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**|| The World || Biden Should Cement Rights in US Policy: Human Rights Watch
World Report 2021 ||**



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021 || α. The US President-elect Mr Joe Biden should work with global leaders, who have sought to shore up a defense of human rights around the world, Human Rights Watch said today in releasing its World Report 2021. His administration should, also, look for ways

to entrench respect for human rights in US policy, that are more likely to survive the radical changes among administrations, that have become a fixture of the US political landscape.

“After four years of Trump’s indifference and, often, hostility to human rights, including, his provoking a mob assault on democratic processes in the Capitol, the Biden presidency provides an opportunity for fundamental change.” said Mr Kenneth Roth, the Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, in his introductory essay to the World Report 2021. “Trump’s flouting of human rights at home and his embrace of friendly autocrats abroad severely eroded US credibility abroad. US condemnations of Venezuela, Cuba or Iran rang hollow when parallel praise was bestowed on Russia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia or Israel.”

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World Report 2021, Human Rights Watch’s 31st annual review of human rights practices and trends around the globe, reviews developments in more than 100 countries. Mr Roth said that other governments recognised that human rights were too important to abandon, even, as the US government largely abandoned the protection of human rights and powerful actors, such as, China and Russia sought to undermine the global human rights system. New coalitions to protect rights emerged: Latin American governments, plus, Canada, acting on Venezuela, the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation, defending Rohingya Muslims, a range of European governments, acting on such countries as Belarus, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Libya, Hungary and Poland and a growing coalition of governments, willing to condemn China’s persecution of Uyghur and other Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang.

“The past four years show that Washington is an important but not indispensable leader on human rights.” Mr Roth said. “Many other governments treated Trump’s retreat as cause for resolve rather than despair and stepped up to protect human rights. Biden’s presidency provides an opportunity for fundamental change.” He said that the President-elect should set an example by strengthening the US government’s commitment to human rights at home in a way, that can not be easily reversed by his successors.

Mr Roth said that Mr Biden should speak in terms of the human rights involved as he works to expand health care, dismantle systemic racism, lift people out of poverty and hunger, fight climate change, and end discrimination against women and LGBT people. The slim Democratic Party majorities in the US Senate and House, may, also, open possibilities for more lasting legislation. Mr

Biden should, also, allow criminal investigations of Trump to proceed to make clear that no one is outside the rule of law.

“Abroad, to better entrench human rights as a guiding principle.” Mr Roth said, “Biden should affirm and then act on that principle even when it is politically difficult. That should include: Curbing military aid or arms sales to abusive friendly governments, such as, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Israel absent significant improvements in their human rights practices; Condemning the Indian government’s encouragement of discrimination and violence against Muslims, even, if, India is seen as an important ally against China; Re-embracing the UN Human Rights Council, even, though, it criticises Israeli abuses; Voiding Mr Trump’s sanctions on the International Criminal Court, even, if, he doesn’t like the prosecutor’s investigations; and Abandoning Mr Trump’s inconsistent, transactional unilateral policy towards China and adopting a more principled, consistent and multi-lateral approach, that will encourage others to join.

“The big news of recent years isn’t Trump’s well-known abandonment of rights but, the less-noticed emergence of so many other countries in leadership roles. The Biden administration should join, not supplant, these shared efforts. These governments should maintain their important defense of rights, not relinquish their leadership to Washington, while Biden works to entrench a less variable US commitment to human rights.” Mr Roth said.

Human Rights Watch asked four partners to respond to Human Rights Watch’s call on US President-elect Joe Biden and other leaders to prioritize human rights at home and abroad and why international attention is important to their work.

The United States: Dr Tiffany Crutcher, of the Terence Crutcher Foundation and Black Wall Street Memorial in Tulsa, recalls the racist history, preceding the January 06 attack on the US Capitol and urges President-elect Mr Biden to tackle white supremacy: “In 1921, it was a lie, that incited the Tulsa race massacre where mobs of white rioters burned down the Black community of Greenwood. And, almost, 100 years later on January 06, 2021, it was a lie, that incited mobs of white rioters to storm our nation’s capital to overthrow our democracy. Confederate flags were waved, nooses were erected and white supremacy showed its ugly head.

Which is why I’m calling on the Biden administration to attack white supremacy head on its first 30, 60, 90 days of taking office. You must prioritise racial justice and you must re-engage on the issues of human rights and, most importantly, you must reverse the regressions from the Trump administration. We don’t need another Breonna Taylor, we don’t need another Tamir Rice, another George Floyd, another Terence Crutcher. You must demand a just America and be the change, that we so desperately need in this country right now.” said Dr Tiffany Crutcher.

Russia: Ms Tatiana Glushkova, a board member of the Russian group Memorial Human Rights Centre, recalls the arrest on bogus charges of Memorial’s lead researcher in Chechnya, Oyub Titiev and the difference international attention made in his fate: “The goal was to force Memorial to close

its office in Grozny and to complicate the collection of information about human rights violations in Chechnya. However, the case itself was so crudely and clumsily fabricated and so obviously in retaliation for Oyub's human rights work, that it attracted intense attention from the international community. Oyub's case was discussed at the Council of Europe, the UN, European parliament and FIFA. It was discussed in foreign ministries of many different countries, and numerous human rights organisations, both Russian and international. For nine months, foreign diplomats and journalists regularly visited the Shali city court where Titiev's trial was held.

Such attention did not escape the authorities of the Chechen Republic. Their most important reaction was, of course, the fact that Oyub's verdict was relatively light and, also, that he was very quickly released on parole. Such a reaction by the Chechen authorities, given their longstanding and deep hatred for Memorial, can only be explained by their desire to quickly turn this page, get rid of this case, of this political prisoner and of the intense interest of the international community. The result we now have, that our colleague has been free for over a year, would not have been possible without this international attention. We are extremely grateful to everyone who took part in this effort."

Cameroon: Mr Cyrille Rolande Bechon, the Head of Nouveaux Droits de l'Homme Cameroun, a human rights organisation, based in Yaoundé, discusses the international response to the massacre of 21 civilians in Ngarbuh, Cameroon: "This is the place for me to thank the organisations, that come together in the Coalition for Human Rights and Peace in the Anglophone Regions, international organisations like Human Rights Watch and countries like France, the United States, who supported us and conveyed the message with us about the need to set up a commission of inquiry into this massacre.

Although, this commission has announced its conclusions and a trial opened last December 17 against the four members of the security forces identified by the commission as having participated in this massacre, we're still dissatisfied. Dissatisfied because the chain of responsibility in this massacre has yet to be established. We would like all those responsible, whether directly or indirectly, including high-ranking army officials, to be prosecuted and sentenced."

Venezuela: Mr Feliciano Reyes, a Venezuelan human rights defender deeply involved in providing humanitarian support to Venezuelans in need, on the country's humanitarian emergency: "The complex humanitarian emergency, that has affected Venezuela for, at least, four years has caused enormous damage to the population, for example, their lack of access to food, health services and education. These things, also, generate mass forced migration because it's so hard to survive in the country. The root causes include political conflict and years of abuse of power, of erosion of the rule of law. The international community has a fundamental role to play, not only in terms of diplomatic political actions in fora such as the Human Rights Council, the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council, to help find solutions to the political conflict, but also in providing vital international humanitarian assistance for Venezuela.

This has produced visible effects but is still insufficient. We hope the World Food Program will enter the country this year, for example, since there are reports of Venezuelans facing serious levels of food insecurity. This work is fundamental. This work of political and diplomatic pressure and humanitarian cooperation to restore decent living conditions for the Venezuelan people and, eventually, to redirect the country towards development and well-being for its people.”

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|| Jurisprudence || China: Global Resistance to Deepening Repression: The Human Rights Watch World Report 2021 ||



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021 || α. The Chinese government’s heightened repression in Hong Kong and Xinjiang are emblematic of the worsening human rights situation under President Mr Xi Jinping, Human Rights Watch said today in its World Report 2021. These crackdowns, along with the authorities’ initial cover-up of COVID-19, which contributed to the global pandemic, have generated growing international mobilisation against Beijing’s rights record.

“Governments increasingly realize that Beijing’s rights abuses at home have global consequences.” said Mr Sophie Richardson, the China Director at Human Rights Watch. “That momentum should translate into support for independent investigations into Xinjiang, a new United Nations mandate to monitor human rights abuses and an end to the Chinese government’s impunity for serious

violations.” In the 761-page World Report 2021, its 31st edition, Human Rights Watch reviews human rights practices in more than 100 countries.

In his introductory essay, Executive Director Kenneth Roth argues that the incoming United States administration should embed respect for human rights in its domestic and foreign policy, in a way, that is more likely to survive future US administrations, that might be less committed to human rights. Mr Roth emphasizes that, even, as the Trump administration mostly abandoned the protection of human rights, other governments stepped forward to champion rights. The Biden administration should seek to join, not supplant, this new collective effort.

The Chinese government’s initial response to the coronavirus outbreak prioritised governmental control over transparency. The authorities initially withheld information from the public, under-reported cases, downplayed the severity of the infection and dismissed the likelihood of transmission between humans. The authorities, also, detained people for ‘rumour-mongering’, censored online discussions of the outbreak and curbed media reporting. In some areas under lockdown, they failed to ensure appropriate access to medical care, food and other necessities. Beijing, also, pressured the World Health Organisation:WHO to delay declaring a global warning on the virus and restricted international experts’ access to investigate its origin.

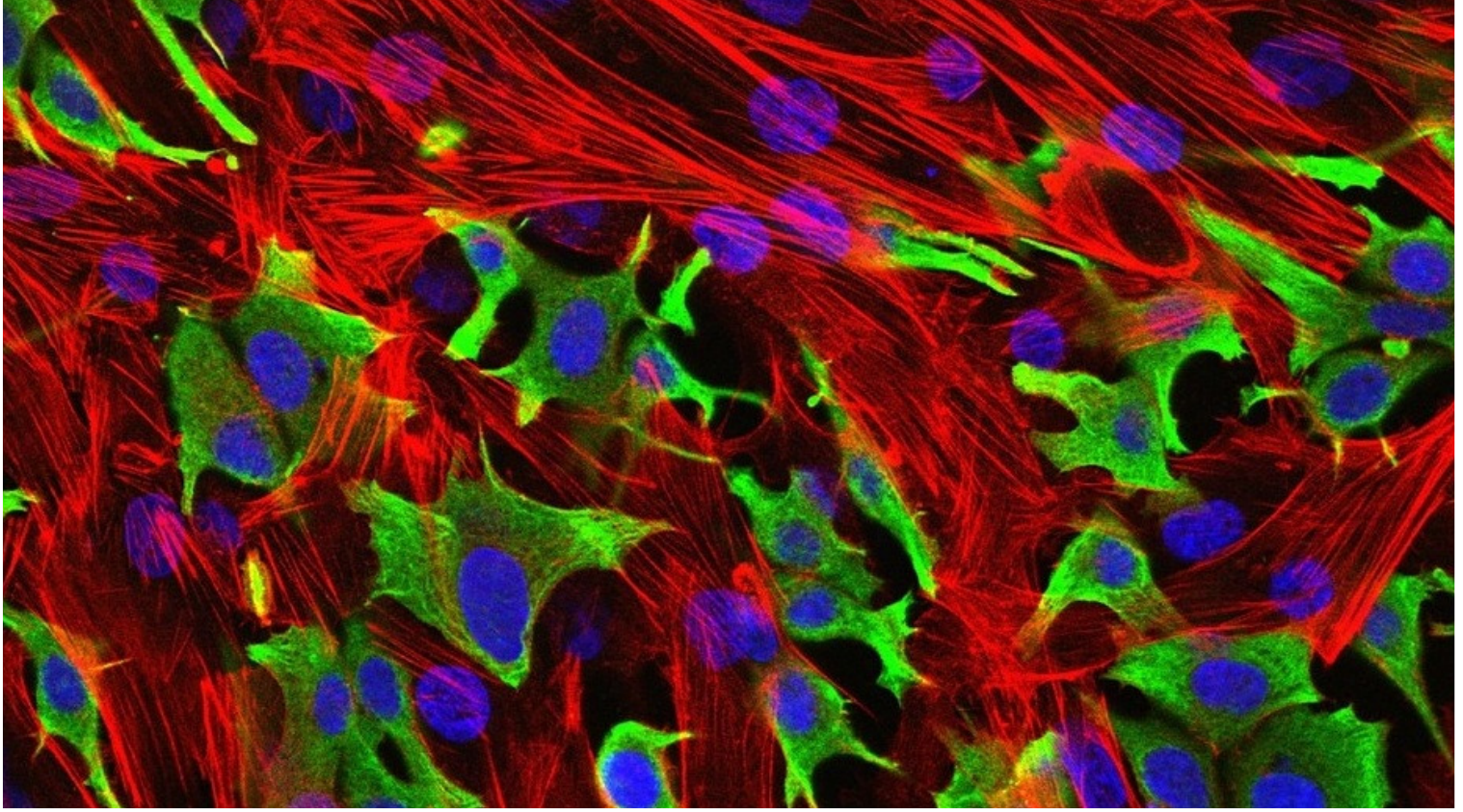
In Hong Kong, the Chinese government imposed the draconian and vaguely worded National Security Law on June 30, its most aggressive assault on human rights in the territory since the transfer of sovereignty in 1997. Hong Kong authorities, also, disqualified a dozen pro-democracy figures from the upcoming legislative election, postponed that election and then drove most of the opposition out of the legislature. They raided a pro-democracy newspaper; prosecuted peaceful protesters, elected officials and journalists; and purged pro-democracy teachers and curtailed expression in schools.

In Xinjiang, the Chinese government’s efforts to erase the identity of Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims persisted. While the authorities appeared to have shut down some political education camps and ‘released’ detainees, following global outrage, an untold number of Turkic Muslims remain in detention and prison. Some ‘released’ Uyghur detainees are forced to work in factories inside and outside Xinjiang.

Chinese authorities continue to silence human rights lawyers and activists and tighten restrictions on the internet and the media, making it more difficult to obtain accurate information about China.

An increasing number of governments, United Nations officials and rights experts and civil society groups around the world, publicly expressed concerns about China’s human rights violations in 2020; particularly, in Hong Kong and Xinjiang. An unprecedented group of 50 UN human rights experts issued a joint statement, calling on states to ‘act collectively and decisively to ensure China respects human rights and abides by its international obligations’.

|| Medicine || Understanding How to Improve Antibodies Targeting Treatment of Cancer ||



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021 || α. Scientists at the University of Southampton's Centre for Cancer Immunology have gained new insight into how the immune system can be better used to find and kill cancer cells. Working with Bio-Invent International, a team of researchers, led by Professor Mark Cragg and Dr Jane Willoughby from the Antibody and Vaccine Group, have shown that antibodies, designed to target the molecule OX40, give a more active immune response when they bind closer to the cell membrane and can be modified to attack cancer in different ways.

OX40 is a 'co-receptor', that helps to stimulate the production of helper and killer T-cells during an immune response. One of the ways cancer avoids detection is by suppressing immune responses to stop functional tumour specific T-cells from being produced. In the Study, which has been published in Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer, the research team, also, discovered that switching the antibody's isotype, the part of the antibody, that engages with cells of the immune system, could change the way the antibody worked.

When the mIgG2a isotype was used, the antibody could delete cells, called, Treg cells, which are suppressive in the immune system. When the mIgG1 isotype was present, the antibody could stimulate killer T-cells to increase and, therefore, kill more cancer cells.

Professor Cragg said, “Clinical trials with anti-OX40 antibodies have shown that the body can tolerate these drugs but, unfortunately, have, also, shown disappointing clinical responses. We need to understand why this is.”

“This new data shows us that when there is a cancer with lots of Tregs we could use the equivalent of the m2IgGa isotype and in patients where we feel we need better cytotoxic T-cells, we could use the equivalent of a mIgG1 isotype to boost the immune response. This information is important for developing the next generation of OX40 antibodies, that, we hope, will be more effective in treating patients with cancer.”

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|| Political Economics || Homeworkers Need to Be Better Protected: International Labour Organisation ||



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021 || á. The dramatic increase in working from home, due to the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the poor working conditions, experienced by many homeworkers who, prior to the crisis, numbered an estimated, 260 million people worldwide. Those, working from home, whose number has greatly increased due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, need better protection, says the International Labour Organisation:ILO in a new Report.

Since homeworking occurs in the private sphere it is, often, ‘invisible’. In countries with low and middle-income, for instance, almost, all home-based workers, 90%, work informally. They are, usually, worse off than those, who work outside the home, even, in higher-skilled professions. Homeworkers earn on average 13% less in the United Kingdom; 22% less in the United States of America; 25% less in South Africa and about 50% in Argentina, India and Mexico.

Homeworkers, also, face greater safety and health risks and have less access to training than non-home-based workers, which can affect their career prospects. The Report, ‘Working From Home’ says that from invisibility to decent work and, also, shows that homeworkers do not have the same level of social protection as other workers. They are, also, less likely to be part of a trade union or to be covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

According to ILO estimates, prior to the COVID-19 crisis, there were, approximately, 260 million home-based workers worldwide, representing 07.9% of global employment; 56% of them, 147 million, were women. They include teleworkers, who work remotely on a continual basis and a vast number of workers, who are involved in the production of goods, that can not be automated, such as, embroidery, handicrafts, electronic assembly. A third category, digital platform workers, provide services, such as, processing insurance claims, copy-editing or data annotation for the training of artificial intelligence systems.

In the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 an estimated one-in-five workers found themselves working from home. Data for the whole of 2020, once it is available, is expected to show a substantial increase on the previous year. The growth of homeworking is likely to continue in the coming years, the Report says, bringing renewed urgency to the need to address the issues facing homeworkers and their employers.

Homeworking is, often, poorly regulated and compliance with existing laws remains a challenge. In many instances, homeworkers are classified as independent contractors and, therefore, excluded from the scope of labour legislation. “Many countries around the world have legislation, sometimes complemented by collective agreements, that addresses various decent work deficits, associated with homework. Nonetheless, only 10 ILO Member States have ratified Convention No. 177, that promotes equality of treatment between homeworkers and other wage earners, and few have a comprehensive policy on homework.” said Ms Janine Berg, ILO Senior Economist and one of the report’s authors.

Report Recommendations: The Report includes concrete recommendations to make homeworking more visible and thus better protected. For industrial homeworkers, the Report underlines the importance of facilitating their transition to the formal economy by extending legal protections, improving compliance, generalising written contracts, providing access to social security and making homeworkers aware of their rights.

For home-based, digital platform workers, whose activities raise particular challenges for compliance as they cross multiple borders, the Report advocates the use of data generated by their work to monitor working conditions and tools to set fair wages. For teleworkers, the Report calls on policy-makers to put in place specific actions to mitigate psychosocial risks and introduce a ‘right to disconnect’, to ensure respect for the boundaries between working life and private life.

Homeworking is likely to take on greater importance in the years to come, the Report says. Governments, in co-operation with workers’ and employers’ organisations, should work together to ensure that all homeworkers, whether they are weaving rattan in Indonesia, making shea butter in Ghana, tagging photos in Egypt, sewing masks in Uruguay or teleworking in France, move from invisibility to decent work.

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|| Life Elle || World Health Organisation Urges to Step Up Surveillance of Emerging Coronavirus Variants ||



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021 || á. Efforts should be stepped up to quickly identify and study emerging variants of the COVID-19-causing SARS-CoV-2 virus, the World Health Organisation:WHO scientists said. Alongside monitoring, virus and serum samples should be

shared via globally agreed mechanisms so that critical research can be promptly initiated each time, according to the agency.

“Our collective goal is to get ahead of the game and have a global mechanism to quickly identify and study variants of concern and understand their implications for disease control efforts.” said Ms Ana Maria Henao Restrepo, the Head of WHO’s RandD Blueprint. She was speaking at a virtual meeting of scientists from around the globe, convened by the UN health agency, attended by over 1,750 experts from 124 countries.

Participants noted the importance of research to detect and understand early on the potential impact of emerging variants on diagnostics, treatments and vaccines and highlighted the importance of integrating new SARS-CoV-2 variants research into the global research and innovation agenda, according to WHO. It is normal for viruses to mutate but, the more the SARS-CoV-2 virus spreads, the more opportunities it has to change. High levels of transmission mean emergence of more variants should be expected, according to WHO.

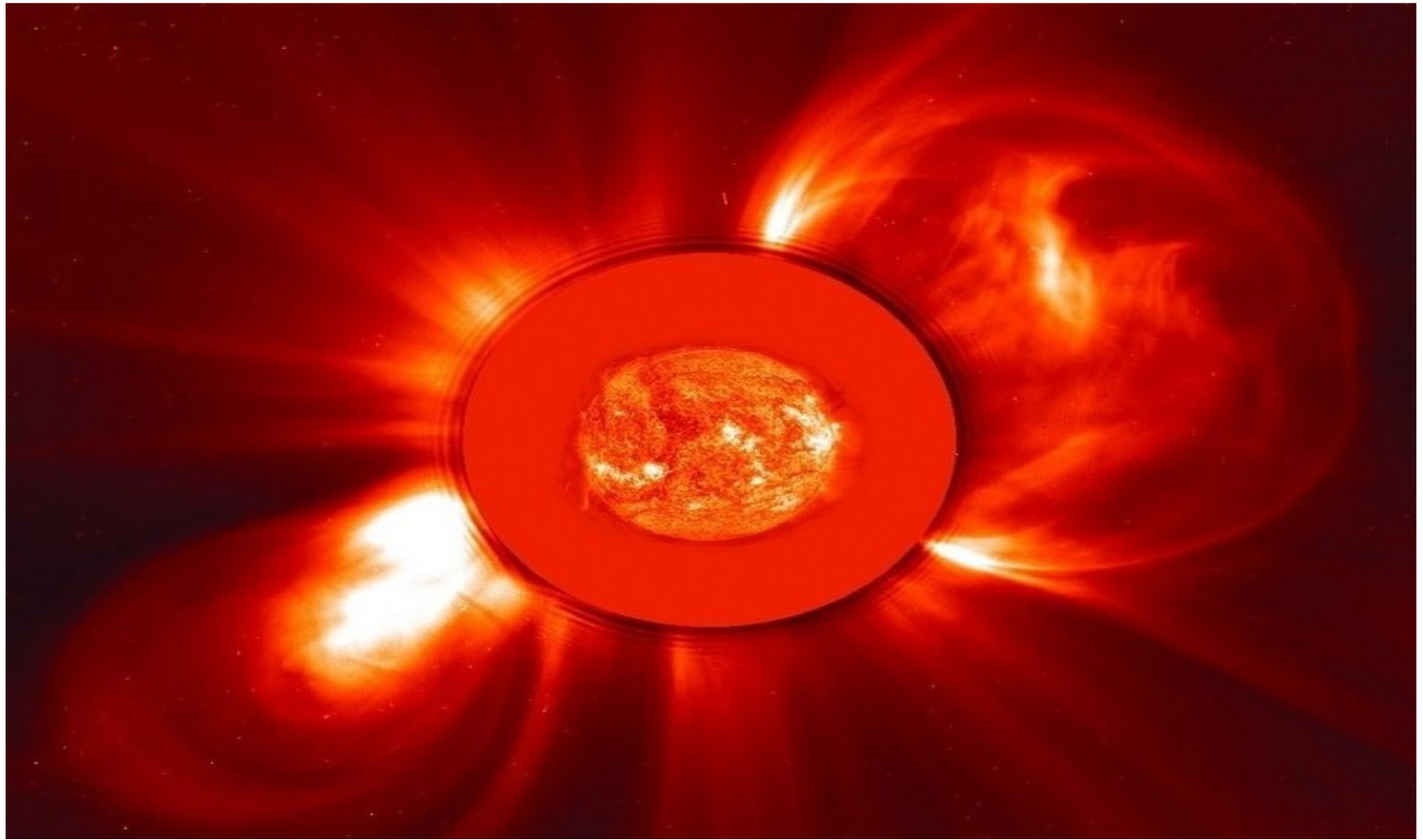
Of the significant variants reported so far, some are associated with increases in transmissibility but, not disease severity. Research is on-going to address whether the changes impact public health tools and measures. “So far an astounding 350,000 sequences have been publicly shared but, most, come from just a handful of countries. Improving the geographic coverage of sequencing is critical for the world to have eyes and ears on changes to the virus.” said Ms Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO Technical Lead on COVID-19.

New variants of the coronavirus have been detected in the UK, South Africa and Japan, which appear to be more transmissible, although, health officials have said that there is no evidence it is more deadly or that it would not respond in the same way to the vaccines cleared for emergency use. Genomic sequencing has been critical in identifying and responding to new variants and increasing sequencing capacity across the world is a priority research area for WHO.

Better surveillance and laboratory capacity to monitor strains of concern needs to be accompanied by prompt sharing of virus and serum samples via globally agreed mechanisms so that critical research can be promptly initiated each time, the agency added.

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|| Political Economics || NYS Comptroller DiNapoli’s Bold Divestment Plan May Inspire Investors to Follow Suit: In 1980 the Energy Sector Held 29% of the SandP 500 Index But This Year Ended With Only 02.3% ||



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021: Tom Sanzillo Writing || á. New York State Comptroller Mr Thomas P DiNapoli, who heads one of the largest public pension funds in the US, concluded 2020 with a bold investment decision on fossil fuels. He will hold the entire industry to higher standards, regarding climate change and establish broader scrutiny of a pension portfolio with holdings, that span the entire economy in a bid to reduce demand for fossil fuels. His follow-up is critical.

For the energy sector, the Comptroller's decision serves as a last call: If, companies do not meet reasonable climate impact standards, then, the fund, may, terminate its investments. The divestment option has always been available but, he has never used it. Mr DiNapoli has been active on environmental issues. He tried talking with coal companies but, decided to divest when these conversations proved fruitless. In 2017, he led a shareholder vote at Exxon Mobil to require the company to report on the climate issue. Almost, two-thirds of shareholders supported the effort. Exxon Mobil prepared the report but, it was a disappointment.

Meanwhile, Exxon Mobil led the fight against climate change initiatives, even, as company and industry financial positions crumbled. Exxon Mobil hit a market capitalisation of \$527 billion in 2007 but, fell to a low of less than \$140 billion in 2020. In 1980, the energy sector held 29% of the SandP 500 index but, this year ended with, only, 02.3%. By adding the divestment option to his policy toolbox, Mr DiNapoli has made a difficult choice but, his decision was made in light of three compelling factors about the energy sector: A weak financial case and faltering business model; A history of recalcitrance when presented with legitimate concerns; and The existence of available resources to pivot and construct a new business model.

Mr DiNapoli's strategy, also, encourages companies by offering to reinvest in them should they meet basic climate standards. What will make or break Mr DiNapoli's promise is his follow-up. Leadership from a large pension fund is sorely needed. There is a real chance that other funds will follow. Harvard, Yale and Stanford all have retreated from renunciations by students, who have loudly proposed divestment. Each university is now rethinking their positions. Also, the money managers, who cashed their handsome fee payments for offering 'wise counsel', that urged funds to stick with fossil fuels and admonished protesting students for wasting money on idealistic ventures now have proven to be the imprudent and careless ones. With Black Rock currently supporting a broad range of sustainable investment tools, including, divestment, money managers are likely to be competing for a niche market of inexpensive ways to reduce fossil fuel holdings in institutional portfolios.

A culture of deference to professional money managers is easy to develop at a fund governed by a board. Board members can easily forget that they and not the managers they hire, are the bosses. And the money managers, wishing to keep their fees, do not like to make waves. The same is true of professional staff at investment trusts. It would be a rare money manager at a rare organisation, who would find the balance and understand the weight of the divestment option. A money manager or senior professional at a fund might say to a board: "I have given you all the information you need to make a decision. This decision is a burden on us, as climate policy is more correctly a matter for our federal leaders but. they are derelict. This is above my individual pay grade but, it is not above the standards of care and prudence we embody as responsible members of the institutional investment community."

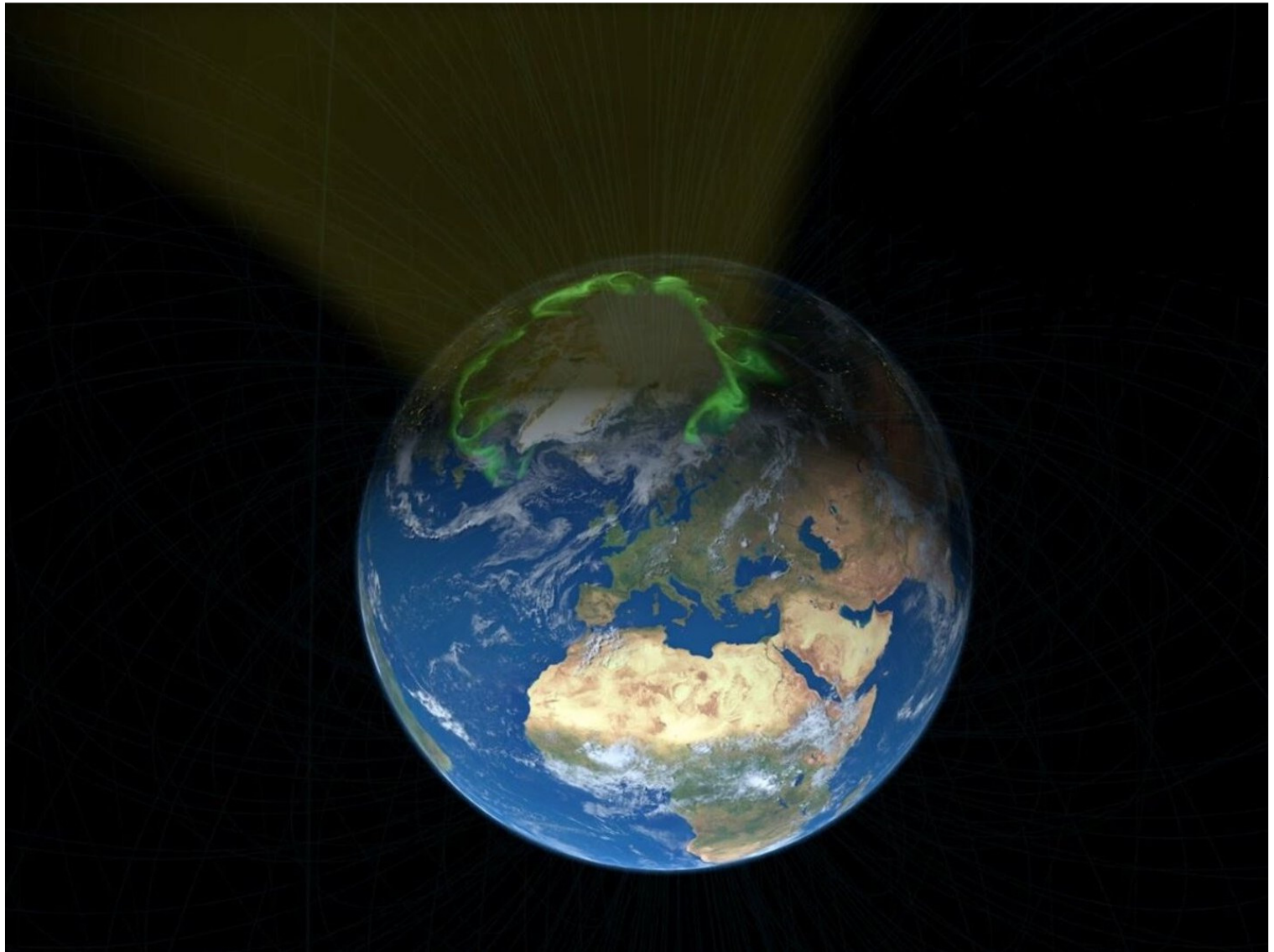
Mr DiNapoli does not have a board. He alone is ultimately responsible for the decision. He is elected to come to an all-things-considered judgment on his own. Still, he has other elected leaders and members of the public to consult. In this case, these stakeholders have worked hard to create the political space for Mr DiNapoli to pursue this strategy and there has been no credible pushback.

The Comptroller's decision is solid. He exercised care and prudence. His decision is worthy of emulation by his colleagues, providing well-reasoned guidance to the affected companies and an anchor for leaders in the upcoming days and weeks.

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|| Cosmovicology: A New Branch of Science Envisaged to Study Space Weather ||
Energy From Solar Wind Favours the North Pole ||



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021 || α. Using information from the European Space Agency:ESA's Swarm satellite constellation, scientists have made a discovery about how energy, generated by electrically-charged particles in the solar wind flows into Earth's atmosphere, surprisingly, more of it heads towards the magnetic north pole than towards the magnetic south pole.

The Sun bathes our planet with the light and heat to sustain life but, it, also, bombards us with dangerous charged particles in the solar wind. These charged particles have the potential to damage communication networks, navigations systems, such as, GPS and satellites. Severe solar storms can, even, cause power outages, such as, the major blackout, that Quebec in Canada suffered in 1989.

Generated mainly by an ocean of super-heated, swirling liquid iron, that makes up the outer core around 3000 km beneath our feet, Earth's magnetic field is like a huge bubble, protecting us from cosmic radiation and the charged particles, carried by powerful winds, that escape the Sun's gravitational pull and sweep across the Solar System.

Like a bar magnet, Earth's magnetic field at the surface is defined by the north and south poles, that align loosely with the axis of rotation. The aurorae offer visual displays of the consequences of charged particles from the Sun interacting with Earth's magnetic field. Until now, it was assumed, the same amount of electromagnetic energy would reach both hemispheres.

However, a paper, published in Nature Communications, describes how research, led by scientists from the University of Alberta in Canada used data from ESA's Swarm mission to discover, unexpectedly, that the electromagnetic energy transported by space weather clearly prefers the north. These new findings suggest that in addition to shielding Earth from incoming solar radiation, the magnetic field, also, actively controls how the energy is distributed and channelled into the upper atmosphere.

The paper's lead author, Mr Ivan Pakhotin, who is carrying out this research as part of ESA's Living Planet Fellowship, says, "Because the south magnetic pole is further away from Earth's spin axis than the north magnetic pole, an asymmetry is imposed on how much energy makes its way down towards Earth in the north and south. There seems to be a differential reflection of electromagnetic plasma waves, known as, Alfven waves.

"We are not yet sure what the effects of this asymmetry might be but, it could, also, indicate a possible asymmetry in space weather and perhaps, also, between the Aurora Australis in the south and the Aurora Borealis in the north. Our findings, also, suggest that the dynamics of upper-atmospheric chemistry may vary between the hemispheres, especially, during times of strong geomagnetic activity."

Mr Ian Mann, from the University of Alberta, said, "The Sun's activity, such as, mass coronal ejections, can have potentially serious consequences for our modern way of living. Therefore, studying the underlying physics of space weather and the complexities of our magnetic field is very important to building up early warning systems and designing electrical grids better able to withstand the disturbances the Sun throws at us.

We are fortunate that we have ESA's three Swarm satellites in orbit, delivering key information, that is not only vital for our scientific research but, can, also, lead to some very practical solutions for our daily lives."

In orbit since 2013, the three identical Swarm satellites have not only return information about how our magnetic field protects us from the dangerous particles in solar wind but, also, about how the field is generated, how it varies and how the position of magnetic north is changing.

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|| Europe || EU: Respect Rights Amid Pandemic, Economic Downturn ||



|| Wednesday: January 13: 2021 || α. The COVID-19 pandemic had a profound impact on the lives and rights of people across the European Union, Human Rights Watch said today in its World Report 2021. The disease and the economic consequences of lockdowns exacerbated discrimination and marginalisation. In some cases, the pandemic served as a pretext for governments to consolidate power, advance anti-rights policies, restrict freedoms, or target migrants, women, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender: LGBT people and ethnic or other minority groups. But the EU did take steps to promote and defend human rights around the world.

“It’s been a challenging year for rights protection in the EU, with a public health and economic crisis, triggered by COVID-19 and some member states sliding deeper toward authoritarian rule.” said Mr Benjamin Ward, the Deputy Europe and Central Asia Director at Human Rights Watch. “To ensure that 2021 is a year of recovery, EU institutions and states should be guided by the compass of fundamental rights, stand up consistently for democratic institutions and take positive steps to tackle deepening inequalities and abuses against migrants and minorities.”

In the 761-page World Report 2021, its 31st edition, Human Rights Watch reviews human rights practices in more than 100 countries. In his introductory essay, the Executive Director Kenneth of Human Rights Mr Roth argues that the incoming United States administration should embed respect for human rights in its domestic and foreign policy, in a way, that is more likely to survive

future US administrations, that might be less committed to human rights. Mr Roth emphasizes that, even, as the Trump administration mostly abandoned the protection of human rights, other governments stepped forward to champion rights. The Biden administration should seek to join, not supplant, this new collective effort.

Human Rights Watch highlighted union-wide concerns on migration and asylum, discrimination and intolerance, poverty and inequality, rule of law and EU foreign policy. The World Report includes chapters on France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Spain, and on non-EU countries in the region such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo and the United Kingdom.

The COVID-19 pandemic, lockdown measures and ensuing economic recession had a disproportionate impact on people living on low incomes or in poverty. EU eased rules to make funds available to member states to mitigate the effects but, unemployment, food insecurity and unequal access to distance learning exacerbated existing inequalities. Homeless people and people living in inadequate housing, including, the Roma people and migrants in crowded reception facilities, faced increased health risks.

EU made limited progress in developing tools to hold to account member states, that undermine the rule of law, with important rulings by the European Court of Justice, the first EU Commission report on rule of law in all 27 member states and an agreement in November to tie access to EU funds to the rule of law. Hungary and Poland held up voting on the EU budget and coronavirus relief until EU leaders made concessions, that weakened the conditionality mechanism and will likely delay its implementation.

Member states did not progress in their scrutiny of those two countries under article seven, the treaty mechanism to address threats to EU values. The treatment of migrants and asylum seekers undermined the bloc's credibility as a defender of human rights, Human Rights Watch said. The European Commission released a wide-ranging New Pact on Migration and Asylum in September, capping off a year marked by border closures, pushbacks and increased vulnerability of asylum seekers and undocumented migrants.

Though promoted as a fresh start, the pact confirmed the focus on sealing borders and boosting returns, included proposals, that could undermine safeguards and increase detention and lacked innovative proposals for rights-respecting migration management. The European Commission published in September an action plan against racism, the first high-level recognition of structural racism in the EU. Intolerance, discrimination and violence against Jews, Muslims, the Roma, and other minorities were prevalent across the EU, with the pandemic serving as a pretext to attack members of social groups already experiencing discrimination, hate speech and hate crime.

In November, the Commission adopted strategy on LGBTIQ equality, amid an attack by Poland and Hungary on what they term 'gender ideology', that threatened the rights of sexual and gender minorities, reproductive rights and efforts to address violence against women. Violent attacks,

attributed to Islamist and far-right extremism in Germany, France and Austria killed 22 people and wounded dozens. Amid concerns over public discourse stigmatising Muslims, EU interior ministers pledged to counter terrorism while respecting fundamental rights and freedoms.

In its foreign policy, EU led initiatives in United Nations forums to expose violations and seek accountability, remained a staunch supporter of the International Criminal Court and adopted a new EU global human rights sanctions regime. The EU and member states continued as major humanitarian donors and mobilised assistance to third countries, affected by COVID-19. However, the bloc struggled at times to respond in a timely and principled manner to international developments, with some member states, blocking unanimous action.

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The Building-Block Foundational Human Rights

- A: Absolute Right to Live in Clean, Healthy, Safe and Natural Environment
- B: Absolute Right to Breathe Natural, Fresh, Clean and Safe Air
- C: Absolute Right to Necessary Nutritional Balanced Food and Drink
- D: Absolute Right to Free Medical Care at the Point of Need
- E: Absolute Right to an Absolute Home
- F: Absolute Right to Free Degree-Level Education and Life Long Learning
- G: Absolute Right to Guaranteed Social Care
- H: Absolute Right to a Universal Income
- I: Absolute Right to a Job
- J: Absolute Right to Dignified Civic and Human Funeral Paid Through by Universal Income



This Is the Body of Work, by Munayem Mayenin, That Has Brought Into Existence the Philosophy and Vision of Humanics

Dehumanisation of Humanity: Volume One: Published: July: 2007: 978-1-4477-1330-2

Mayenin worked and developed the very critique of capitalism and Marxism while at university in which he had envisioned the world's future in humanics for humanity to reach and achieve liberty and equality for all humanity, which capitalism has continually slaughtered and Marxism failed desperately, even, to understand, let alone, to know or show how to seek and achieve them. Some of these works were published in publications in the early 00s and the volume was published as a book in 2007. There are three other volumes of this planned work, yet to be published.

Humanics The Foundation: Volume One: Published: December 06: 2017: ISBN: 978-0-244-34575-4

This piece of work elaborated the philosophy of humanics and presented the idea of human enterprise and how it works to enable humanity to conduct the human economical endeavours in humanics.

Humanics The Humanicsonomics: Volume Two: Published: June 12: 2018: ISBN: 978-0-244-48334-0

This is the political economics or humanicsonomics of humanics in human enterprise. This volume presents the political economics of humanics and envisioned world's future as two distinct phases: pre-humanical or Kapitalawnomics phase in which capitalism is saved from pseudonomics and brought under the absolute and complete control and power of the rule of law so to make it serve the people at all times and not the rich and through this phase, humanity brings into existence the humanical Building-Block Foundational Human Rights and end capitalism's Poverty Paradigm, that causes all of the high-cruelties, high-brutalities and high-barbarities, that are inflicted on the vast number of humanity on this earth. Further to this, this work advances the system and mechanism of human enterprise and envisioned at the end of the development of Kapitalawnomics human societies will have developed enough to be able and equipped to try and seek to bring into existence humanical societies, that will begin to form a grid of humanical societies into a universal humanical civilisation on earth.

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