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Top of the Agenda

Biden, Johnson Expected to Agree on New 'Atlantic Charter'

U.S. President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson are expected to agree today on a cooperation pact centered on technology, trade, and travel (CNBC) during a meeting in Cornwall ahead of tomorrow's Group of Seven (G7) summit.

Echoing a 1941 pact between President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the charter is expected to mention the countries' common goals on climate change and pandemic recovery. Biden is also expected to press Johnson to follow through (CNN) on a portion of the Brexit agreement that preserves Northern Ireland's U.S.-negotiated Good Friday

peace accord. Today's talks kick off a series of European meetings in which Biden aims to reassert the U.S. role in global cooperation, including with a new pledge to buy five hundred million doses (*WaPo*) of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for worldwide distribution.

Analysis

"Thursday's talks will most likely be overshadowed by heated discussions on the current and very real danger of violence erupting in Northern Ireland, as the real-world consequences of Brexit continue to undermine the peace deal brokered by the US in 1998," CNN's Luke McGee writes.

"The Biden [administration] has succeeded in increasing production & distribution of covid-19 vaccines at home. But it has lagged in making them available to the world. This policy [of purchasing Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines to donate] is welcome for reasons reflecting humanitarian, economic, strategic, & health grounds," CFR President Richard N. Haass tweets.

This Backgrounder looks at the future of peace in Northern Ireland.

Central America's Turbulent Northern Triangle

U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris vowed to promote development and combat human smuggling in Central America, but also warned would-be migrants not to make the journey north. CFR explains what's at the root of the exodus.

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Background

Pacific Rim

China Passes Law to Counter Sanctions

China's top legislature passed a wide-ranging law to counter foreign sanctions (Reuters), according to state media. Local experts said the law aims to make retaliatory measures more legitimate and predictable, though its details have not been published.

China: The chief executive of Beijing-based biopharmaceutical company Sinovac suggested to Brazilian diplomats that anti-China comments by top Brazilian officials could be related to delayed shipments of COVID-19 vaccine supplies to Brazil, sources told Reuters.

In *Foreign Affairs,* CFR's Yanzhong Huang looks at China's vaccine diplomacy.

South and Central Asia

Afghan Mine-Clearers Killed in Attack

Attackers killed at least ten people (*NYT*) at a site where staffers were clearing land mines in Afghanistan's northeastern Baghlan Province. The attackers reportedly sought out Hazaras, a largely Shiite minority. The self-proclaimed Islamic State claimed responsibility.

Mongolia: Former Prime Minister Ukhnaa Khurelsukh won Mongolia's presidential election (Reuters) in a landslide after he was forced to resign as prime minister amid protests earlier this year. His Mongolian People's Party

now controls both the presidency and the parliament, which are usually held by opposing parties, though Khurelsukh is supposed to relinquish his party affiliation.

Middle East and North Africa

Turkey Suggests It Will Continue to Target Refugee Camp in Iraq

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said the Makhmour refugee camp in northern Iraq must be cleared of people he called Kurdish militants (Reuters). He said Turkey will clear the militants alone if the Iraqi government does not. Turkish air strikes killed three people at the camp over the weekend.

Morocco: The country legalized the production of cannabis (BBC) for medical and industrial uses.

This Day in History: June 10, 1940

One year after the outbreak of WWII in Europe, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini declares war on Great Britain and France.

Sub-Saharan Africa

Mastercard Foundation Pledges $1.3 Billion to Boost COVID-19 Vaccination in Africa

The Mastercard Foundation announced it will devote the funds to vaccinate fifty million people (PBS NewsHour) over the next three years. Fewer than 2 percent of people in Africa have received a single dose of coronavirus vaccine.

Uganda: Up to one-third of adults in Uganda have been excluded (*Guardian*) from health-care and social services and cannot vote because they do not have digital identity cards introduced in 2015, according to a report by three human rights organizations.

Europe

European Parliament Backs Vaccine Patent Waiver

Members of the European Parliament passed a resolution backing a proposal (*Politico*) at the World Trade Organization for an intellectual property waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, pressuring the European Commission to change its stance on the issue.

This In Brief explains the debate over a patent waiver for COVID-19 vaccines.

Russia: A Moscow court classified two organizations (CNN) connected to jailed opposition leader Alexey Navalny as "extremist," forcing them to close and barring members from running for office.

Americas

Peru's Castillo Wins Official Vote Count While Opponent Alleges Fraud

Left-wing former schoolteacher Pedro Castillo won the official count in Peru's presidential election with 50.2 percent of votes. His opponent Keiko Fujimori, who received 49.8 percent of votes, called for two hundred thousand votes to be declared null (*FT*). International observers said the voting process was clean (Reuters).

This In Brief looks at whether Peru's polarized election will bring more instability.

Nicaragua: The United States imposed sanctions (*WaPo*) on four top officials in President Daniel Ortega's government in response to a string of arrests of opposition leaders.

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