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## China vows to beat 'devil' virus as countries rush to evacuate citizens



People wear masks as they wait for their train at a subway station in Shanghai, China January 28, 2020. REUTERS/Aly Song

BEIJING (Reuters) - President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday that China was sure of defeating a "devil" coronavirus that has killed 106 people, but international alarm was rising as the outbreak spread across the world. The United States said it was expanding screening of arrivals from China from five to 20 airports and would consider imposing further travel curbs.

"All options for dealing with infectious disease spread have to be on the table, including travel restrictions," said U.S. Health Secretary Alex Azar.

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From France to Japan, governments were organising evacuations, while Hong Kong - scene of anti-China unrest for months - planned to suspend rail and ferry links with the mainland.

Among countries pulling nationals out of Wuhan, the central Chinese city of 11 million where the outbreak started, the U.S. Embassy in Beijing said a chartered plane would pick up its consular staff on Wednesday. The European Commission said it would help fund two aircraft to fly EU citizens home, with 250 French nationals leaving on the first flight.

World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghe-

breyes and Xi met in Beijing to discuss how to protect Chinese and foreigners in areas affected by the virus and possible evacuation alternatives, a WHO spokesman said. "The virus is a devil and we cannot let the devil hide," state television quoted Xi as saying.

"China will strengthen international cooperation and welcomes the WHO participation in virus prevention ... China is confident of winning the battle against the virus."

The UN agency said later that China had agreed that the WHO can send a team of international experts "as soon as possible" to increase understanding of the virus and guide the global response.

People wear masks as they wait for their train at a subway station in Shanghai, China January 28, 2020. REUTERS/Aly Song  
**PERSON-TO-PERSON SPREAD**

Investors are fretting about the impact of the crisis on the world's second-biggest economy, though stock markets rebounded on Tuesday following a sharp sell-off the previous day.

United Airlines said it was suspending some flights between the United States and China for a week from Feb. 1 due to a "significant decline in demand", while Facebook Inc and other global companies restricted employee travel to the country.

The flu-like virus has spread overseas, but none of the 106 deaths has been outside China and all but six were in Wuhan, where the virus emerged last month, probably from illegally

traded wildlife.

However, cases in Germany, Vietnam, Taiwan and Japan where the virus has spread person-to-person - as opposed to a visitor from China arriving - have heightened concern.

"The reported human-to-human transmission in Germany and Japan is unsurprising to see," said Michael Head, senior research fellow in global health at Britain's University of Southampton.

"We will continue to see further similar cases outside of China, but the indications are at this stage that onwards transmission will be limited, so there will likely not be too many cases for example across Europe, and on a much lesser scale than we are seeing in China."

Chinese-ruled Hong Kong said high-speed rail services to the mainland would be suspended from midnight on Thursday, while the number of flights would be halved. Chinese authorities later said they would stop issuing travel permits for mainland tourists to visit Hong Kong and neighbouring Macau.

Britain advised against all but essential travel to mainland China, excluding Hong Kong and Macau.

Thailand confirmed six more infections among visitors from China, taking its tally to 14, the highest outside China. France had a fourth confirmed case, an elderly Chinese tourist who was said to be in a serious condition.

Wuhan is under virtual quarantine, with a lockdown on transport and bans on gatherings. Tens of millions in Hubei province, of which Wuhan is the capital, live under some form of travel curb.

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## In peace bid, Trump proposes Palestinian state with capital in eastern Jerusalem

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday proposed the creation of a Palestinian state with a capital in eastern Jerusalem, in an effort to achieve a peace breakthrough with Israel that will be a tough sell for Palestinians.

Under Trump's proposed Middle East peace plan announced at a White House ceremony attended by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the United States will recognize Israeli settlements on the occupied West Bank.

In exchange, Israel would agree to accept a four-year freeze on new settlement activity while Palestinian statehood were being negotiated.

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"Today, Israel has taken a giant step toward peace," Trump said, adding that he had sent a letter about the proposal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

"This is a historic day," Netanyahu said, comparing Trump's peace plan to former President Harry Truman's 1948 recognition of the state of Israel.

"On this day, you became the first world leader to recognize Israel's sovereignty over areas in Judea and Samaria that are vital to our security and central to our heritage," he added, using the Biblical names for the West Bank.

Palestinian leaders had rejected Trump's long-delayed plan even before its official release, saying his administration was biased towards Israel.

The absence of the Palestinians from Trump's announcement is likely to fuel criticism that the plan tilts toward Israel's needs rather than theirs.



U.S. President Donald Trump applauds Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as they deliver joint remarks to discuss a Middle East peace plan proposal in the East Room of the White House in Washington, U.S., January 28, 2020. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts

Israeli-Palestinian talks broke down in 2014, and it was far from clear that the Trump plan will resuscitate them. Palestinians have refused to deal with the Trump administration in protest at such pro-Israeli policies as its moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, east of which is sought by the Palestinians. U.S. President Donald Trump applauds Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as they deliver joint remarks to discuss a Middle East

peace plan proposal in the East Room of the White House in Washington, U.S., January 28, 2020. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts  
U.S. senior administration officials said they expected initial Palestinian skepticism over the plan but hoped that over time they will agree to negotiate. It places high hurdles for the Palestinians to overcome to reach their long-sought goal of a state.

"Strip away the domestic and Israeli political considerations that deter-

mined the timing of the plan's release, and the message to the Palestinians, boiled down to its essence, is: You've lost, get over it," said Robert Malley, president of International Crisis Group and a former U.S. National Security Council official.

It remains to be seen also how Israel responds, given the pressures its right-wing prime minister, Netanyahu, faces going into his third attempt at re-election in less than a year.



## 80后小伙结缘非洲 航天人这样雕琢“一带一路”

“2018年12月9日，周日，晴。坐了24个小时飞机，腿有点酸，平安抵达科托努。第一次来贝宁，心里有些忐忑，但随着亲切的法语广播传入耳朵的那一刻顿时轻松了，有了点儿法国的感觉，直接打车去酒店，轻车熟路一般。这次目标很明确——带合同回家，貌似任务很重啊，继续努力吧，今年怎么也要开拓出个新国家！”

这段记录摘自一位80后小伙的工作日记。在他的日记里，足迹遍布埃塞俄比亚、塞内加尔、贝宁、苏丹、坦桑尼亚、赞比亚、突尼斯、安哥拉等近10个非洲国家。他叫戴明睿，是中国航天科工三院304所国际化团队带头人，今年是他拓展非洲信息化市场的第四个年头。

走出国门，“机遇总是留给准备最充足的人”

2015年，从法国留学归来、有着多家央企工作经验的戴明睿加入航天科工三院304所，半年后由他牵头组建的国际化项目组正式成型。“要走出国门，做海外信息化项目”，戴明睿团队面临的，是一项全新的挑战。大家心里都明白，在国内拓展一个新的市场领域已是难事，更何况要在万里之遥的陌生国度被接受和认可。

得益于多年的留学经历，戴明睿能够熟练掌握法文和英文。他带着团队深入研究海外形势，初步选定了攻关目标——非洲市场。他们卯足干劲，开始了一系列准备工作：了解当地政治、经济形势以及法律体系、文化风俗，学习参考国内企业在当地的经营模式，寻找商业机会与合作伙伴等。

当时，数百家中国企业已在非洲大陆扎根，对于非洲人而言，中国人早已是熟面孔。然而对于戴明睿团队来说，打开工作局面难度极



大。“当地客户总是直截了当，只关心是否具备成熟的海外实施和运维能力。大家预先准备好的大段开场白、反复练习的业务介绍经常会被客户打断，甚至表现出不耐烦。”戴明睿说，“没有强大的心脏，真的可能会放弃。”

虽说国外招投标模式的基本流程与国内类似，但二者对招标文件的文档规范、风格要求却大相径庭。最初，他们经常因为一些小细节导致递交的标书在评标第一阶段惨遭淘汰。那个时期，每个月都有2-3次投标，戴明睿带领团队通宵准备资料，标书也历经13个版本的更新迭代，逐渐探索出一套适合当地市场的介绍方案和招投标模式。

“机遇总是留给准备最充足的人”，这是他最经常对团队说的话。终于，他们在半年后拿到第一个

项目。“项目总金额有多少个零，我们真的数了好几遍”

初尝中标的甜头后，2016年6月戴明睿团队又一举拿下埃塞市政部智能楼宇信息化项目。“项目总金额有多少个零，我们真的数了好几遍。”戴明睿和同事笑着说。

智能楼宇项目是埃塞市政部投资的，为首都下属4个行政区政府办公大楼开展信息化建设的政府项目。该项目是埃塞近年来少有的大项目，建设总金额超过1000万美金，许多在埃塞耕耘多年的中国企业一年的营业额也没有这一个项目大。

招标之初，客户提出要4座政府办公大楼的信息化建设权分给3家供应商，通过比较施工能力和施工质量来选择长期合作伙伴。然

而在技术评标之后，客户就决定将整个项目全部交给戴明睿所在的304所。“建设方案完全符合预期，且价格公道，而其他参与竞标的企业并不能令客户满意。”

当接到“拿下整个项目”的电话通知后，戴明睿同事们相互祝贺，紧紧拥抱在一起。这是他们所承担的第一个信息化国际工程承包项目，开标前一天，他们甚至还在开玩笑地讨论是承建离市区近的大楼，还是周边风景好的大楼。

打铁要趁热。戴明睿带领团队将该项目打造成样板工程，建立了一支“熟悉国际投标标准、掌握海外项目技巧、具备海外项目实施能力”的国际合作经营团队。在随后的时间里捷报频传，他们团队接连中标埃塞教育部12所大学信息化建设项目、首都大学数据中心建设项目，并与南非、贝宁等国确立了

后续合作意向，国际化市场正在向纵深发展，在当地成功地树立了中国航天的信息化品牌。

航天人在海外，绘好“一带一路”的“工笔画”

受限于非洲当地的电力、网络、供水等基础设施状况，停电停水是海外建设者常遇到的事。“停电也通常意味着断网，是大家最害怕的，办公设备都无法启动。手机网速极慢，只能收发文字消息……遇到电线大面积短路或出现故障，海外人员处在一种失联的状态，只能通过打国际长途给家里报个平安。”

2017年7月，戴明睿在达喀尔突然病倒，高烧伴随着嗓子疼，有被蚊虫叮咬的痕迹。会不会是疟疾？他不敢多想，一边回忆执行项目应急预案，一边找寻当地的华人诊所。最终疟疾测试结果是阴性，只是普通的感冒。“面对在国外生活的种种不适应，只要能得到客户的认可，这些困难都可以克服。”2017年9月，埃塞社保局特意向304所发来感谢信，对整个团队在项目实施交付过程中表现出的专业性和攻坚克难的精神提出表扬。

从初来乍到的窘迫、项目中标的喜悦与兴奋，到独在异乡的酸楚和委屈，再到独当一面的从容自信……在深耕非洲市场的第四个年头，戴明睿笑着说：“想家，回国一趟飞机要30多个小时。但我们这些在海外工作的年轻人，收获的成长也是惊人的。总书记讲要绘好‘一带一路’的‘工笔画’，我能看到更多航天品牌、中国品牌的标志在海外落地，一桩桩安全可靠的项目交付，只要见过竖给China的大拇指，辛苦不值一提。”

# Editor's Choice



President Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu talk outside the Oval Office of the White House. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



The streets in L.A. are lit up with images of NBA star Kobe Bryant as fans pay their respects outside the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California. REUTERS/Mike Blake



Smoke and haze over glaciers in the Westland Tai Poutini National Park



French firefighters face off with riot police as they protest against their working conditions in Paris, France. REUTERS/Charles Platiau



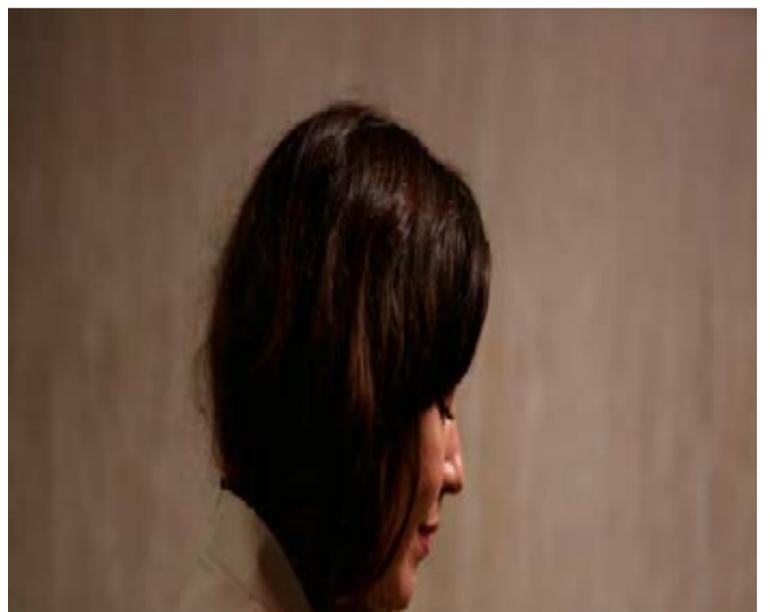
Excavators and bulldozers are seen at a construction site where a new hospital is being built to treat patients of a new coronavirus, following the outbreak and the city's lockdown, on the outskirts of Wuhan, China. cnsphoto via REUTERS



Renee Zellweger attends the 92nd Academy Awards Nominees Luncheon in Los Angeles, California. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni



A New York City subway sign that has been changed to read 'Kobe Bryant Park' is pictured in Manhattan. REUTERS/Carlo Allegri



Mimi Haley, former production assistant, arrives to testify against Harvey Weinstein at the Criminal Court during Weinstein's sexual assault trial in Manhattan. REUTERS/Gabriela Bhaskar

## Cause Of The Crash Is Still Under Investigation Legendary NBA Star Kobe Bryant And 8 Others Perish In Copter Crash



Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

CNN) Millions of people never met him, but the sudden death of Kobe Bryant and eight others has left a country in mourning. The 41-year-old NBA legend died in a helicopter crash under foggy conditions in Calabasas, California. Visibility was so low Sunday morning that Los Angeles police had grounded its helicopters, spokesman Josh Rubenstein said. The helicopter crashed into a hillside, killing all nine people on board -- including Bryant's 13-year-old daughter, Gianna. The official cause of the crash has not been determined. As fans around the world grapple with Bryant's death, new clues are emerging about what happened shortly before the crash. The helicopter was operating under "special visual flight rules.



All 9 victims in the Kobe Bryant heli-

copter crash have been identified Among those killed was John Altobelli, a current college baseball coach and former player for the University of Houston. The helicopter was operating under "special visual flight rules," according to an air traffic control conversation with the pilot, captured by website LiveATC.net. An SVFR clearance allows a pilot to fly in weather conditions worse than those allowed for standard visual flight rules. The Burbank Airport control tower allowed the helicopter to proceed northeast, following the Interstate 5 highway, using the SVFR clearance. "Maintain special VFR at or below 2,500" the pilot confirmed to the controller. Later in the flight, the pilot apparently asked for "flight following," a service in which controllers are in regular contract with an aircraft.



The controller was recorded telling the pilot "2 echo X-ray, you're still too low level for flight following at this time." That could mean the helicopter was too low to be seen on air traffic control radar. While authorities try to determine what went wrong, investigators are struggling to find clues in difficult conditions. "It's a logistical nightmare in a sense because the crash site itself is not easily accessible," Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said. The effort to recover the victims' bodies has started but could take days, given the terrain and the condition of the site, Los Angeles County Chief Medical Examiner Jonathan Lucas said. Children and parents were on board Bryant was traveling to a basketball game with Gianna, who was scheduled to play Sunday afternoon. They were joined by Orange Coast College (OCC) baseball coach John Altobelli, his wife Keri and his daughter Alyssa, Altobelli's brother told CNN.



Photo (left) taken shortly after the crash showed the density of the fog. Crash scene (right)

Alyssa was Gianna's teammate, OCC assistant coach Ron La Ruffa said. And Altobelli would routinely travel with his daughter for her basketball games. OCC President Angelica Suarez said she was devastated by the loss of "a member of our OCC family." "Coach Altobelli was a giant on our

campus -- a beloved teacher, coach, colleague and friend," Suarez said in a statement. "This is a tremendous loss for our campus community." Another parent, Christina Mauser, was also killed in the crash. Mauser was an assistant girls basketball coach for a private school in Corona del Mar, California. "My kids and I are devastated. We lost our beautiful wife and mom today in a helicopter crash," her husband Matt Mauser wrote on Facebook.

**Fog blanketed the area** The crash occurred under foggy and cloudy conditions with extremely low visibility, CNN meteorologist Michael Guy said. Witnesses said the helicopter plummeted quickly before crashing on the hillside, Los Angeles County fire Capt. Tony Imbrenda said.



Kobe owned his own helicopter and regularly traveled to games to beat the California freeway traffic.

It was not immediately clear whether the Sikorsky S-76B helicopter radioed a distress signal, Imbrenda said. Local authorities are working with the National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration to try to determine the cause of the crash. Sikorsky, the helicopter manufacturer, tweeted its condolences. "We extend our sincerest condolences to all those affected by today's Sikorsky S-76B accident in Calabasas, California," the company said. "We have been in contact with the NTSB and stand ready to provide assistance and support to the investigative authorities ... Safety is our top priority; if there are any actionable findings from the investiga-

tion, we will inform our S-76 customers." The helicopter was built in 1991 and was most recently registered to Island Express Holding Corp., according to the FAA.

**A nation in shock and mourning** Devastated fans flooded an area near the crash site as well as Staples Center in Los Angeles, the city where Bryant spent his entire 20-year NBA career. Born in Philadelphia, Bryant quickly soared to become one of basketball's greatest champions. He won five NBA championships, before retiring in April 2016, capping his career by scoring 60 points in his final game.



Former Lakers Coach Phil Jackson called Bryant a "chosen one -- special in many ways to many people." Bryant is survived by his wife, Vanessa, and his three other daughters -- the youngest of which was born in June. (Courtesy cnn.com)

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**Exclusive**  
**Coronavirus Cripples China -- Echoes SARS Crisis**

*The deadly bug started in Wuhan and has spread worldwide*



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**(Editor's Note:** Due to the rapidly changing nature of the coronavirus and China's response to the calamity, the statistics in this article will likely change. All information reported was available at the time of publication.)  
Vietnam, Singapore, Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong all now have confirmed cases of the rapidly expanding coronavirus — alongside the US, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. France has confirmed three cases and Australia one - with all infected patients returning from Wuhan.  
So far, 14 people in the UK have been tested for coronavirus, with five given the all-clear and nine still awaiting results.  
But experts have now warned Britain is on the brink of an epidemic - with more than 30 people tested for the killer illness.  
Professor Neil Ferguson, an expert at Imperial College London, said the new strain is currently "as deadly as the Spanish flu epidemic".  
The 1918 outbreak is the most severe pandemic in recent history, wiping out an estimated 50 million people across the world.

There are now 56 million residents in 18 cities placed on lockdown across China as the country desperately grapples with the spread of the virus.

**Where did coronavirus start? From bats to snakes - the theories on deadly virus' origins**



**The killer coronavirus was spread from bats to snakes to humans, experts have claimed.**

An outbreak of the virus is understood to have started at an open air fish market in the Chinese city of Wuhan - which has since been put in lockdown after 25 people died and more than 600 people were infected globally.

A new study published in the China Science Bulletin this week claimed that the new coronavirus shared a strain of virus found in bats.

Previous deadly outbreaks of SARS and Ebola were also believed to have originated in the flying mammal. Experts had thought the new virus wasn't capable of causing an epidemic as serious as those outbreaks because its genes were different.



But this latest research appeared to prove otherwise - as scientists scramble to produce a vaccine.

In a statement, the researchers said: "The Wuhan coronavirus' natural host could be bats ... but between bats and humans there may be an unknown intermediate."

Meanwhile, scientists at Peking University also claim that the deadly virus was passed to humans from bats - but say it was through a mutation in snakes.

The researchers said that the new strain is made up of a combination of one that affects bats and another unknown coronavirus.

After analysing the genes of the strains the team found that snakes were susceptible to the most similar version of the coronavirus. It meant that they likely provided a "reservoir" for the viral strain to grow stronger and replicate.



The Huanan Seafood Market in central Wuhan has been closed down by police. The market sold live koalas, snakes, rats and wolf pup to locals. In-

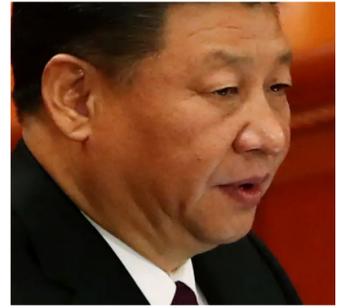
fecting snakes may have jumped to other animals before passing to humans. But a senior researcher at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, who asked not to be named, said the findings should be treated with caution.

He told the South China Morning Post: "It is based on calculation by a computer model.

"Whether it will match what happens in real life is inconclusive.

"The binding protein is important, but it is just one of the many things under investigation. There may be other proteins involved."

The expert believes that the new strain was an RNA virus, meaning that its mutation speed was 100 times faster than that of a DNA virus such as smallpox.



Chinese President Xi Jinping warned of the "grave situation" posed by the deadly coronavirus outbreak and promised ramped-up measures were coming from the government to address and contain the virus.

Multiple reports said Xi announced the government was establishing a task force to address the crisis, and citizens could expect increased monitoring of public spaces and more resources opening up in affected areas.

As 12 cities were officially put on lockdown, citizens called for Beijing to step in after online posts slammed local officials who appeared to have botched their initial response to the virus.

Public transport has been suspended in ten cities, shutting temples and even closing the Forbidden City and part of the Great Wall.

The risks also persuaded Shanghai Disneyland theme park to close from Saturday until further notice.

Officials have restricted travel in virus epicentre Wuhan, which is home to 11million, as well as neighbouring Huanggang, Ezhou and Lichuan.

Hospitals warned they could not cope with the number of patients turning up with symptoms.

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Map reveals spread of killer bug

41 DEATHS AND 1,300+ CASES GLOBALLY



A new report produced by Lancaster University in England, the University of Florida and the University of Glasgow says only five per cent of all the coronavirus cases are being diagnosed.

And the bleak prediction reveals by February 4, the number of infected people in Wuhan could hit 351,396. (Courtesy: https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/)

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