

# Dentons Flashpoint

## Daily Global Situation Report

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

A CDC study confirms Pfizer and Moderna vaccine efficacy in a real-world study.

The US suspended all trade agreements with Myanmar until the democratically elected government returns to power.

A worker's union at an Alabama Amazon warehouse votes today on unionization of the first US Amazon facility.

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## WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

The health of Russian anti-corruption activist Alexey Navalny is in decline, with reports indicating that he has been subjected to “*torture-like*” conditions in prison. Navalny’s status during his 2.5 year prison sentence on politically motivated charges will be of elevated concern to US and European lawmakers, who may impose additional punitive measures on Moscow should the activist die in captivity. The situation is reminiscent of Sergei Magnitsky, whose death in 2009 triggered the passage of the Magnitsky Act, authorizing the US government to sanction those it sees as human rights offenders.



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# Global

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## Confirmed coronavirus cases surpassed 127.6 million with deaths at 2.7 million.

- Traffic in the **Suez Canal** resumed after the Ever Given was re-floated. Shipping companies say the backlog from days of stopped traffic could take weeks or months to clear.
- Leaders of 23 countries and the World Health Organization on Tuesday backed an idea to create an international treaty that would help the world deal with **future health emergencies**.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

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**A CDC study confirmed that Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are highly effective in preventing COVID-19 infection; in a group of about 4,000 essential workers, risk of infection fell by 80 percent after one shot and 90 percent after two shots.**

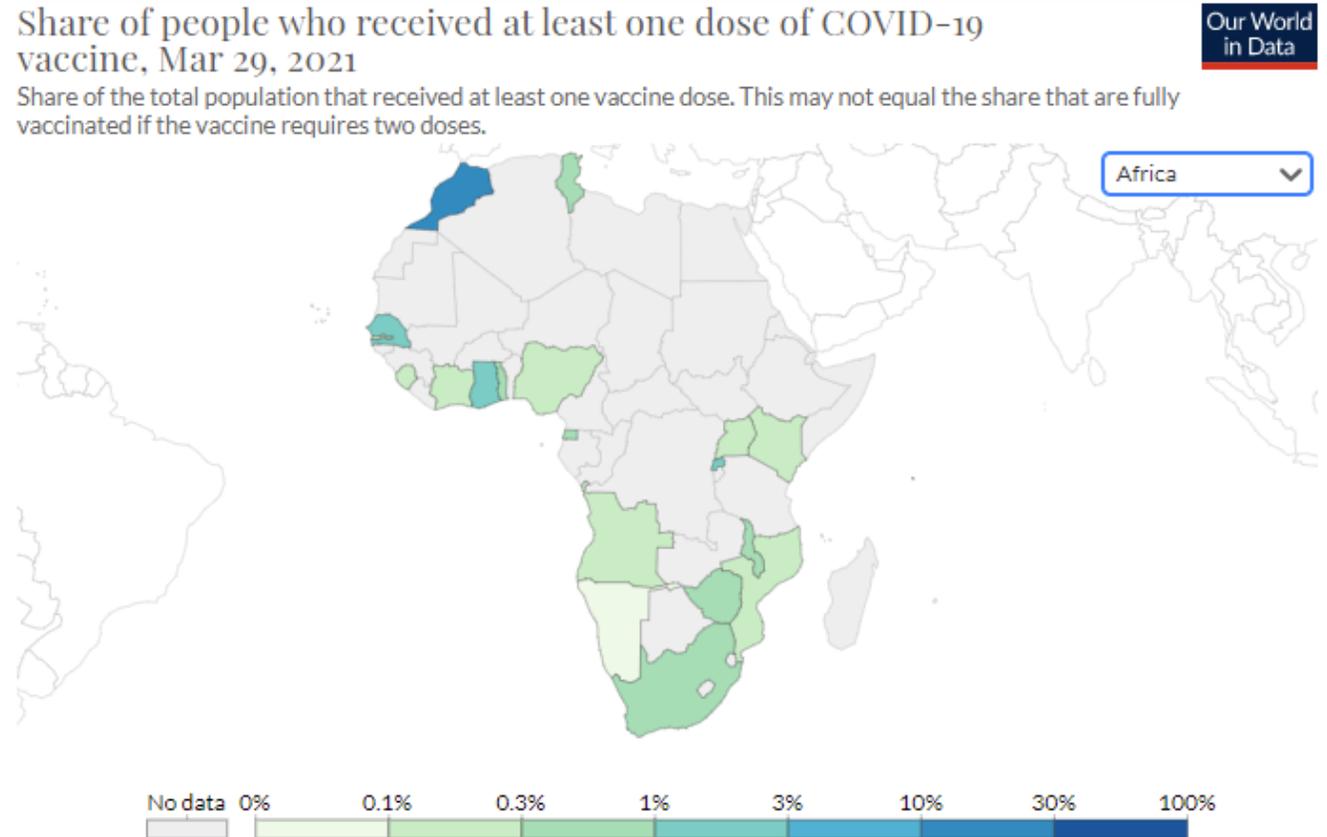
- **Canada** suspended use of the **AstraZeneca vaccine** for under-55s as a “*precautionary measure*” while health authorities investigate possible concerns about blood clots raised in Europe.
- US business groups, including pharma industry lobbyists, are urging the Biden administration to resist pressure from developing nations to suspend **intellectual property protections** for COVID-19 vaccines.
- British drugmaker **GlaxoSmithKline** will manufacture up to 60 million doses of vaccine developed by pharma rival **Novavax** in an agreement set to boost UK production of coronavirus doses.
- **Palestinians** received 100,000 doses of China’s Sinopharm vaccine from Beijing.
- **Britain** will vaccinate the whole of its adult population before it provides any surplus doses to other countries, including close neighbor Ireland.

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# COVID-19 Vaccine

Globally, 564.56 million have received vaccinations.

With the supply chain to the Covax facility disrupted due to India's decision to prioritize domestic requirements, countries in Africa risk falling further behind in the global race for COVID-19 vaccination. Africa makes up less than 2 percent of vaccine administered around the globe thus far.



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# Markets & Business

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## Global banks may lose more than \$6 billion from the collapse of Archegos Capital.

- **Asian share markets** strengthened Tuesday as investors remained focused on gains in the global vaccination program.
- **European shares** edged toward all-time highs on Tuesday on hopes of a strong economic recovery,
- The **UK pound** rallied to a 13-month high against the euro, which is on track to see its worst month since 2019.
- Vote counting for a worker's union at an **Amazon** warehouse in Alabama will begin today; if the union is approved, it will be the first union at a US Amazon facility.
- **News Corp** will buy **Houthon Mifflin Harcourt's** consumer publishing arm for \$349 million.
- South Korea's **Hyundai Motor Co** said on Tuesday it plans to temporarily suspend production at its Ulsan No.1 plant due to chip and component supply issues from April 7-14.
- **T-Mobile** is scaling down its TV-service plans and will instead direct customers towards YouTube TV.
- **Foxconn**, the world's largest contract electronics maker, posted on Tuesday a lower Q4 profit that lagged expectations despite strong iPhone 12 sales.
- UK satellite company **Inmarsat** sued the Dutch government after it was told to relocate so that telecoms companies can use its spectrum for 5G.

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# Africa

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- **Mozambican** security forces reportedly largely recaptured the town of Palma, where militants had taken control of the small port and Total oil facility. The Islamic State claimed credit for the attack. The US assessed that the Palma attack was a sign of increasing “*brazenness*” of the Islamic State.
- After passing 200,000 virus infections, **Ethiopia** tightened COVID-19 restrictions.
- The International Criminal Court will rule on Wednesday whether to uphold the acquittal of **Ivory Coast's** former president Laurent Gbagbo, the first head of state to stand trial at the tribunal. Gbagbo and his former youth leader Charles Ble Goude were cleared of crimes against humanity in 2019 over a wave of post-electoral violence in the west African nation more than a decade ago.
- Coronavirus restrictions have exacerbated hunger in urban **Zimbabwe**, where at least 2.4 million people are now struggling to meet basic food needs, according to the UN World Food Program assessment.



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# How do You Manage Political Risk?

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# Asia

- The **US** suspended all trade agreements with **Myanmar** until the democratically elected government returns to power. Myanmar protesters launch “*garbage strike*,” asking residents to leave garbage at main road intersections, as death toll tops 500
- The **Philippines** returned Manila to its strictest lockdown level after surpassing 10,000 new cases in one day for the first time. **Bangladesh** surpassed 600,000 infections.
- The defense ministers of **Japan and Indonesia** agreed to conduct joint exercises in the **South China Sea**, following tensions over the presence of a Chinese “*maritime militia*” in the Spratly Islands.
- A UN working group said that a number of “*well-known global brands*” may be involved in human rights abuses in Xinjiang, **China**. Huawei suspended downloads of Nike and Adidas apps from its app store amid a continuing backlash over their positions on Xinjiang. **Finnish** paper company Stora Enso said it will divest from the viscose market, a move that follows media reports of possible links between the company and forced labor in Xinjiang.

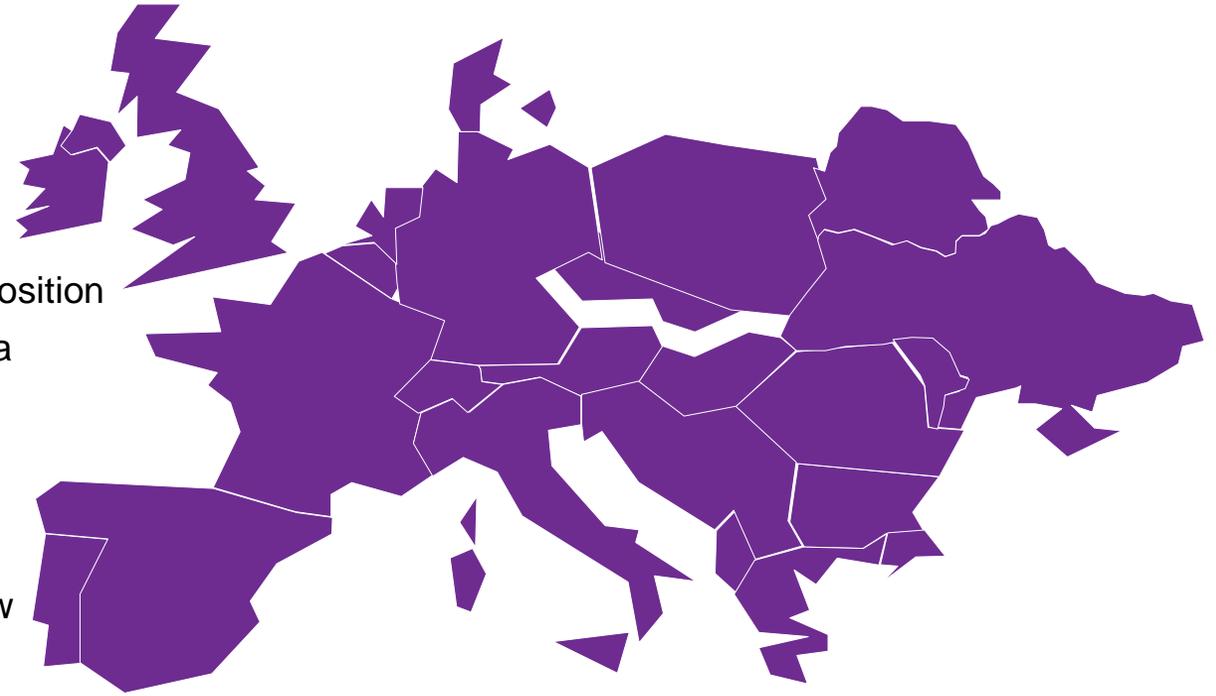


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# Europe

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- The **Belarusian** government opened a criminal case against opposition leader Svetlana Tsikhanouskaya on the charges of preparing for a terrorist act.
- **Slovak** Prime Minister Matovic will resign on Monday, becoming the first world leader to step down over a COVID-19 controversy. The president will task Finance Minister Heger with forming a new government.
- **British** Prime Minister Johnson said he hopes to avoid another lockdown in the UK. Following a significant rise in case rates, **Turkey** tightened virus-related restrictions, including a return to weekend lockdowns. Over the past week, Turkey average more than 30,000 daily new infections. **Hungary** surpassed 20,000 deaths.
- The **Irish** government unveiled its “*Our Rural Future*” strategy, which will leverage changed working patters to to shift people from major cities to the rest of the country, envisaging a network of remote working hubs and rejuvenated town centers in an effort to redress the country’s longstanding rural-urban divide.
- **Turkey’s** president Recep Tayyip Erdogan fired the deputy governor of the central bank, 10 days after he dismissed its head, sparking fears the country was heading for a return to unorthodox monetary policy.



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# Middle East

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- **Israeli** President Rivlin will start discussions with political parties on Monday to determine the preferred candidate to try to form a government and invite one to build a coalition by April 7.
- **French** Foreign Minister le Drian warned **Lebanese** leaders that the **EU** is exploring ways to exert pressure on Lebanese actors who have obstructed efforts to form a new government.
- The **US** urged the **UN Security Council** to call for the reopening of **Syrian** border crossings currently controlled by **Russia**.
- **Israel** added the **UAE and Bahrain** to a list of countries it advises Israeli citizens to avoid visiting due to a heightened risk of **Iranian** attack.



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# Americas

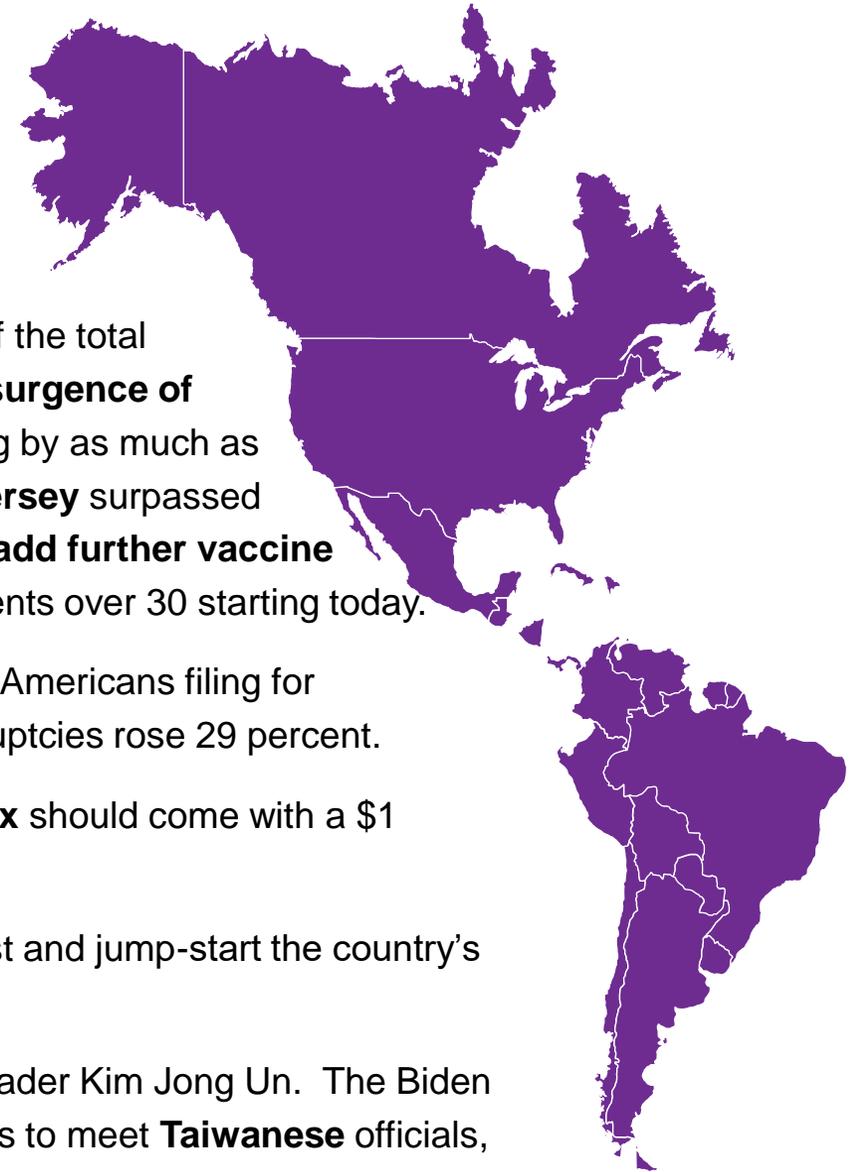
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- **Brazilian** President Jair Bolsonaro made six Cabinet changes on Monday in the biggest ministerial reshuffle since he took office as pressure mounts on the far-right leader over his handling of the pandemic that has killed over 300,000 in the country. Bolsonaro replaced the foreign minister, minister of defense and minister of justice.
- **Guatemala** declared a “*state of prevention*” along its border with **Honduras** amid reports of a new migrant caravan forming there.
- Over the weekend, **Mexico** City’s small-particle pollution rose to levels not seen in years, about six times of what is considered the acceptable limit. Mexico’s President Lopez Obrador condemned the killing in police custody of a **Salvadoran** woman, whose death, recorded on video, has sparked public outrage.
- **Chile’s** President Piñera said that Congress should delay elections for delegates to the country’s constitution assembly from April 10-11 to May 15-16.



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# Americas: US



- Nationally, 95 million people have received one or **more vaccine doses**, 28.6 percent of the total population. CDC director Walensky expressed a sense of “*impending doom*” about a **resurgence of coronavirus** in the country. New coronavirus cases continued to rise this week, jumping by as much as 12 percent nationwide. **Michigan** led with a 57 percent rise over the past week. **New Jersey** surpassed 900,000 infections. The **death toll** now exceeds 550,000. The Biden Administration will **add further vaccine sites** to speed nationwide immunization. **New York** opens vaccine eligibility to all residents over 30 starting today.
- The CDC extended its **national eviction moratorium** for three months. The number of Americans filing for **bankruptcy** last year was down 22 percent compared to 2019, while commercial bankruptcies rose 29 percent.
- Progressive Senate Democrats indicated that their plans for a **capital-gains at death tax** should come with a \$1 million per-person exemption.
- The White House released an ambitious plan to expand wind farms along the East Coast and jump-start the country’s nascent offshore wind industry as part of an expanded **green energy program**.
- The White House said that President Biden does not plan to meet with **North Korean** leader Kim Jong Un. The Biden Administration is preparing to issue guidelines that would make it easier for US diplomats to meet **Taiwanese** officials, in a move China is likely to see as a provocation.

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# Emerging and Existing Hotspots: Escalating Violence in Myanmar

By Briana Boland

***Two months after the February 1st military coup, instability and violence continues to worsen in Myanmar. Last Saturday, March 27th, saw the deadliest day since the coup, with security forces killing at least 114. The scale of violence and brutality of tactics by Myanmar's security forces have further hardened opposition to the military leadership, both within the country and internationally. Activists, pro-democracy politicians, and ethnic armed forces have echoed calls for a united front against the military junta, increasing risk of escalating violence between opposition groups and security forces willing to use deadly force.***

## ***Heightened Violence and Risk of Further Escalation***

On Saturday, at least 114 were killed by security forces as the Tatmadaw (Myanmar's military) celebrated Armed Forces Day, bringing the country's known death toll since the coup to over 450. Given tight control on information coming out of Myanmar and the prevalence of internet suspensions since the coup, the real death toll is likely higher. Saturday demonstrated an escalation not only for the scale of deaths, but also of the Tatmadaw's tactics for crackdown on dissent. Along with using live ammunition against protestors, reports have highlighted brutal tactics used to intimidate protestors and the communities that might support them, including use of arbitrary arrests, beatings by police, shootings of bystanders (including a number of children), and neighborhood raids.

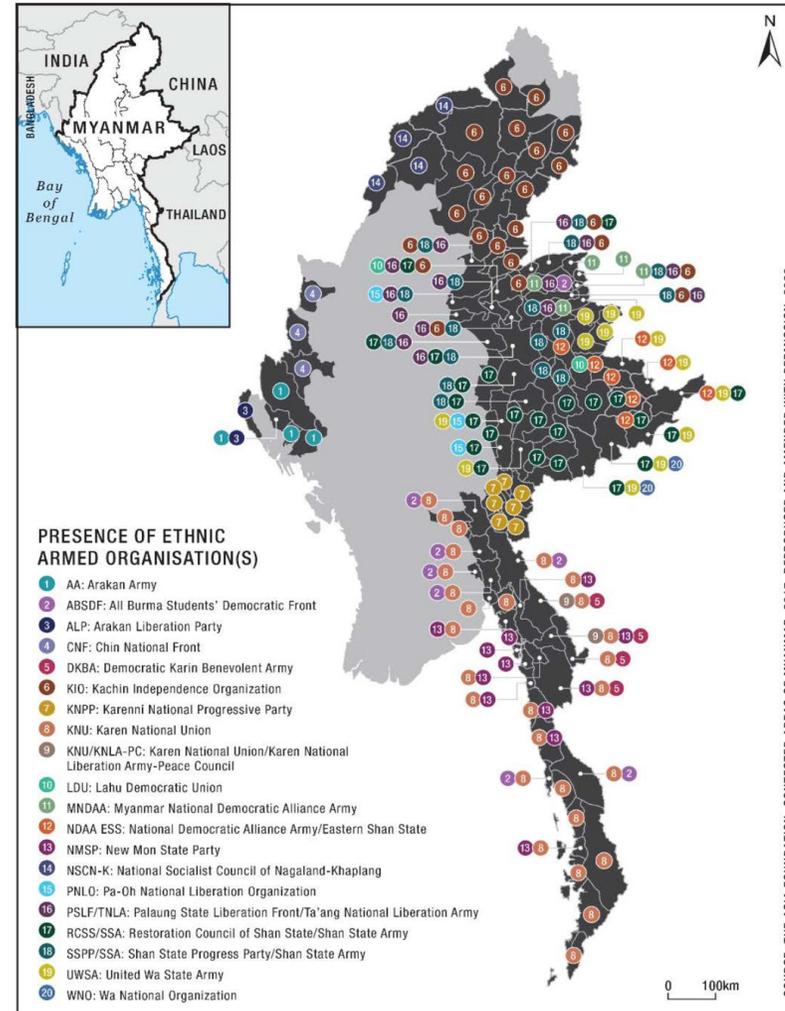
Given the levels of violence used by security forces over the past two months, any de-escalation of protests and government crackdown is unlikely to last. Rather, the country risks entering a vicious circle of escalating violence; the most recent violent crackdown raises the potential for civilian attacks against security personnel and property, which could in turn prompt elicited disproportionate retaliation. Though most deaths have been concentrated in Myanmar's two largest cities, Mandalay and Yangon, violence has been recorded across the country. If violent attacks do continue to intensify, the anti-coup protest movement could gain more traits of an organized armed resistance – particularly depending on the role of existing armed ethnic groups.

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## Ethnic Armed Forces in Myanmar

The intensifying violence of the past few days has drawn increased attention to Myanmar's ethnic armed forces, with multiple armed groups, opposition politicians, and pro-democracy activists calling for a unified front to resist Tatmadaw rule. The Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), a parallel administration set up by allies of Aung San Suu Kyi, says it has reached agreement with major ethnic groups on the need to form a unity government. The CRPH's appointed Special Envoy to the UN, Dr. Sasa, explained that the administration is working with several ethnic groups on forming a new constitution, with a new "unity government" to be formed in April. Following Saturday's violence, the General Strike Committee of Nationalities, a prominent protest group, published an open letter on Facebook calling for "*the ethnic armed organizations to collectively protect the people.*" The Restoration Council of Shan State/Shan State Army – South (RCSS), which operates near the Thai



Source:  
International Crisis  
Group, August 2020  
Report "Identity  
Crisis:  
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According to the  
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Group, around 20  
ethnic armed groups  
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border, became the latest ethnic armed group to warn that Myanmar's armed ethnic factions will not stand by if more continue to be killed.

Conflict between the Tatmadaw and ethnic armed groups has not been limited to rhetorical warnings. Skirmishes between government security forces have already sparked alarm and international headlines such as: *"Myanmar Civil War Fears Growing After Airstrikes on Ethnic Army."* The Karen National Union, which controls an area in Myanmar's southeast along the Thai border, on Monday confirmed reports that the Tatmadaw conducted retaliatory airstrikes against them, which killed three people and caused about 10,000 to flee to a new safe zone. In the north, the Kachin Independence Army, which has also warned the government against crackdown on protestors, and which has skirmished with Tatmadaw forces multiple times since the coup, reportedly attacked police battalions in Kachin state on Sunday – killing about 20 policemen, according to *Myanmar Now*.

The Tatmadaw has reached out to various ethnic armed groups in efforts to forestall the creation of a united front. Amid Saturday's

violence, Tatmadaw leader Min Aung Hliang also reiterated his promise to protect the country's people and democracy. But the military is unlikely to succeed in dissuading action against them as long as they continue crackdowns on resistance – even if the chances of an armed insurgency succeeding against the Tatmadaw are low.

## ***International Reactions and Reputational Risk***

Saturday's violence met with swift condemnation from numerous Asian, North American, and European nations, intensifying criticism that had already been leveled at the military junta. The UN's Special Rapporteur for Myanmar described the military's actions as *"mass murder."* On Monday, US Trade Representative Katherine Tai announced that the US will suspend all trade engagement with Myanmar until a democratically elected government returns, while Norway urged all of its citizens to leave the country. Not all countries have been so severely critical of the Tatmadaw – China, India and Russia all had representatives attending the Armed Forces Day celebration, and China responded to the day's violence with reiterated calls for de-escalation from all sides. But Myanmar's

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trajectory towards a prolonged period of political instability and continuing violence is certain to bring heightened reputational and sanctions exposure risks for entities involved in the country.

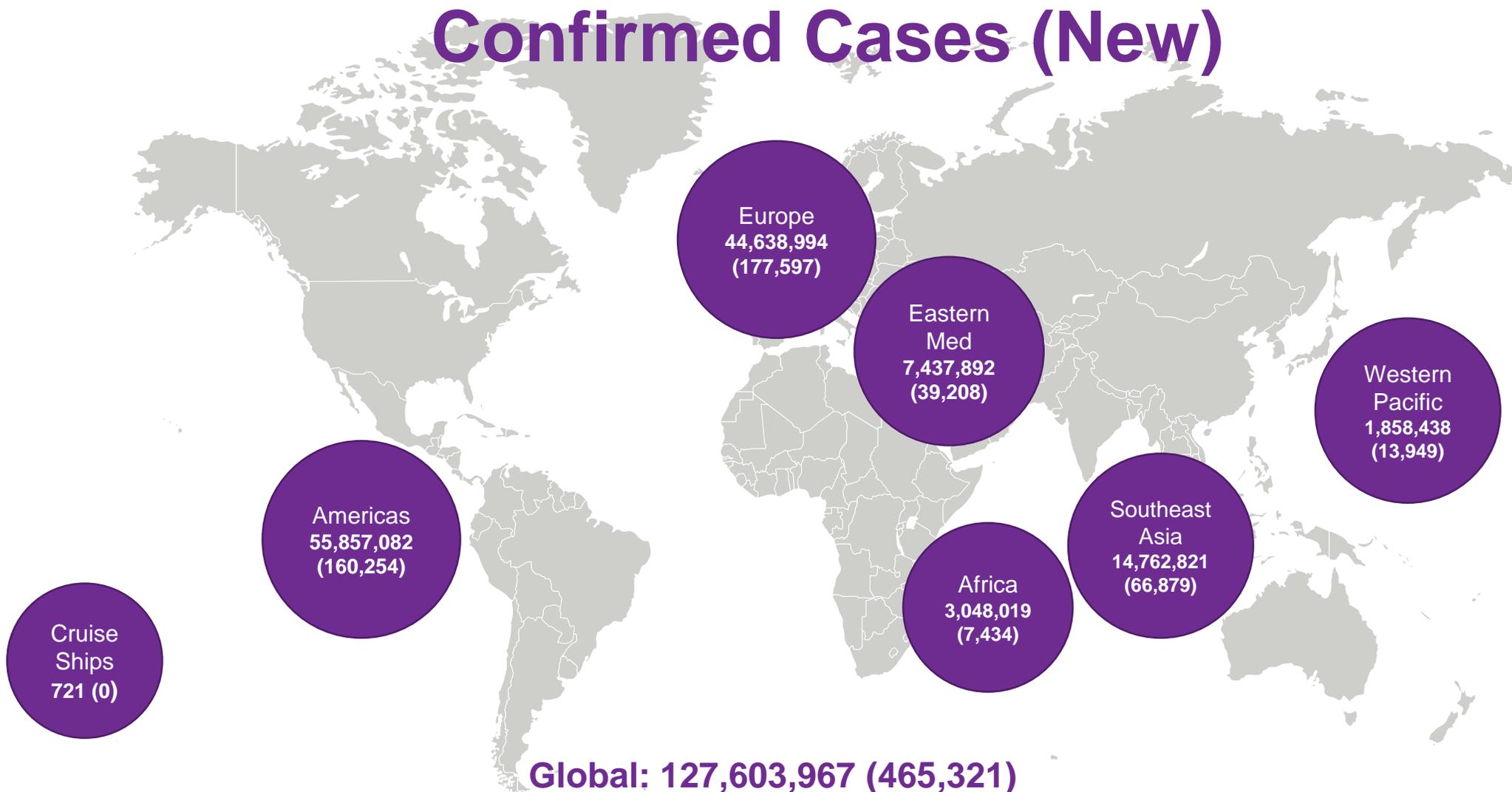
For Myanmar's neighbors, the country's worrying trajectory brings risk of conflict spilling across long and sometimes porous international borders. Thailand's Prime Minister said Monday that his government is preparing for an influx of refugees from Myanmar; already tensions have arisen over reports that Thai authorities forced back over 2,000 refugees fleeing airstrikes on Monday. With no end in sight for Myanmar's instability, refugee flows from the country of 54 million may be only just beginning.

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# Coronavirus Condition Updates

As of 2100 hours US EDT on March 29, 2021

# Confirmed Cases (New)

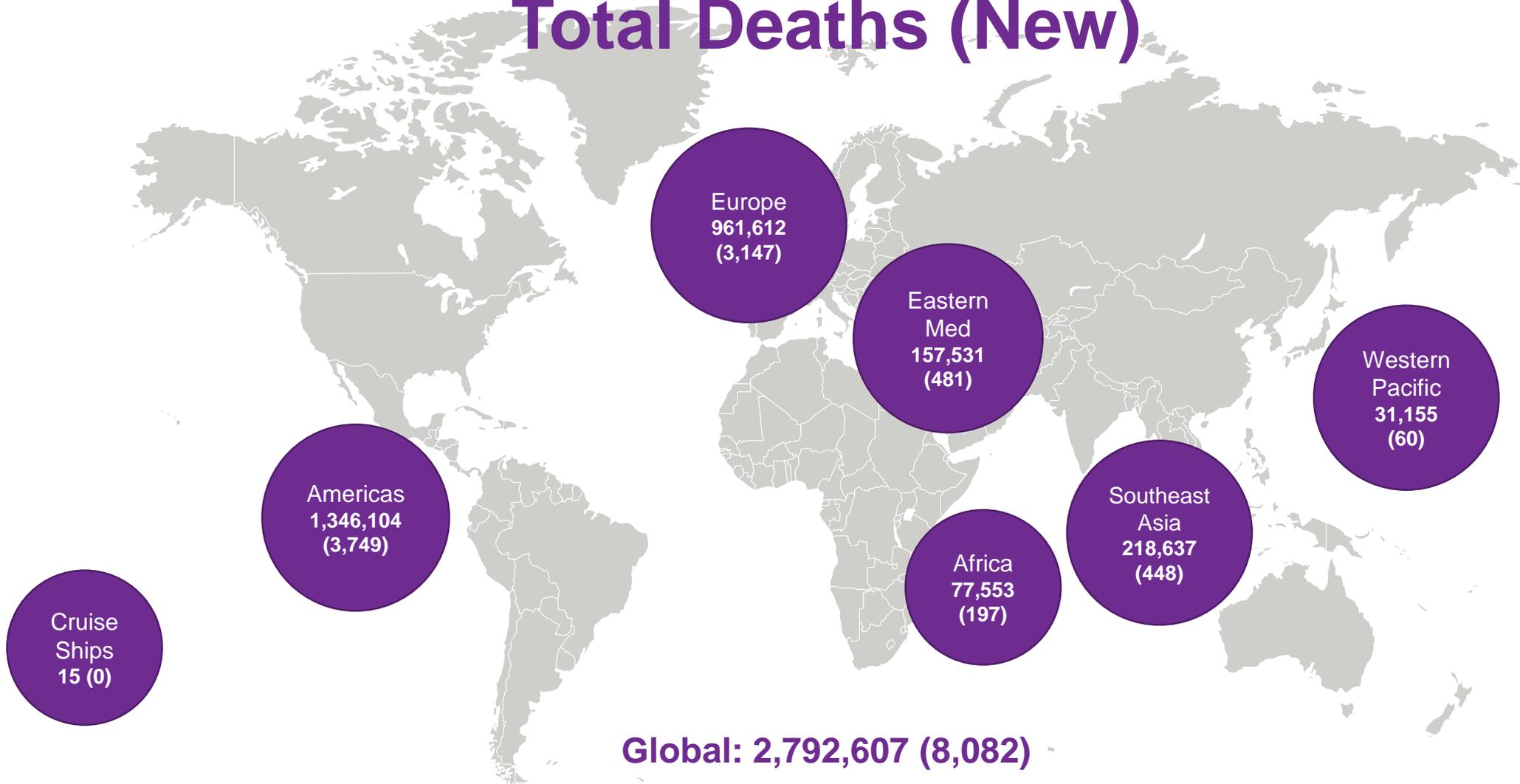


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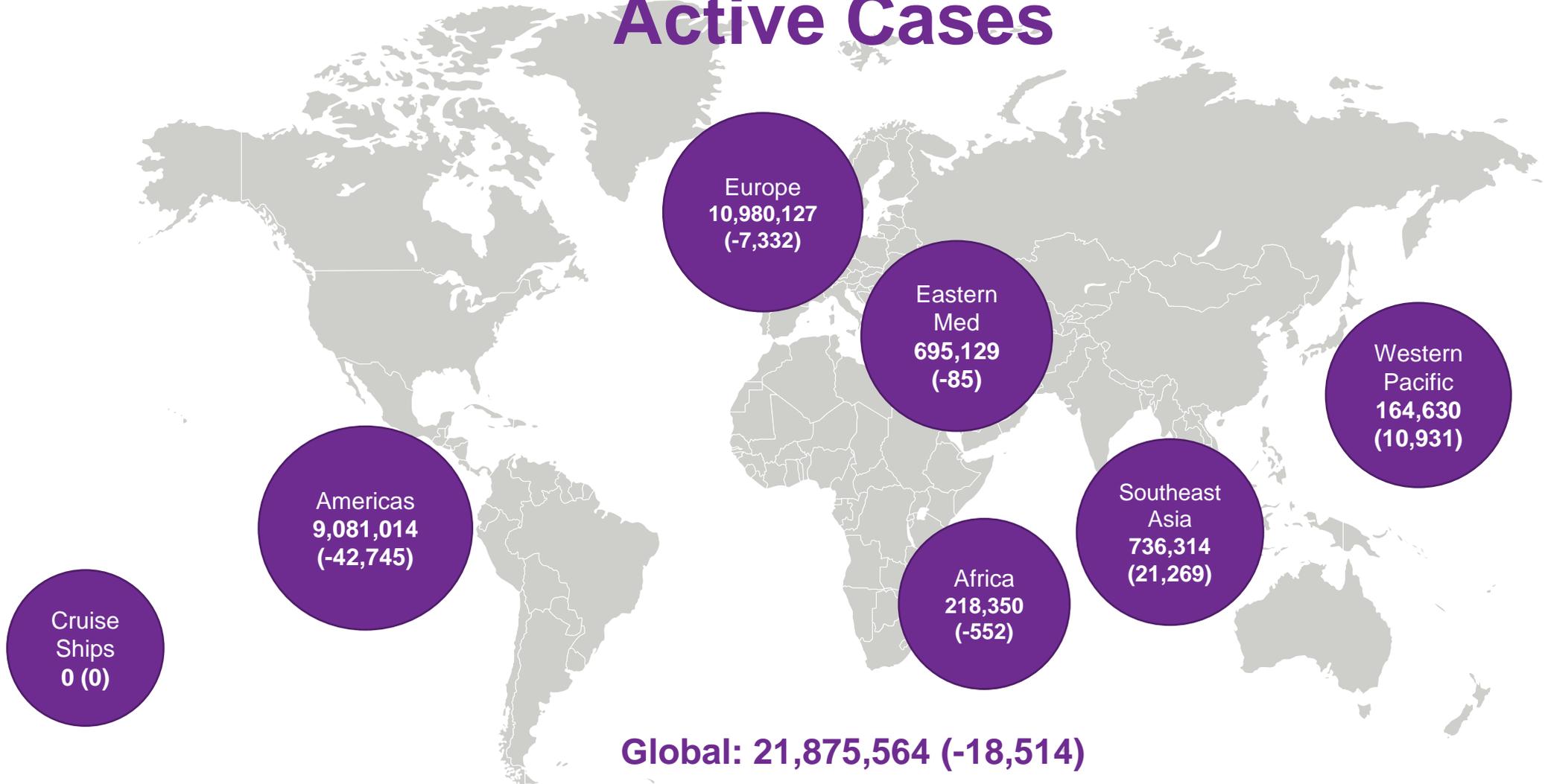
# Total Deaths (New)



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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	6828099	30331028 (68902)	550035 (657)	93351	1694	1.53%
France	4224341	4647016 (9110)	95673 (360)	69664	1452	5.56%
Brazil	1293839	12577354 (42666)	314268 (1969)	58861	1471	4.18%
Netherlands	1246271	1279623 (6939)	16627 (13)	73364	960	4.20%
Belgium	791229	870757 (4694)	22897 (27)	74891	1969	3.88%
Sweden	766616	780018 (0)	13402 (0)	76880	1321	4.58%
Italy	565993	3544957 (12916)	108350 (417)	58696	1794	4.06%
India	542353	12095329 (56119)	162147 (266)	8701	117	3.38%
Poland	391601	2267964 (16965)	51932 (48)	59974	1373	8.59%
UK	390892	4351840 (4783)	126857 (23)	63649	1858	0.83%
Ukraine	316777	1652409 (8346)	32132 (178)	37953	738	5.94%
Russia	284102	4528543 (8711)	98033 (293)	31021	672	1.38%
Mexico	263141	2226550 (1783)	201623 (194)	17136	1552	1.38%
Turkey	234239	3240577 (32404)	31230 (154)	38120	367	6.33%

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Germany	225001	2796400 (10055)	76599 (131)	33297	912	4.22%
Hungary	221002	641124 (7263)	20161 (189)	66492	2091	9.43%
Ireland	207047	235078 (537)	4667 (1)	47218	937	1.68%
Iran	202018	1864984 (9310)	62478 (81)	21996	737	3.03%
Argentina	178744	2322611 (14014)	55611 (162)	51043	1222	3.03%
Spain	157451	3270825 (6120)	75199 (63)	69937	1608	1.28%
Czechia	136543	1516803 (1735)	26137 (100)	141443	2437	3.26%
Indonesia	123694	1501093 (5008)	40581 (132)	5445	147	2.34%
Philippines	115495	731894 (10016)	13186 (16)	6614	119	8.21%
Honduras	110914	187460 (445)	4558 (1)	18707	455	2.69%
Jordan	96188	597256 (7940)	6651 (97)	58109	647	8.80%
Slovakia	93273	358115 (205)	9542 (46)	65570	1747	2.47%
Lebanon	89564	462339 (1277)	6136 (40)	67964	902	4.61%
Serbia	86686	590018 (4512)	5231 (41)	67731	600	5.78%

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Iraq	73581	838265 (5837)	14249 (37)	20502	348	4.74%
Bulgaria	67864	333250 (4497)	12913 (203)	48231	1869	7.61%
Bangladesh	54228	600895 (5181)	8949 (45)	3622	54	4.53%
Colombia	52791	2389779 (7049)	63079 (124)	46599	1230	1.99%
Pakistan	46663	659116 (4525)	14256 (41)	2942	64	4.35%
Canada	45211	971718 (4573)	22900 (20)	25580	603	3.40%
Ethiopia	44530	202545 (1982)	2825 (24)	1730	24	6.74%
Chile	42968	984484 (7241)	23070 (101)	51175	1199	4.71%
Cyprus	42680	44991 (360)	254 (2)	37064	209	5.25%
Switzerland	41756	596790 (4573)	10305 (5)	68584	1184	2.10%
Bolivia	38939	269628 (326)	12186 (21)	22868	1034	1.85%
Dominican Republic	37466	252182 (199)	3307 (3)	23076	303	0.95%
Kenya	36820	131116 (902)	2135 (18)	2399	39	6.92%

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Austria	35889	539541 (3076)	9275 (19)	59654	1025	4.26%
Egypt	35195	200739 (689)	11914 (32)	1935	115	2.33%
Paraguay	33926	210425 (1770)	4113 (50)	29237	571	6.80%
Algeria	32513	116946 (110)	3084 (4)	2632	69	0.59%
Albania	32179	124419 (285)	2216 (6)	43269	771	2.31%
Bosnia	30380	165787 (856)	6427 (93)	50767	1968	6.73%
Peru	30374	1533121 (3239)	51635 (166)	46024	1550	3.94%
Finland	29603	76425 (422)	822 (5)	13777	148	5.69%
Greece	28443	255755 (1724)	7945 (65)	24627	765	6.62%
Portugal	28024	820716 (309)	16843 (6)	80663	1655	0.36%
Ecuador	26694	325124 (642)	16746 (8)	18223	939	3.77%
Tunisia	26489	251169 (604)	8760 (25)	21089	736	2.09%
Estonia	25468	104214 (584)	879 (11)	78522	662	7.50%
West Bank & Gaza	24128	238248 (1786)	2599 (18)	45917	501	5.15%

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South Africa	20624	1545979 (548)	52710 (47)	25826	881	0.49%
Jamaica	20594	38514 (287)	586 (16)	12964	197	6.80%
Costa Rica	20540	215178 (0)	2931 (0)	41957	572	1.52%
Uruguay	19246	99584 (2178)	928 (13)	28594	266	15.42%
Moldova	18881	227453 (932)	4869 (42)	56482	1209	4.99%
N Macedonia	18000	127240 (302)	3716 (41)	61076	1784	5.83%
Azerbaijan	17317	257330 (1129)	3513 (22)	25211	344	4.02%
Japan	17184	468614 (1765)	9061 (30)	3714	72	2.53%
Armenia	15169	190741 (424)	3476 (12)	64280	1171	3.42%
Qatar	14906	178464 (690)	286 (2)	63560	102	2.37%
UAE	14854	457071 (1874)	1486 (5)	45804	149	3.25%
Kuwait	14310	229550 (1251)	1298 (12)	53171	301	3.96%
Malaysia	14219	342885 (941)	1260 (5)	10495	39	2.55%

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Lithuania	13141	214381 (428)	3561 (13)	79580	1322	2.35%
Slovenia	12424	212966 (287)	4024 (6)	102429	1935	3.12%
Oman	12277	156883 (796)	1662 (1)	30158	319	3.41%
Cameroon	11687	47669 (0)	721 (0)	1763	27	14.78%
Mozambique	11158	67197 (0)	764 (0)	2107	24	1.33%
Guatemala	10851	193556 (179)	6809 (7)	10658	375	2.81%
Kosovo	10488	76070 (0)	1688 (0)			0.00%
Venezuela	10170	157943 (1288)	1577 (12)	5566	56	3.83%
Nigeria	10126	162641 (48)	2049 (1)	775	10	0.48%
Croatia	9290	267522 (300)	5911 (18)	65466	1447	3.64%
Denmark	9206	229384 (679)	2416 (1)	39380	416	0.83%
Libya	9010	157545 (696)	2653 (35)	22700	382	3.20%
Bahrain	8401	142669 (824)	515 (2)	81765	295	4.16%

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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
Israel	8230	832125 (201)	6197 (12)	90472	674	0.40%
Myanmar	7397	142393 (8)	3206 (0)	2604	59	0.10%
Belarus	7183	319599 (918)	2227 (8)	33831	236	2.56%
Latvia	7134	101207 (167)	1883 (5)	54103	1007	3.58%
Montenegro	6766	90418 (335)	1256 (11)	143949	2000	3.07%
South Korea	6291	102141 (384)	1726 (4)	1991	34	3.00%
Lesotho	5900	10686 (0)	315 (0)	4959	146	1.38%
Somalia	5895	11164 (187)	510 (14)	688	31	8.51%

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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 Change 7-Day Av
Panama	4925	354085 (246)	6103 (3)	81121	1398	0.81%
Saudi Arabia	4906	388866 (541)	6656 (6)	11043	189	0.89%
Syria	4899	18638 (140)	1247 (8)	1046	70	5.66%
Papua New Guinea	4454	5349 (165)	49 (4)	590	5	37.20%
Georgia	4106	280472 (171)	3765 (14)	70409	945	1.01%
Cote d'Ivoire	3888	43422 (242)	239 (2)	1617	9	6.50%
Sudan	3643	29661 (0)	2028 (0)	665	45	0.82%
Cuba	3583	73204 (701)	417 (2)	6466	37	7.82%
Luxembourg	3468	61073 (318)	741 (3)	96406	1170	2.58%
Morocco	3365	494766 (97)	8808 (9)	13288	237	0.59%
Afghanistan	3242	56384 (62)	2476 (4)	1425	63	0.37%
Guinea	3170	19773 (103)	123 (3)	1476	9	4.19%
Mongolia	2872	7589 (575)	6 (0)	2288	2	31.66%
Sri Lanka	2823	92303 (215)	566 (5)	4297	26	1.94%

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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
Maldives	2766	23671 (147)	66 (0)	43229	121	4.26%
Mali	2747	9921 (50)	384 (5)	480	19	5.45%
Gabon	2715	19140 (363)	114 (3)	8453	50	5.55%
Ghana	2410	90287 (0)	740 (0)	2862	23	0.67%
Malawi	2353	33505 (24)	1114 (0)	1719	57	0.70%
Zambia	2348	88012 (140)	1200 (0)	4691	64	1.68%
Botswana	2322	39848 (1382)	568 (62)	16696	238	5.74%
Nicaragua	2227	6629 (0)	177 (0)	992	26	0.71%
Togo	2115	9992 (37)	107 (0)	1186	13	10.33%
Australia	2089	29273 (18)	909 (0)	1138	35	0.23%
Kyrgyzstan	2013	88163 (71)	1497 (2)	13351	227	0.80%
Burundi	1978	2757 (0)	6 (0)	227	1	5.04%
Namibia	1955	43923 (291)	513 (4)	17058	199	2.89%
Madagascar	1904	23969 (384)	394 (7)	850	14	5.64%

## 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
Congo (Kinshasa)	1875	28012 (82)	739 (0)	306	8	1.57%
Haiti	1731	12736 (0)	251 (0)	1107	22	0.11%
Yemen	1595	4115 (82)	863 (12)	136	28	14.56%
Thailand	1366	28773 (39)	94 (0)	411	1	3.12%
Nepal	1341	276980 (141)	3027 (0)	9382	103	0.33%
Congo (Brazzaville)	1338	9681 (0)	135 (0)	1723	24	1.21%
Rwanda	1325	21490 (71)	305 (4)	1629	23	2.76%
Uzbekistan	1243	82536 (196)	626 (0)	2440	19	1.32%
Angola	1218	22132 (69)	534 (1)	658	16	1.69%
Djibouti	1217	7610 (249)	68 (1)	7621	68	12.51%
Malta	1132	28938 (63)	388 (1)	65409	877	2.14%
Cambodia	1090	2273 (40)	11 (1)	135	1	22.88%
Sierra Leone	1090	3970 (0)	79 (0)	490	10	0.55%
Guyana	1031	10182 (14)	229 (2)	12899	290	5.05%

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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	1666891	3663144 (2685)	58997 (48)	92741	1485	0.56%
New York	715935	1859474 (8742)	50158 (141)	97660	2593	3.97%
Virginia	555133	616509 (1143)	10219 (21)	72229	1197	1.71%
Florida	523683	2047379 (3374)	33247 (69)	95326	1549	1.77%
Maryland	390970	409075 (1031)	8260 (9)	67664	1366	2.05%
Kentucky	369742	425333 (309)	6042 (11)	95202	1352	0.99%
Georgia	359809	1056421 (1165)	18962 (36)	99499	1786	0.95%
South Carolina	302603	550068 (869)	9122 (0)	106836	1772	1.43%
New Jersey	195864	900273 (3621)	24404 (15)	101357	2748	3.47%
Alabama	188350	514619 (228)	10526 (0)	104956	2147	0.55%
Washington	177881	362385 (1270)	5226 (8)	47979	694	1.77%
Missouri	153321	580417 (337)	8797 (1)	93812	1480	0.84%
Michigan	146422	732938 (9238)	17056 (9)	73390	1708	4.93%
Colorado	130146	459361 (807)	6092 (0)	79768	1078	1.83%

## 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
Rhode Island	125539	136419 (644)	2613 (5)	128775	2467	1.74%
Texas	97848	2786219 (3484)	48134 (41)	96177	1668	1.03%
Idaho	77284	179763 (335)	1957 (3)	100591	1095	1.11%
Pennsylvania	68996	1017881 (4150)	24991 (20)	79812	1963	2.72%
Wisconsin	64430	634453 (320)	7277 (3)	98935	1134	0.74%
Illinois	61694	1239502 (1770)	23527 (6)	97822	1857	1.33%
Nebraska	44152	208553 (129)	2175 (0)	107812	1124	0.95%
Maine	36340	50030 (180)	736 (0)	37219	548	2.77%
Connecticut	31717	308439 (3229)	7883 (18)	86512	2211	2.84%
Ohio	31623	1013119 (1497)	18525 (0)	86672	1585	1.18%
Massachusetts	31428	631031 (1500)	17130 (15)	91553	2485	2.40%
Hawaii	29451	29912 (98)	461 (0)	20843	326	2.39%
Arizona	22671	840492 (604)	16918 (0)	115473	2324	0.45%
North Carolina	22640	910833 (5305)	12085 (57)	86845	1152	1.40%

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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 Change7-Day Av
Nevada	18876	303273 (212)	5237 (1)	98460	1700	0.64%
Indiana	18251	684733 (713)	13028 (5)	101710	1935	0.92%
Oregon	14535	164164 (212)	2375 (0)	38922	563	1.50%
New Mexico	13808	191230 (182)	3925 (0)	91200	1872	0.70%
Tennessee	13559	809692 (2900)	11866 (50)	118564	1738	0.99%
Minnesota	12932	516608 (1550)	6913 (5)	91603	1224	1.98%
Iowa	12829	350219 (505)	5729 (4)	119881	1816	1.14%
District of Columbia	11853	44248 (73)	1059 (3)	62697	1501	1.95%
Oklahoma	10873	437853 (882)	4850 (0)	110654	1226	0.55%
Utah	9979	384756 (194)	2114 (0)	120013	659	0.77%
Alaska	9800	62161 (0)	313 (0)	81622	422	1.17%
Puerto Rico	9766	106935 (447)	2112 (0)	60114	624	2.05%
Kansas	9125	303418 (430)	4891 (0)	104237	1683	0.50%
Mississippi	7157	304695 (79)	7001 (0)	102379	2352	0.58%

## VERY HIGH RISK (>5,000 cases)

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Delaware	6511	94402 (340)	1552 (8)	96945	1594	2.09%
West Virginia	6252	140991 (378)	2638 (4)	78672	1472	2.05%

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

State & Territory	Active Cases	Confirmed (New)	Deaths (New)	Cases/ 1M Pop.	Deaths/ 1M Pop	% Daily Change7-Day Av
Louisiana	3848	443905 (836)	10122 (35)	95488	2177	0.64%
Vermont	3124	19002 (182)	225 (0)	30452	361	6.12%
Virgin Islands	2881	2907 (0)	26 (0)			4.82%
New Hampshire	2785	83340 (313)	1237 (0)	61292	910	3.11%
South Dakota	2393	117336 (92)	1933 (0)	132634	2185	1.16%
Arkansas	1817	330008 (79)	5601 (6)	109354	1856	0.39%

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