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TOP NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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Brazil - Brazil falls into a crisis as the [second wave of COVID-19](#) overwhelms hospitals and claims a record number of daily deaths. The new variant of coronavirus is spreading through the country, following the deadly claims of President Jair Bolsonaro, who recently said people need to stop "whining" about the virus. Many Brazilians continue to defy mask mandates of the CDC and WHO, and the highest contribution to the spread of the deadly variant is gatherings. Brazil has the second-highest national death toll after the United States. Hospitals are completely overwhelmed, healthcare workers are exhausted, and many patients waiting for an ICU do not make it. (CNN)

Myanmar - U.N. experts believe the Myanmar military is committing [crimes against humanity](#). At least 70 people have reportedly been murdered since the February 1 coup. There is strong evidence that the military is engaging in murder, kidnappings, wrongful persecution, and torture. Nearly 2,000 are estimated to be imprisoned, and media outlets are being targeted. The military has also added a new allegation against imprisoned government leader Aung San Suu Kyi, alleging that a political ally illegally endorsed her. (A.P. News)

Mexico - Mexico police fired tear gas at activists during a march to mark [International Women's Day](#), leaving 81 people injured. Sixty-two officers were injured, and 19 civilians suffered injuries as well. All are in stable condition. Tensions began between the government and feminist activists due to President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's support of a politician accused of rape. Thousands of female protestors marched in Mexico City, spray painting streets with messages accusing the government of not doing enough to protect females. (BBC News)



Public Municipal Hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (via Andre Coelho/AFP/Getty Images)

Canada - Toronto is vaccinating its [homeless population](#), and about 1,000 people in Toronto's shelters and homeless encampments have received a vaccine. Immunization teams are learning to build trust with the homeless population to overcome hesitancy. The city currently has 11 shelters experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks, rising with the COVID-19 variants rampaging through the world. However, this is a considerable step in caring for a marginalized population while simultaneously protecting these individuals at higher risk for COVID-19. (The Canadian Press)

South Africa - [Global warming](#) is a massive ecological threat to ecosystems and human well-being. A colossal temperature shock killed fish on the eastern and southern coasts of South Africa after sea temperature dropped from 24 to 12 degrees Celsius. This phenomenon is known as upwelling, which is when deep, cold water rises towards the surface. Experts indicate that temperature fluctuations result in behavioral changes and ultimately the death of marine organisms. (News24)

Italy - Amazon workers in Italy are going on their first strike over working conditions. It will be the first strike affecting Amazon's entire operation in Italy. All 8,500 employees in Italy are expected to hold a 24-hour walkout on March 22, accusing Amazon of an unwillingness to address working hours, lunch vouchers, shifts, and results-based bonuses. Amazon workers are asking for fair pay and realistic goals amid the coronavirus pandemic. (Independent)

USA - The United States currently has tens of millions of vaccine doses from AstraZeneca waiting for trial results, while countries that have already authorized the vaccine are pleading for them. [AstraZeneca's vaccine](#) is already approved in more than 70 countries. Still, its U.S. clinical trials have not yet reported results, and the company has not applied to the FDA for emergency use authorization. AstraZeneca asks the Biden administration to loan the American doses to the European Union, yet the request has been denied. Officials are discussing sending the doses to Brazil's worsening coronavirus crisis. (New York Times)

Israel - Israel targeted at least a dozen vessels bound for [Syria](#). Since 2019, Israel has used weaponry to strike Iranian ships or Iranian cargo carriers as they navigate towards Syria. Israel is concerned that the petroleum profits are being used to fund extremists in the Middle East. The crew in this current attack was unharmed, but the vessels sustained heavy damages. (Wall Street Journal)

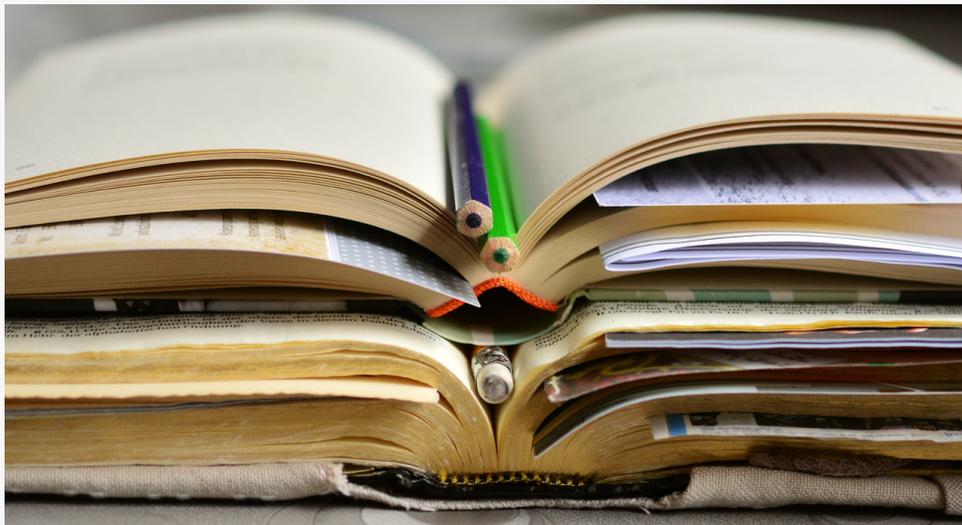
A LEADER IS BEST WHEN PEOPLE BARELY KNOW HE EXISTS, WHEN HIS WORK IS DONE, HIS AIM FULFILLED, THEY WILL SAY: WE DID IT OURSELVES.

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PHILOSOPHER

IYOPS EXTRA - EDUCATION

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(via Pixabay)

One in six adults on the planet can neither read nor write. Around 600 million women and 300 million men, 99 percent of them in developing countries, are still illiterate. Around 115 million children between the ages of six and eleven - one in five - do not go to school.

Of those who go to school, one in four drops out before completing five years of basic education - when research shows that adults with less than five to six years of education are not numbered and functionally illiterate. South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East are the three regions where these problems are most severe.

Also, the quality of primary, secondary, and higher education in developing countries rarely meets the standards required by the new world economy. And, globally, we are far from developing a much-needed system of international accreditation.

Here are some interesting facts you should know about global education,

1. As of 2012, 31 million elementary school students worldwide had dropped out of school. Another 32 million repeated a class.

2. In sub-Saharan Africa, 11.07 million children drop out of school before completing primary school. In South and West Asia, that number reaches 13.54 million.

3. While girls go to school less often, boys repeat school grades or drop out more often.

4. According to UNESCO, 61 million primary school-age children did not go to school in 2015. Of these children, 47% were expected to never go to school, 26% to go to school but drop out, and the remaining 27% are expected to go to school in the future.

5. Children living in rural areas miss school twice as often as urban children. Besides, children from the richest 20% of the population are four times more likely to attend school than the poorest 20%.

6. In low-income developing countries, each additional year of education can increase a person's future income by an average of 10%.

Read the full article [here](#) - (more facts, countries at the bottom of the US education index, and ways to improve.)

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