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## Welcome Message

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## Editorial

Whatever is happening in the USA is serious anarchy. The insurrection at the Capital was not just extremism. It was far more than that. The separatists are well armed, well trained, and determined. They have sympathizers within important places in the Government.

We appeal to the Muslim Community in USA to exercise caution and preparedness. What happened is a crude move for a Coup d'état. But it is not over. President Trump declared at the Andrews Joint Base that "we will be back in some form". President Biden expressed fears in his inaugural address. The divide between the Red and the Blue is very much existent. The private Militias are strong. There are people in high places within the Government who sympathize with the extremists.

So please do not be caught unprepared. It is not specifically against Muslims but do not get caught in the middle. COVID-19 is not the only danger hanging over you.

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## News and Analysis

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1. As Biden enters office, there are several challenges his administration needs to overcome regarding Iran: [Nine Hurdles to Reviving the Iran Nuclear Deal](#) (Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists)
2. Israel censors groups like B'Tselem who describe the country as an "apartheid state" from teaching at schools: [Israel to Rein in Rights Groups Over Use of 'Apartheid State'](#) (Aljazeera)
3. Then NSA chair John Bolton reported that when Trump was trying to negotiate a trade deal with China he greenlighted the detention camps; now, on his last day, Mike Pompeo releases an official statement recognizing Uyghur genocide in Xinjiang: [Pompeo Accuses China of Genocide Against Muslim Uighurs in Xinjiang](#) (NPR)
4. There is a legitimate debate in Islam over whether all interest is usurious, but the Diyanet's granting of a monopoly on home mortgages to state banks is not moderation, it is statism: [When is Usury Usury? Turkish Fatwa Casts Doubt on Erdogan's Religious Soft Power Drive](#) (Middle East Soccer)
5. French Prime Minister rejects proposal to "outlaw religious veils for children", which could indicate future changes to current Islamic face-covering ban: [Macron's Premier Rejects Veil Ban for Muslim Girls in France](#) (Bloomberg)
6. Studies show that GPT-3, the most advanced text generator to date, trained not "on real-world fact-checked data, but instead on human sentiments derived from places like Reddit," has a significant anti-Muslim bias: [GPT-3 is The World's Most Powerful Bigotry Generator. What Should We Do About It?](#) (TNW)

7. Boston-based political scientist who has been lobbying U.S. officials on foreign policy was arrested by the FBI for secretly working for Iran: [Mass. Political Scientist, Author Accused of Secretly Working for Iran](#) (Boston)
8. Archbishop of Greece makes Islamophobic comments at a televised speech that "Islam is not a religion but a political party and its followers are people of war": [Muslim Scholars Condemn Greek Archbishop's Remarks](#) (Anadolu Agency)
9. Iran blacklists Trump and former senior officials for "their role and participation in terrorist and anti-human rights acts": [Iran Imposes Symbolic Sanctions on Trump, Several Members of His Administration](#) (The Globe and Mail)

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## **The COVID-19 may be here to stay awhile**

By now there are at least 5 strands of COVID-19 disease.

- The original Wuhan virus.
- The UK virus.
- The South African virus.
- The Nigerian virus.
- The German virus.

The sequence has not ended yet.

The vaccine that they are rushing is not like the polio vaccine. Its usefulness is mostly conjectural.

Its potential harms are not talked about, but very much there.

The vaccine was invented before the strands of the disease virus were discovered. So, we are riding on a Hope that the vaccine will be effective for the new strands that keep being discovered.

This thing is here to stay awhile. When there is herd immunity, even then it will continue to be a disease but the immunity in the majority will cut down the losses.

The immunity seems to be more present in the third world regions. That is because the people in those regions are regularly exposed to germs and viruses. On the other hand, the people in EuroAmerica live under greatly protected conditions, and they are accustomed to over-treatment. The EuroAmerican population therefore has less immunity, and the herd immunity in EuroAmerica might mean something different from what it means in third world regions.

Those of you who have an alternative, please examine your circumstances carefully.

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Six months on, most COVID patients still have at least 1 symptom

*New study finds fatigue or muscle weakness are the most common symptoms, while sleeping difficulties are also reported.*

More than three-quarters of people hospitalized with COVID-19 still suffered from at least one symptom after six months, according to a new study.

It found that fatigue or muscle weakness were the most common symptoms, while people also reported sleeping difficulties.

Scientists said the study – among the few to trace the long-term symptoms of COVID-19 – shows the need for further investigation into lingering coronavirus effects.

“Because COVID-19 is such a new disease, we are only beginning to understand some of its long-term effects on patients’ health,” said lead author Bin Cao, of the National Center for Respiratory Medicine.

The professor said the research highlighted the need for continuing care for patients after they have been discharged from hospital, particularly those who have had severe infections.

The new study included 1,733 COVID-19 patients discharged from Jinyintan Hospital in Wuhan between January and May last year.

The study found that 76 percent of patients who participated in the follow-up (1,265 of 1,655) said they still had symptoms. The authors said there is concern about the possibility of COVID-19 reinfection.

## **Inaugural of Joe Biden Jr**

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAEED KHATIBZADEH, IN A TWEET:

“The DIPLOMATIC VANDALISM of Trump, Pompeo & co stemmed partly from a broken institutional process. But that same process-when ‘functional’-produced disasters like wars in Iraq, Afghanistan & Vietnam. The world knows that only the US can fix itself - in practice; not just words.”

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PALESTINIAN ISLAMIST GROUP HAMAS SPOKESMAN FAWZI BARHOUM:

“There are no regrets at the departure of Trump, as he has been the biggest source and sponsor of injustice, violence and extremism in the world and the direct partner of the Israeli occupation in the aggression against our people.”

“U.S. President Joe Biden must reverse the course of misguided and unjust policies against our people and lay the foundations for security and stability in the region.”

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT URSULA VON DER LEYEN, IN A TWEET:

“The United States is back. And Europe stands ready. To reconnect with an old and trusted partner, to breathe new life into our cherished alliance. I look forward to working together with @JoeBiden.”

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GERMAN PRESIDENT FRANK-WALTER STEINMEIER, IN A VIDEO STATEMENT:

“Today is a good day for democracy. In the United States of America, it has faced tremendous challenges – and endured. Despite the attempts to tear at America’s institutional fabric, election workers and governors, the judiciary and Congress, have proven strong. I am greatly relieved that, today, Joe Biden is being sworn in as president and will be moving into the White House. I know many people in Germany share this feeling.”

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SPANISH PRIME MINISTER PEDRO SANCHEZ, SPEAKING AT A PUBLIC EVENT:

“The (election) victory of Biden represents the victory of democracy over the ultra-right and its three methods, the massive deception, the national division and the abuse, even violent, of democratic institutions... Five years ago, we thought Trump was a bad joke, but five years later we realized he jeopardized nothing less than the world’s most powerful democracy.”

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Russian Press:

While much of the Russian media focused on the "unprecedented security measures" in the US capital, some outlets are trying to predict what Biden's presidency holds for Russian-US relations.

"Overall, ahead of Joe Biden taking office, anti-Russian rhetoric in the US has significantly increased," observes news channel Rossiya 24.

"The future administration already intends to introduce tougher sanctions against Moscow," it says.

Pro-Kremlin daily Izvestia notes that "the prospects for Russian-US relations under the new US leader do not encourage optimism so far."

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Chinese Press:

'Cast out the time bombs'

China's state-run media have called for Biden to reverse the "Cold War" policies of Donald Trump, while directing much of their ire at outgoing Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Under the headline "New US administration should view Pompeo as a lunatic", the Global Times expresses the hope that the Biden team is "determined enough to cast out all the time bombs set by Pompeo".

## The turmoil to come

In January 2016, armed militants led by Ammon Bundy, seized the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in an attempt to control US public lands.

"There are years of warning signs," said Eric Ward of the Western States Center, which tracks extremism in Oregon and the West.

"We will go out of this state and out of this country as free men," proclaimed Bundy to reporters in January of 2016, referring to an attempt to seize control more broadly of US public lands.

Bundy did eventually leave Oregon free, a [jury acquitted him late in 2016](#).

Late last month, he posted a video urging his followers to go to Washington on Jan. 6. "God bless you, drive safe, fly safe, don't wear a mask and stand for freedom," Bundy said.

Extremist group monitors say violent acts like the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol have been incubating in the western U.S. for years. Self-identified "patriots" have stormed government buildings, vandalized property and frequently threatened public employees often with few, if any legal consequences.

The freed Bundy has been a far-right fixture in the response to the pandemic in the West, leading protests portraying public health restrictions like mask rules as tyranny.

In August, he violently [forced his way](#) into the Idaho Capitol, disrupting legislative hearings.

His "People's Rights" group followers frequently target the homes of local officials.

In December, then-Ada County, Idaho Commissioner Diana Lachiando [had to race home](#) from a public health meeting upon learning that protesters were banging on her door where her son was alone.

"Now we see that nationally, people have adopted this sort of ethos, whether they are aligning with the Proud Boys or the Three Percent [militia],"

"What we're seeing now is the anticipated outcome of allowing these groups to practice their insurrection on the streets and rural roads of the western region,"

And then there's Cliven Bundy, Ammon's father, who led an [armed standoff](#) near the family's Nevada ranch in 2014. He walked out of the federal courthouse in Las Vegas a free man after the federal government's [case against him collapsed](#) in January 2018.

"We're not done with this," Bundy told reporters at the time.

He continues to graze his cattle on federal land without paying or following any federal environmental laws.

After the Capitol insurrection, the rancher posted heaping praise for President Trump. And President Trump [pardoned the Oregon ranchers](#).

*"We could have a Second Amendment rally on those same steps, you know, and if we do, it's gonna be a sad day because there's going to be blood running out of that building," Griffin says.*

The video has since been taken down. But in others still on the site, Griffin, who founded the group "Cowboys for Trump," rails against Democratic Party leaders and promises activists will reconvene in D.C. ahead of the inauguration.

*"A Joe Biden presidency is something that we can never allow,"*

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Despite strict limits on nonessential travel between Canada and the United States, two Canadian nurses active in the so-called "anti-lockdown" movement made it to Washington for the Jan. 6 rally that preceded the [deadly riot](#) at the U.S. Capitol.

The women, Sarah Choujounian and Kristen Nagle, were part of a group of American and Canadian health-care professionals calling themselves the "Global Frontline Nurses" who gathered in Washington that day, according to a [news release](#), video from the scene and social media posts.

In the hours before President Trump's [rally](#) at the Ellipse, they held a small event in downtown Washington where both spoke. A [live stream](#) posted to Facebook by another nurse in the group that afternoon shows Choujounian on the steps of the Capitol amid a large crowd.

Look at the speech below. Trump's speech begins with a suggestion that his supporters -- whose numbers he vastly overstates as being in the hundreds of thousands -- are "not going to take it any longer." The speech ahead will be littered with references to the idea that his movement is in a desperate moment.

TRUMP: Media will not show the magnitude of this crowd. Even I, when I turned on today, I looked, and I saw thousands of people here, but you don't see hundreds of thousands of people behind you because they don't want to show that. We have hundreds of thousands of people here, and I just want them to be recognized by the fake news media. Turn your cameras, please, and show what is really happening out here, because these people are not going to take it any longer, they're not going to take it any longer.

[President Trump really wanted this Insurrection to succeed. But he is not done yet. So please guard for your Safety in USA (not just from COVID-19 but from Trump Riots as well). The Radicalized White Terrorists are on the loose. Before Trump left, he warned on Andrews Joint Base that we will be back in some form! The turmoil is not over with inaugural.]

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State capitals face threat of armed protests, FBI warns

The FBI warned Monday that armed far-right extremist groups are planning to march on state capitals this weekend, triggering a rush to fortify government buildings amid concerns that the violence that erupted at the U.S. Capitol last week could spread throughout the country.

The FBI declined to comment on the memo, which was first reported by ABC News. “Our focus is not on peaceful protesters, but on those threatening their safety and the safety of other citizens with violence and destruction of property,” the agency said in a statement.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee (D) called up 750 National Guard troops to help protect the Capitol, where the legislature kicked off its annual session Monday. “We sincerely hope for peaceful actions but if that does not happen, we will be prepared,” Inslee said in a statement Friday.

Inslee’s action followed last week’s mob assault on the governor’s mansion, on the same day that a pro-Trump mob stormed the U.S. Capitol, resulting in the deaths of five people including a Capitol Police officer. A video of the disturbance in Olympia, Wash., shows a man with an assault rifle and a large knife standing in front of Inslee’s residence, as other demonstrators stand nearby holding Trump flags.

[Video shows Capitol mob dragging police officer down stairs. One rioter beat the officer with a pole flying the U.S. flag.](#)

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Several Capitol police officers suspended, more than a dozen under investigation over actions related to rally, riot.

Several U.S. Capitol Police officers have been suspended and more than a dozen others are under investigation for suspected involvement with or inappropriate support for the demonstration last week that turned into a deadly riot at the Capitol, according to members of Congress, police officials and staff members briefed on the developments.

Eight separate investigations have been launched into the actions of Capitol officers, according to one congressional aide who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the status of the internal review.

In one of the cases, officers had posted what Capitol Police investigators found to be messages showing support for the rally on Wednesday that preceded the attack on the complex, including touting President Trump’s baseless contention that the election had been stolen through voter fraud, the aide said.

Look at what Mike Pence experienced:

Vice President Pence was in hiding from a violent mob of Trump supporters in the Capitol last Wednesday when the presidential tweet attacking him posted.

“Mike Pence didn’t have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution, giving States a chance to certify a corrected set of facts, not the fraudulent or inaccurate ones which they were asked to previously certify. USA demands the truth!” President Trump wrote.



## Pentagon faces scrutiny over response to Capitol riot

The Defense Department is facing scrutiny over its role in the events at the Capitol last week, after the D.C. government and Capitol Police accused Pentagon officials of slow-walking an emergency call for National Guard reinforcements as rioters threatened to breach the building.

[It is not just Terrorism; it is more like an open revolt towards a Coup D'état. Do not get caught in the middle, they are not kind to the Muslim Community in USA. The Terrorism is only begun, so protect yourselves.]



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