824	2.18%
Honduras	97616	166547 (810)	4040 (16)	16563	402	2.89%
Turkey	92424	2655633 (9107)	28213 (75)	31270	332	2.02%
Greece	82676	182783 (2111)	6343 (22)	17592	610	4.86%
Hungary	81976	407274 (1628)	14450 (103)	42229	1498	4.33%
Lebanon	79742	359337 (2723)	4446 (59)	52801	653	4.38%
Portugal	77044	799106 (1032)	16086 (63)	78518	1581	1.32%

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Peru	52499	1286757 (3448)	45263 (166)	38880	1367	3.75%
Norway	50542	69148 (390)	608 (0)	12691	112	2.90%
Dominican Republic	46450	236210 (328)	3057 (9)	21634	280	2.17%
Colombia	44980	2233589 (3926)	59118 (144)	43596	1154	1.39%
Bolivia	44227	244380 (1204)	11508 (38)	20650	974	2.73%
Bangladesh	42855	544116 (399)	8374 (18)	3283	51	0.49%
Israel	41610	759572 (4574)	5634 (38)	82584	613	3.29%
Iraq	39334	675982 (4181)	13311 (16)	16567	326	3.85%
South Africa	36714	1505586 (998)	49413 (263)	25180	826	0.76%
Romania	36446	784711 (3382)	20013 (119)	40969	1045	2.39%
Albania	35207	102306 (1021)	1696 (15)	35575	590	7.48%
Slovakia	32819	294790 (1998)	6671 (94)	53977	1221	5.12%
Algeria	31930	112279 (185)	2967 (3)	2531	67	1.08%
Tunisia	31783	229781 (844)	7843 (32)	19311	659	2.37%

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Cyprus	31280	33567 (176)	230 (0)	27671	190	2.56%
Malaysia	30475	288229 (2468)	1076 (14)	8832	33	6.61%
Egypt	30281	179407 (633)	10443 (39)	1732	101	2.42%
Canada	30214	857403 (3213)	21761 (41)	22454	573	2.43%
Philippines	29817	564865 (1409)	12107 (13)	5111	110	2.23%
Bulgaria	28913	240391 (1800)	9978 (45)	34767	1443	3.45%
Jordan	28614	372417 (4139)	4589 (19)	36267	447	5.42%
Costa Rica	26721	203097 (423)	2785 (3)	39634	543	1.30%
Uganda	25295	40243 (22)	333 (0)	862	7	0.45%
Pakistan	23665	574580 (1196)	12708 (50)	2564	57	1.50%
Paraguay	21958	153790 (1132)	3101 (21)	21392	431	4.92%
Ecuador	21396	275780 (812)	15567 (20)	15479	874	2.79%
Nigeria	21370	153187 (571)	1874 (12)	731	9	3.19%
Chile	21262	805317 (2308)	20151 (25)	41894	1048	2.89%

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Ethiopia	18901	154257 (716)	2305 (12)	1321	20	3.74%
Mozambique	18419	56595 (435)	606 (7)	1779	19	8.47%
Japan	17580	426828 (1103)	7595 (54)	3379	60	1.97%
Kenya	16998	104500 (194)	1837 (10)	1916	34	1.26%
Austria	16923	448371 (1727)	8434 (37)	49600	933	2.73%
Finland	13798	54532 (400)	734 (1)	9832	132	6.39%
Malawi	12637	31106 (164)	1024 (3)	1600	53	5.42%
Estonia	12519	59407 (962)	553 (13)	44763	417	10.04%
West Bank & Gaza	11626	176377 (1408)	1994 (8)	34065	385	3.91%
Slovenia	11597	185916 (902)	3792 (8)	89420	1824	2.90%
Libya	11559	130701 (489)	2125 (9)	18856	307	2.04%
Moldova	11341	178540 (1133)	3823 (24)	44326	949	3.94%
Lithuania	11004	194833 (500)	3189 (11)	72236	1183	1.83%

VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Kuwait	10859	186004 (1015)	1057 (8)	43143	245	3.50%
Bosnia	10454	129176 (515)	5034 (18)	39534	1541	2.14%
Qatar	9862	161344 (455)	257 (0)	57463	92	1.99%
Panama	9795	337805 (718)	5772 (16)	77503	1324	1.35%
Latvia	9386	82462 (669)	1570 (24)	44037	838	5.78%
Jamaica	8375	21826 (147)	405 (6)	7350	136	9.41%
Congo (Kinshasa)	8309	25144 (0)	700 (0)	275	8	2.87%
Montenegro	8262	72969 (574)	969 (12)	116171	1543	4.38%
Belarus	8209	280428 (972)	1930 (9)	29683	204	3.39%
UAE	7823	375535 (3005)	1145 (5)	37675	115	5.43%
South Korea	7494	88120 (439)	1576 (3)	1709	31	3.60%
Oman	7289	139989 (297)	1557 (2)	26973	300	1.47%
Myanmar	7228	141783 (22)	3197 (0)	2595	59	0.09%
Bahrain	7081	119205 (675)	433 (4)	68535	249	4.06%

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VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Morocco	7030	481709 (446)	8574 (15)	12951	231	0.55%
Ghana	6812	80759 (0)	582 (0)	2565	18	4.60%
Kosovo	6804	66740 (260)	1575 (3)			2.80%
Lesotho	6758	10467 (1)	291 (3)	4861	135	1.12%
N Macedonia	6736	99917 (509)	3085 (9)	47961	1481	2.46%
Venezuela	6634	136986 (441)	1325 (5)	4826	47	2.23%
Guatemala	6551	172072 (783)	6315 (9)	9491	348	2.31%
Denmark	5952	209244 (529)	2344 (0)	35924	404	1.61%
Uruguay	5873	53973 (663)	588 (5)	15503	169	7.87%
Sudan	5506	30205 (77)	1876 (5)	634	42	0.51%
Armenia	5172	170672 (166)	3171 (4)	57526	1069	0.75%
Australia	5138	28939 (2)	909 (0)	1126	35	0.10%
Zambia	5106	75582 (555)	1040 (9)	4039	56	6.30%

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
Cuba*	4914	46197 (836)	304 (4)	4080	27	13.54%
Syria	4889	15282 (52)	1004 (3)	860	56	2.17%
Senegal	4716	33242 (143)	832 (18)	1952	49	5.31%
Sri Lanka	4714	81009 (492)	453 (3)	3773	21	4.72%
Botswana	4648	27721 (0)	300 (0)	11637	126	6.92%
Afghanistan	4244	55646 (29)	2435 (2)	1409	62	0.23%
El Salvador	3096	59235 (0)	1815 (8)	9103	279	2.05%
South Sudan	2997	7098 (167)	87 (0)	629	8	19.55%
Luxembourg	2780	54354 (182)	629 (1)	85928	994	2.38%
Georgia	2742	268995 (493)	3457 (10)	67516	868	0.94%
Eswatini	2579	16839 (32)	647 (2)	14418	554	1.38%
Haiti	2526	12309 (0)	247 (0)	1072	21	0.95%
Malta	2500	21306 (221)	306 (1)	48170	692	5.91%
Saudi Arabia	2463	375668 (335)	6470 (4)	10683	184	0.61%

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* Indicates moved down a risk category

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases / 1M Pop.	Deaths / 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Maldives	2436	19038 (108)	60 (0)	34825	110	5.02%
Somalia	2260	6246 (0)	208 (0)	386	13	13.98%
Azerbaijan	2208	233424 (223)	3204 (2)	22888	314	0.47%
Croatia	2201	240360 (343)	5462 (13)	58786	1336	0.98%
Zimbabwe	2174	35910 (48)	1448 (7)	2394	97	1.66%
Namibia	2066	37896 (154)	411 (5)	14742	160	4.04%
Nicaragua	2047	6445 (47)	173 (1)	965	26	0.73%
Cameroon	1864	33749 (0)	523 (0)	1251	19	4.89%
Mali	1671	8324 (18)	348 (0)	404	17	1.00%
Kyrgyzstan	1662	86001 (72)	1460 (2)	13043	221	0.51%
Nepal	1533	273666 (110)	2065 (4)	9285	70	0.26%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1479	8625 (0)	127 (0)	1539	23	2.39%
Burundi	1265	2041 (7)	3 (0)	168	0	9.11%
Gabon	1247	13884 (0)	76 (0)	6145	34	7.34%

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

Country	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Sierra Leone	1174	3862 (5)	79 (0)	478	10	0.96%
Benin	1116	5434 (0)	70 (0)	441	6	7.27%
Bahamas	1067	8477 (6)	179 (0)	21424	452	1.11%
Thailand	1067	25692 (188)	83 (0)	366	1	3.53%

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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	3493452	3543340 (6394)	49888 (347)	89312	1262	1.23%
Florida	1848320	1878533 (5610)	30213 (148)	87464	1407	2.20%
New York	1415131	1604892 (6923)	47037 (113)	84360	2429	3.23%
Illinois	1154713	1177241 (1673)	22528 (22)	92909	1778	1.05%
Georgia	973894	990821 (3780)	16927 (92)	93320	1594	2.13%
Arizona	680153	810658 (1184)	15650 (145)	111374	2150	1.35%
New Jersey	675180	772267 (3158)	22978 (104)	86946	2587	2.75%
Virginia	513489	567039 (1769)	7658 (172)	66433	897	2.42%
Missouri	484271	492477 (575)	8206 (144)	84664	1377	0.85%
Colorado	394119	422390 (1096)	5907 (14)	73348	1026	1.74%
Maryland	360260	377628 (662)	7762 (30)	62462	1284	1.43%
Kentucky	347470	399013 (1487)	4476 (16)	89311	1002	2.07%
Washington	330812	335693 (731)	4881 (24)	44513	650	1.77%
Nevada	286640	291543 (398)	4903 (21)	94652	1592	0.86%

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
Kansas	283254	294091 (11)	4602 (0)	101216	1596	1.44%
Connecticut	269119	276691 (1357)	7572 (10)	77607	2124	2.12%
South Carolina	267762	506912 (1323)	8357 (25)	98454	1623	3.25%
Texas	220834	2617096 (10583)	42521 (220)	90418	1477	1.76%
Indiana	215964	657037 (679)	12450 (43)	97596	1849	0.99%
Alabama	204068	488973 (1453)	9660 (68)	99726	1970	1.33%
Oregon	151483	153645 (510)	2162 (6)	36428	513	1.80%
Rhode Island	114138	124262 (282)	2476 (10)	117299	2337	1.76%
Michigan	94252	639712 (1784)	16380 (37)	64055	1640	1.28%
Delaware	83849	85228 (138)	1379 (11)	87524	1416	2.18%
Pennsylvania	79824	920385 (2820)	23677 (97)	72086	1860	2.01%
Massachusetts	78104	571783 (1237)	15883 (30)	82957	2304	1.96%
Idaho	75453	169866 (282)	1840 (14)	95053	1030	1.13%
Wisconsin	60947	613419 (707)	6910 (39)	96277	1085	0.82%

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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
Alaska	57503	57793 (55)	290 (0)	75949	392	1.54%
Nebraska	55016	199402 (357)	2050 (3)	103082	1060	0.98%
Ohio	47072	958153 (2775)	16968 (94)	81970	1452	1.55%
Iowa	44639	360903 (710)	5400 (26)	114225	1712	8.47%
New Mexico	44083	183335 (312)	3644 (9)	87434	1738	1.24%
North Carolina	39798	846284 (1514)	10965 (31)	80690	1045	2.36%
Maine	30304	43736 (142)	660 (2)	32537	491	2.20%
Hawaii	27024	27454 (44)	430 (0)	19260	304	1.27%
Utah	19767	367789 (716)	1865 (12)	114720	582	1.48%
Louisiana	19711	426048 (1404)	9503 (26)	91647	2044	1.33%
Tennessee	17386	767315 (1226)	11198 (45)	112179	1633	1.02%
Oklahoma	14040	420212 (359)	4227 (24)	106195	1068	1.29%
Mississippi	11208	291222 (348)	6577 (24)	97852	2210	0.86%
District of Columbia	10314	39844 (89)	998 (3)	56456	1414	1.79%

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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
West Virginia	8528	130139 (285)	2274 (11)	72616	1269	1.55%
Puerto Rico	8021	99476 (219)	1986 (3)	52574	586	1.17%
Minnesota	6442	480091 (500)	6502 (1)	85128	1153	1.14%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change 7-Day Av
Arkansas	4834	316593 (834)	5377 (14)	104908	1782	0.97%
New Hampshire	2728	73923 (258)	1155 (1)	54367	849	3.66%
Vermont	2585	14691 (83)	199 (1)	23544	319	5.27%
South Dakota	1938	111546 (212)	1863 (0)	126089	2106	0.85%
Montana	1922	99040 (230)	1346 (4)	92667	1259	1.39%

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