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It's time for the west to tackle poorer nations' debt pile — GILLIAN TETT, PAGE 15

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The Fed needs to retighten the regulatory screws — SHEILA BAIR, PAGE 9

# Bonds sell off after central banks step up inflation fight

- ECB refuses to rule out 2022 rate rise
- Hawkish sentiment increases at BoE

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT  
TONY STUBBINGTON — LONDON

A sharp sell-off swept global bond markets yesterday, as investors responded to signals that central banks in the UK and the eurozone are stepping up their inflation-fighting efforts.

Christine Lagarde, European Central Bank president, refused to rule out raising interest rates this year after its policymakers expressed "unanimous concern" about soaring prices.

The Bank of England raised interest rates for the second consecutive meeting, with a sizeable minority of rate-setters voting for an aggressive half-percentage-point increase.

Lagarde said inflation risks were "tilted to the upside" after annual consumer prices in the eurozone rose by a record 5.1 per cent in January. She backed away from earlier comments playing down the chances of the bank raising rates this year because of "the situation having changed" and said it was "getting much closer" to hitting its target on inflation.

UK, European and US bond yields, which move inversely to prices, rose sharply. The euro jumped to a more than two-week high against the dollar.

"Central banks have been wrong on inflation and now they are needing to play catch-up," said Mark Dowding, chief investment officer at BlueBay Asset Management. "As they do that, financial markets don't like what they are hearing."

Lagarde said there was "consensus" among ECB policymakers on its

decision to keep rates unchanged and to pursue a "step-by-step" reduction in bond purchases this year. But a person familiar with the council said "one or two" of its members had called for an immediate tightening of policy.

Investors increased bets that the ECB would be forced to change course and raise rates several times this year. Markets also priced in further rate rises this year from the BoE, as it tackles the highest UK inflation in 30 years. But the four votes for a bigger move on the bank's nine-strong rate-setting committee caught many investors off-guard.

Konstantin Veit, portfolio manager at Pimco, said the ECB's "hawkish message" signalled "more openness towards an earlier withdrawal of monetary policy support".

While the ECB left policy unchanged, Lagarde's comments were widely interpreted as signalling a likely shift to tightening policy as early as March.

Carsten Brzeski, macro research head at ING, said Lagarde had "opened the door to a speeding up of asset purchase reductions and a rate hike this year".

Lagarde said there had been "unanimous concern around the table about the impact of inflation" on Europeans and their "day-to-day hardship of having to put up with higher prices".

Fredéric Dufourcq, strategist at Pictet Wealth Management, said Lagarde had delivered a "reality check" for bond markets.

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MILES KRUPPA — SAN FRANCISCO  
CHRISTINA CRIDDLE AND  
TIM BRADSHAW — LONDON

The start-up behind Bored Ape Yacht Club, the non-fungible token collection that counts celebrities such as Gwyneth Paltrow and Snoop Dogg as owners, is discussing a financing deal with Andreessen Horowitz that would value it at \$4bn-\$5bn.

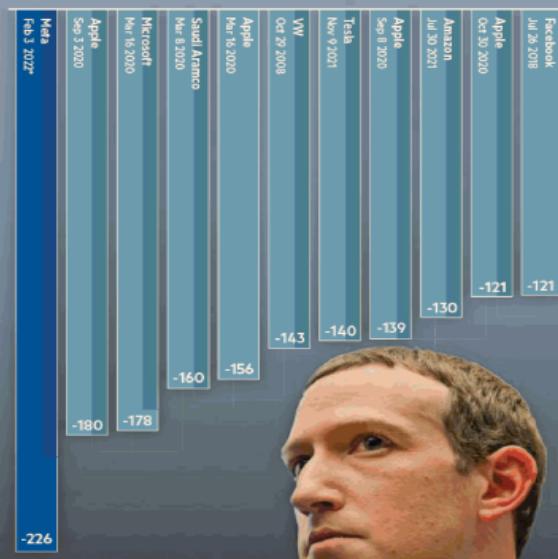
NFT's pioneer Yuga Labs is seeking to sell a multimillion-dollar stake in a new funding round, according to people with knowledge of the discussions.

They said that among those in talks over an investment is Andreessen Horowitz, one of Silicon Valley's top venture capital firms, which was previously an early investor in Facebook, Twitter and Airbnb.

The terms could still change, and any

## Meta worse TikTok alert helps wipe \$226bn off Facebook parent's value

Largest falls in market capitalisation in one day (\$bn)



\*as at 18.00 GMT

Source: FT calculations Photo: Reuters

ERIC PLATT — NEW YORK

Investors wiped more than \$225bn off the market value of Facebook's parent Meta yesterday, after the company warned its users spent more time on rival sites such as TikTok.

The company's share price fell — on track to be its worst

ever — would mark the biggest single-day decline in a company's market value on record.

The 25 per cent drop in Meta's value was so big it beat all other market cap losses, even during the financial crisis. It was also larger than Volkswagen's plunge in value in 2008 after the unwinding of a 'short squeeze'

that had briefly made the German carmaker the world's most valuable company.

Mark Zuckerberg, chief executive, warned on the earnings call that video "apps like TikTok are growing very quickly". Inside Business page 5  
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## Bored Ape NFT start-up in talks to bring Andreessen Horowitz on board

discussions might not lead to a deal, said people close to the talks. Any deal would mark the first institutional investment into Yuga, a secretive outfit led by pseudonymous founders — Gordon Goner, Emperor Tomato Ketchup, NoSass and Gargamel.

It would place the US-based company at the forefront of the frothy but lucrative market for crypto art, less than one year after it debuted the BAYC collection, with some items selling for millions of dollars each.

Yuga did not respond to requests for comment. Andreessen declined to comment. A video series hosted by The Nifty, a website for NFT data and analysis, first reported that Yuga was seeking investment.

The negotiations signal how institutional investors are seeking to dive into the hype-fuelled world of NFTs —

collectible tokens fixed on the blockchain that cannot be replicated. Sales of digital assets surged last year to become a global market worth \$40bn.

The price of Bored Apes has soared to upwards of \$250,000 since Yuga created, or "minted", 10,000 of the collectibles for about \$500 apiece last April. Yuga collects a cut from resales of Bored Apes.

According to some BAYC owners, Bored Ape characters are expected to feature in the Super Bowl halftime show this month, where collectors Snoop Dogg and Eminem are due to perform.

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## Briefing

► Biden says Isis leader blew himself up  
The US president has announced that Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi was killed as he set off an explosion during a night-time raid by US special forces on his hide-out in north-west Syria. — PAGE 4

► Shell to boost returns to investors  
The UK-headquartered oil group said it will raise its dividend and buy back more shares after high energy prices produced a strong fourth quarter and healthy full-year earnings. — PAGE 5; EX, PAGE 16

► Ardern reopening plan as ratings slide  
The prime minister has said New Zealand will gradually reopen its borders, a week after a poll revealed that her support has dropped to the lowest level since she was elected. — PAGE 4

► KPMG sued for £1.5bn over UK failure  
The firm has been sued by the liquidators of outsourcing group Carillion, who claim the auditor missed "red flags" over its accounts and that it was insolvent two years before it collapsed. — PAGE 6

► Turkish inflation highest of Erdogan era  
Global pressures and the president's unorthodox economic management have pushed the consumer price index to 48.7 per cent, the highest since his party came to power two decades ago. — PAGE 2

► Polish president in bid to ease EU dispute  
Andrzej Duda has put forward a bill to scrap a disciplinary chamber for judges that has become one of the main flashpoints in a bitter feud between Warsaw and Brussels over the rule of law. — PAGE 2

► Carlyle seeks targets for expansion  
Chief executive Kewsong Lee has told the FT that the US private equity group plans to use its rapidly growing earnings and assets under management to expand and diversify through acquisitions. — PAGE 5

## Datawatch

### Judgment on Johnson

How well is he doing his job?

% of respondents



Weeks of damning revelations about Downing Street parties during lockdown have made Boris Johnson's position more precarious. Some 73 per cent of Britons say the premier is bad at his job, while 22 per cent say he is doing well

Source: YouGov



## Nadella says gaming will inspire metaverse journey

Satya Nadella has given the Financial Times a glimpse into his vision for how games technology will shape Microsoft software and the internet. In his first interview since agreeing to pay \$75bn for Activision Blizzard, the biggest tech deal ever, the chief executive portrays the tie-up as central to facilitating the online interactions of the metaverse. He also says Microsoft will build open systems allowing free movement between different companies' worlds. Interview ► PAGE 7

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## World Markets

### STOCK MARKETS

	Feb 3	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4516.02	4562.26	-1.00
Nasdaq Composite	14093.40	14417.55	-2.53
Dow Jones Ind.	36223.45	36620.33	-1.06
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1827.42	1860.45	-1.75
Euro Stoxx 50	4142.80	4222.05	-1.88
FTSE 100	7528.94	7563.00	-1.54
FTSE All-Share	4222.74	4257.23	-0.81
CAC 40	7065.63	7115.27	-1.54
Xetra Dax	15368.47	15613.77	-1.57
Nikkei	27241.31	27533.60	-1.06
Hang Seng	23862.26	23560.08	1.07
MSCI World \$	3113.23	3096.62	0.88
MSCI EM \$	12123.23	12141.01	-0.06
MSCI ACWI \$	729.08	722.49	0.77

### CURRENCIES

	Feb 3	prev	%chg
\$ per €	1.142	1.120	0.73%
€ per \$	0.875	0.877	-0.23%
\$ per £	1.361	1.357	0.26%
£ per \$	0.743	0.733	1.30%
€ per £	0.839	0.833	0.72%
¥ per \$	131.181	129.226	0.94%
\$ per ¥	0.007	0.007	0.14%
€ per ¥	83.024	82.908	0.14%
£ per ¥	121.901	121.247	0.53%

### COMMODITIES

	Feb 3	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	88.61	88.26	0.44%
Euro/Libor 3m	0.19	0.19	0.00%
Gold \$	1803.65	1799.65	0.21%
US 3m Bills	0.05	0.05	0.00%
Euro 3m Bills	0.05	0.05	0.00%
UK 3m Bills	0.05	0.05	0.00%
Gold £	1,000.00	995.00	0.50%

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## Games begin in swirl of risk and anxiety

China's Olympics face political scrutiny and coronavirus concerns.

BY DAVID WHARTON

**BEIJING** — China had something to prove when it hosted the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Communist Party leaders framed the sporting event as a coming-out party, a chance to proclaim their arrival as a global superpower. A state-run news agency called it "a historical event in the great renaissance of the Chinese nation."

"Winning the host right," the news read, "means winning the respect, trust and favor of the international community."

Fourteen years later, as the Games return to Beijing in their winter format, the stakes have changed. It might be enough just to avoid calamity.

"Obviously, mega-events are part of China's pursuit of soft power," said Susan Brownell, a leading authority on sports in the Asian country. "But I think there are risks."

Controversy has beset the 2022 Winter Olympics on two fronts, casting a harsh light on the host country's human rights record while [See Olympics, A4]

## For Xi, validation of his statecraft

Leader sees Games as a symbol of a strong China, one the world must recognize. **WORLD, A3**



**AUTHORITIES INSPECT** a ruined home in Idlib province, Syria, where Islamic State leader Abu Ibrahim Hashimi Qurayshi detonated a suicide bomb, killing himself and his family as the U.S. raid unfolded.

OMAR ALBALWI Associated Press

## Islamic State head, civilians die during U.S. raid in Syria

'This horrible terrorist leader is no more,' Biden declares

BY NOAH BIERMAN AND NABIL BULOS

**WASHINGTON** — President Biden announced Thursday that the leader of Islamic State was killed during an overnight raid by U.S. forces in Syria that also left a number of civilians dead, declaring the operation a success that eliminated a "major terrorist threat to the world."

"Thanks to the bravery of our troops, this horrible terrorist leader is no more," Biden declared during an address from the White House.

Senior administration officials said all troops returned safely from the mission, and portrayed the death of Abu Ibrahim Hashimi Qurayshi as a major victory in the nation's counter-terrorism efforts. Qurayshi, who took over the reins of Islamic State in 2019 after the killing of its previous leader, had been coordinating "the group's global [See Raid, A4]



**THE PENTAGON** said Thursday that mechanical issues forced the landing of an American helicopter, which U.S. troops later destroyed.

OMAR ALBALWI Associated Press

**AN ENIGMA:** Even after his death, Islamic State leader's origins are not well understood. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**



**QUEEN** Elizabeth II and Prince Philip gather with members of the British aristocracy on the balcony at Buckingham Palace after her coronation June 2, 1953.

COLUMN ONE

## In Elizabeth, Britain finds a resilient, enduring monarch

PATT MORRISON

**I**t started like a fairy tale: A lovely young woman climbed up a tree as a princess and climbed back down as a queen.

That was how a hunter named Jim Corbett wrote of the moment in Kenya where, at some unknown instant in early February in 1952, in the huge fig tree where she had been watching rhinos and elephants, came to a stop Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth, future Queen Elizabeth II, the sixth anointed queen regnant of England and of places most of her predecessors had never heard of — like the land of the little treehouse.

Neither she nor history can know the precise moment she became queen, when her father, King George VI, died alone in his sleep, 6,000 miles away. He was discovered dead in his bed on Feb. 6.

For more than 1,000 years, the death of every English monarch had been attended, recorded, witnessed. Like the late afternoon of Aug. 2, 1100, when William II, son of William the Conqueror, was killed in an air-quotes "hunting accident," perhaps on orders from his ambitious little brother.

Or just before midnight on Jan. 20, 1936, when Elizabeth's grandfather, King George V, died of a heroin and cocaine mix deliberately administered by his doctor to [See Queen, A5]

## Energy forecast: More days with no power for AC

BY ALEX WIGGLESWORTH AND RUBEN VIVES

As climate change pushes temperatures ever higher, Californians could lose air conditioning for roughly one week each summer because the demand for cooling will have exceeded the capacity of the electrical grid, a new study has found.

Absent any improvement to the power grid or the efficiency of air conditioners, researchers say, the state could hit this sweltering mark by the early 2030s, when global average temperature is predicted to rise 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

If that happens, residents can expect more rolling blackouts. In those seen during the punishing heatwave of August 2020, or even prolonged outages like the ones that followed severe winter storms that hit Texas in February 2021, according to the authors of the study, which appeared in Earth's Future, a publication of the American Geophysical Union.

The researchers projected an even bigger increase in air-conditioner-less days in some Southern and Midwestern states. Researchers predicted an aver-

age of 13.9 days for Missouri and 13.5 days for Illinois.

As residents hope from a citizen perspective, people will take the study and recognize that there are local impacts to climate change," said lead author Renee Obringer, an environmental engineer at Penn State University. "Whether you're living in Florida or Washington or Ohio, it will affect you personally, individually."

Some experts say that if Californians can expect an average of 6.8 days per year when air conditioning is not available under this scenario, she said. The figure is an aggregate that reflects both the cooler northern reaches of the state and the warmer, more arid southern portions, she said.

It would go in and break the state apart into different climate zones or regions, we might see that in L.A., for example, there might be a higher number of days without air conditioning than in San Francisco," Obringer said.

A spike in heat-driven blackouts will likely result in increased mortality, with the effects landing more heavily on vulnerable communities, including those who are poorer, older and nonwhite, the authors said. [See Cooling, A12]

## DETAILS SLOW TO COME IN STADIUM INJURY

Inglewood mayor says incident that left 49ers fan in a coma was 'small altercation.'

BY HAYLEY SMITH, RICHARD WINTON AND HARRIET RYAN

Inglewood officials on Thursday released new details about a violent altercation outside the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Sunday that left a San Francisco 49ers fan in a coma as they faced mounting questions about why they didn't inform the public about the incident sooner.

It took three days and an inquiry from The Times before authorities in Inglewood acknowledged the incident, which left 40-year-old restaurant owner Daniel Luna in a medically induced coma.

Luna was found bleeding in a stadium parking lot just after 4 p.m. Sunday, about half an hour into the NFC championship showdown against the Rams, yet it remains unclear who made the 911 call that ultimately resulted in his transport to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

It's also not been established when law enforcement was informed of the incident. Inglewood police said they launched their investigation around 7 p.m. after emergency room personnel noted the violent assault injury on Luna and summoned officers. But the L.A. County Fire Department said law enforcement was at the scene hours earlier when paramedics arrived.

Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts said at a Thursday evening news conference that video had emerged showing people mingling in the parking lot when someone in a yellow jersey pushes a person in a red jersey from behind, then turns to walk away.

"That person came and pushed Mr. Luna from behind, and when Mr. Luna turned around, [the person] punched him in what looked like the mouth area," Butts said. He described it as "a small altercation," saying Luna fell and hit his head after one punch.

Some experts said the timing of the incident — weeks before the nation's attention turns to the stadium for the Super Bowl — created a "PR nightmare." Others said it raises important questions about safety and [See Fan, A12]

## Russia 'false flag' plot alleged

U.S. says new intelligence details plan to use a fake Ukrainian attack as pretext for invasion. **WORLD, A3**

## 7 former Angels could testify

Players may serve as witnesses as Eric Kay's trial in the fatal overdose of pitcher Tyler Skaggs. **SPORTS, D2**

## Charting a path to lose masks

L.A. County discusses its "post-surge" phase for when COVID-19 conditions improve. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## Weather

Lots of sunshine. L.A. Basin: 70/47. **B6**

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**BUSINESS INSIDE:** Meta's stock plunge wipes out more than \$230 billion in value. **A8**

**deportes****La hora de Battaglia**  
El DT, presionado para ganar la Libertadores

Riquelme le dio refuerzos para ser protagonista y conquistar el objetivo máximo de Boca en 2022.

**ENERO CERRÓ CON MÁS ENTRADAS VENDIDAS EN LOS TEATROS****—espectáculos**

En Mar del Plata, la obra más vista es *Una semana nada más*; en Carlos Paz lidera *Stravaganza 10 años* y en la cartelera porteña, la comedia de Suar y Peretti.

**PREOCUPA LA CAÍDA DE LA CONFIANZA EN LAS VACUNAS****—coronavirus**

Es entre los menores de 40 años, según el nuevo índice que evalúa cómo se percibe la importancia en los chicos y la efectividad de las inmunizaciones. **Página 18**

# LA NACION

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# Frente a Putin, Fernández dijo que aspira a depender menos de EE.UU. y el FMI

**GIRA.** El Presidente celebró la relación con Rusia; sin anuncios sobre asistencia financiera

**Elisabetta Piqué**  
ENVIADA ESPECIAL

MOSCÚ.— Alberto Fernández y Vladimir Putin se miraron a los ojos y estuvieron juntos tres horas, mucho más tiempo de lo esperado. Y empatizaron, algo que abrió la posibilidad de ampliar y fortalecer—a

partir del vínculo emotivo que creó la vacuna Sputnik V—la relación bilateral entre la Argentina y Rusia, en un momento crítico para los dos países por motivos diferentes.

El encuentro se abrió con una fuerte definición de Fernández, sentado frente a su anfitrión en uno de los salones del Palacio del Kremlin. «Yo es-

toy empecinado en que la Argentina tiene que dejar de tener esa dependencia tan grande que tiene con el FMI y con Estados Unidos. Tiene que abrirse camino a otros lados y me parece que Rusia tiene un lugar muy importante», dijo, antes de agradecer especialmente el suministro de la vacuna rusa Sputnik V. Continúa en la página 8

**DESDE ADENTRO**

La factura del viaje a Moscú llega al Fondo

**Florencia Donovan**

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**La Argentina debe salir de la “alta inflación”, dijo Georgieva**

**Rafael Mathus Ruiz**  
CORRESPONSAL EN EEUU.

WASHINGTON.— La directora gerente del Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI), Kristalina Georgieva, dijo que el acuerdo final con la Argentina para refinanciar la deuda con el organismo incluirá cambios en la recaudación impositiva y el gasto público, y que el Fondo está trabajando en un plan pragmático que tiene como objetivo principal sacar al país del “camino muy peligroso de alta inflación”. Continúa en la página 9

# Cayó el presunto proveedor de la droga letal

**NARCOTRÁFICO.** Le incautaron más de 20.000 dosis similares a las que ya causaron 23 muertes



Joaquín Aquino, alias el Paisa, trasladado luego de su detención en José C. Paz

A la madrugada, mientras a los hospitales del corredor noroeste del conurbano seguían llegando decenas de jóvenes bajo los efectos de la cocaína adulterada con un opiáceo aún no identificado que ya causó la muerte de 23 personas y mantiene a decenas en gravísimo estado, la policía realizó varios allanamientos y arresto al presunto proveedor de la sustancia letal. Se trata de Joaquín Aquino, alias el Paisa, un paraguayo que era

investigado desde el año pasado por la Justicia Federal, pero al que recién arrestaron cuando se desató la epidemia de muertes por el consumo de la droga. Durante los procedimientos de ayer se encontraron, además de más de 20.000 dosis, bolsas con dinero. En otra investigación, en la misma zona, aparecieron recientemente otros paquetes con plata y nombres de comisarías para presuntas coimas a policías. **Página 24**

## Puerta 8: narcos armados y bolsas con plata para coimas

**Alejandro Horvat**  
LA NACION

En Puerta 8 los movimientos y la actividad de los dealers son un secreto a voces. Imposible que la policía no lo advierta, aunque hay un

detalle que podría explicarlo: una vez por semana, en las esquinas de este barrio precario de Tres de Febrero, los “soldados” armados del búnker de drogas dejan una bolsa con dinero, la policía pasa y se la lleva. Continúa en la página 25

# Cercado por EE.UU., se mató el líder del grupo EI

**TERRORISMO.** WASHINGTON (De nuestro corresponsal).— En una operación militar norteamericana en Siria que le astó un fuerte revés a Estado Islámico, el líder del grupo, Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, se suicidó ayer al verse cercado por las fuerzas especiales, anunció el presidente Joe Biden. El terrorista detonó una bomba que mató también a miembros de su familia. **Página 2**

# Repudiaron en Tribunales la presión contra la Corte

**JUSTICIA.** Manifestantes defendieron al máximo tribunal tras la marcha kirchnerista. **Página 15**

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## QUASE 14 MIL CRIANÇAS FICAM SEM ESCOLA NA CIDADE DE SÃO PAULO

Sarah Ribeiro, 6, em casa, no Jardim Riviera, na zona sul; expansão do período integral no estado gerou falta de vagas no fundamental, dizem servidores de diretorias de ensino **Cotidiano B1**

### Ilustrada C1

Tarsila do Amaral e Oswald de Andrade importaram conceito de 'chic' da Europa



Divulgação

Tarsila, com vestido desenhado por Poiret, em 1926

### Esporte B8

Jogos de Inverno tentam desviar de Covid-19 e tensão política em Pequim

### Guia C9

Bares com pistas de skate e shows ao vivo ganham força em São Paulo

### Tati Bernardi

Fake feminista, adoro os homens  
Observo minha estante com livros feministas. O que diriam as autoras se soubessem que fico feliz quando minha água com gás demora e um rapaz toma para si a angústia sedenta? Não preciso de ninguém lutando pela minha saciedade, mas como é bonita a cena. **Cotidiano B3**

### Facebook perde um PIB de Portugal e tem tombo histórico

A Meta, dona do Facebook, registrou queda de 26,39% em suas ações nesta quinta (3) após divulgar números decepcionantes em balanço. A perda, de US\$ 251,3 bilhões (R\$ 1,3 trilhão), é a maior desde 2012, quando a companhia abriu capital, e equivale ao PIB de Portugal em 2021. **Mercado A18**

### Planalto dribla Guedes e cria PEC sobre combustíveis

O governo elaborou proposta que permite redução de tributos sobre os combustíveis mais ampla do que o acertado com Paulo Guedes. O texto, que agora alcança diesel, gasolina, etanol e gás de cozinha, foi protocolado na Câmara e pegou de surpresa a equipe econômica. **Mercado A12**

A dois meses do fim do prazo para desincompatibilização do cargo em caso de candidatura nas eleições deste ano, 25 dos 27 governadores têm os seus rumos políticos definidos nos estados.

Apenas dois deles, em fim de mandato, ainda estão indecisos quanto à estratégia a adotar no ano eleitoral.

O Senado, visto como rota para os já reeleitos, é alvo de três, todos no Nordeste.

Quatro devem deixar o cargo para tentar vaga de senador ou a Presidência da República, cinco preveem seguir no cargo até dezembro sem disputar as eleições, e o restante segue no governo visando a reeleição.

Único a buscar a Presidência, o paulista João Doria (PSDB) fará caminho parecido ao de 2018, quando deixou a Prefeitura de São Paulo e elegeu-se para o governo.

Camilo Santana (PT-CE), Flávio Dino (PSB-MA) e Wellington Dias (PT-PB) querem representar seus estados na Casa a partir de 2023.

A partir de abril, deve começar a viajar pelo Nordeste e por Minas Gerais, onde não vai bem nas pesquisas.

O gaúcho Eduardo Leite, que disputou com Doria a vaga de candidato tucano ao Planalto, tem posição isolada. Após o mandato, não quer disputar nem a reeleição, nem o Senado. **Política A4**

Dos 27, definiram rumos 25, e 4 deles deixarão posto para tentar outros cargos

## Governadores se dividem entre renúncia e reeleição

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### 'Não quero que meus filhos cresçam no Brasil', diz ativista

Para Prudence Kalambay, 41, que atua por direitos de imigrantes e refugiados e é mãe de cinco, a morte de Moisés Mugenyi aumentou o medo de violência. **Cotidiano B2**

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### Militar da Marinha mata vizinho negro a tiros no Rio

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### União Brasil estuda se unir a MDB e pode frustrar Moro

Dirigentes da União Brasil negociam aliança com o MDB para criar uma federação partidária e possível chapa para a corrida presidencial. Fruto da fusão entre PSL e DEM, a União Brasil é cobiçada por Sérgio Moro (Podemos), mas sua cúpula vê com resistência o ex-juiz. **Política A5**

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Dados das 20h

#### POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

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Ao menos uma dose  
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**79,5%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo  
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**70,1%**

Dose de reforço

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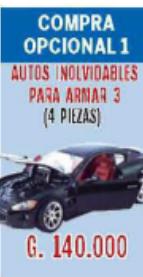
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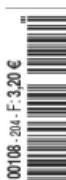
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# À Pékin, les JO dans la main de fer de Xi Jinping

Entouré de quelques alliés, dont Vladimir Poutine, le numéro un chinois ouvre ce vendredi des Jeux d'hiver « sous cloche », en raison du Covid et de la crainte de critiques politiques. **PAGES 2 A 4 ET L'EDITORIAL**

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## Daech affaibli après l'élimination de son chef par un raid américain

Deux ans après Abou Bakr al-Baghdadi, son successeur à la tête de l'organisation État islamique (EI), l'Iraïkien Abou Ibrahim al-Hachimi al-Qurachi, a été tué jeudi lors d'un

assaut des forces spéciales américaines en Syrie. Il aurait fait exploser la bombe qu'il portait. Surnommé « le Desctructeur », il était à l'origine de plusieurs massacres. **PAGE 9**



## Marine Le Pen : « Je veux mettre en place une politique nataliste »

Dans un entretien au Figaro, la candidate à la présidentielle affirme que « le soutien aux familles est essentiel, c'est la cellule de base de la société ». Elle affirme vouloir ren-

dre notamment la part fiscale pleine dès la naissance du deuxième enfant et doubler l'allocation de soutien aux familles monoparentales. **PAGE 5**



**ÉDITORIAL** par Philippe Gélie pgelie@lefigaro.fr

## Jeux de rôle

**L**a trêve (*Ekecheiria*) censée accompagner les Jeux olympiques depuis l'Antiquité grecque n'est pas la moindre vertu de ces rassemblements quadriennaux. Voués à la célébration de l'exploit et du surpassement, ils offrent en principe une parenthèse bienvenue de fraternité et d'égalité face au défi sportif. Pour deux semaines, le monde a la possibilité d'oublier ses rivalités et ses tensions, de remiser la compétition géopolitique derrière la vitesse, la force et l'adresse de ses champions. « *Citius, altius, fortius!* »

Malheureusement, cette occasion est trop souvent ratée. Les JO n'échappent pas à la politisation, surtout lorsque le pays hôte étouffe ou réduit les libertés de ses citoyens. Plus le régime est autoritaire, coercitif et sur la défensive, plus les enjeux de stabilité nationale et d'image internationale pèsent sur les festivités comme une chape de plomb. La Chine découvre à peine le ski, mais elle s'y entend au jeu des apparences. Le Covid lui fournit le prétexte parfait pour isoler les athlètes de la population, contrôler les faits et gestes des étrangers et sélectionner le public admis dans les gradins. Dans cet univers asceptisé, robotisé et ultrasurveillé, la fête

collective prend du plomb dans l'aile. Compte avant tout le spectacle immaculé d'une cérémonie d'ouverture scintillante, d'épreuves réglées au cordeau et de championnats dociles. Ceux qui oseront, par le boycott du défilé inaugural ou tout autre moyen, exprimer leur soutien aux Ouïgours, aux Tibétains ou aux Hongkongais risquent d'être « punis », en vertu des lois chinoises qui invitent à respecter la charte olympique.

Chacun doit rester dans son rôle et ne pas en sortir. Pour Xi Jinping, c'est celui du maître de cérémonie tout-puissant, vainqueur auto-proclamé du Covid et promoteur d'un ordre social qui se veut supérieur à la joyeuse pagaille des démocraties, entouré de ses amis autocrates – du Russe Vladimir Poutine au Saoudien MBS – et traitant par le mépris l'in-dolore camouflet infligé par le boycott diplomatique des Américains et de quelques alliés. Aux JO de Pékin, sous le dépliant d'une communion sportive universelle, il n'y a pas que la neige qui est artificielle. ■

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## PM hit by No 10 exodus as four aides quit in one day



Policy chief Mirza is first to leave, with stinging criticism of Johnson

**Heather Stewart**  
Political editor

Four of Boris Johnson's key staff quit last night as the fallout from the Downing Street party scandal continued to shake his hold on government.

Johnson's longstanding policy chief, Munira Mirza, was the first to go, using a stinging resignation letter to accuse the prime minister of "scurrilous" behaviour when he falsely linked the Labour leader, Keir Starmer, to the failure to bring the paedophile Jimmy Savile to justice.

Within hours, three more of Johnson's staff had gone - Dan

Rosenfield, his chief of staff; Martin Reynolds, his principal private secretary; and Jack Doyle, his director of communications.

All three have been implicated in Downing Street's response to the lockdown parties that are now being investigated by the Metropolitan police. Reynolds sent a widely shared email urging staff to "bring your own booze" to one event on 20 May 2020.

While Johnson was expected to clear out many of his top team in the wake of Sue Gray's report into the lockdown breaking gatherings published this week, Mirza's resignation came out of the blue.

And in a sign of Johnson'swaning authority, this also provoked the chancellor to issue a rare rebuke, as he also criticised the prime minister for his jibe against the Labour leader.

Asked about the comments at a press conference yesterday, Rishi

Sunak said: "Being honest, I wouldn't have said it." Pressed repeatedly on whether Johnson should apologise, he said that was a matter for the prime minister.

Sunak has previously declined to criticise Johnson directly throughout the weeks of revelations about lockdown-busting parties in Downing Street, though he has acknowledged that mistakes were made.

***It is desperately sad that you let yourself down by making a scurrilous accusation'***

**Munira Mirza**  
Letter to prime minister

▲ **Munira Mirza with Johnson in 2020. She said his remark about Starmer 'was not the normal cut and thrust of politics'** PHOTOGRAPH: YUI MOK/PA

The flurry of resignations came at the end of an important day for the government as the chancellor sought to explain how he hoped to avert a cost of living crisis for millions of people affected by rising fuel bills and mortgage payments.

But the focus once again turned to the turmoil in Downing Street when Mirza resigned.

Johnson repeatedly refused to apologise after saying in a rowdy House of Commons session on Monday that as director of public prosecutions from 2008 to 2013, Starmer had "spent most of his time prosecuting journalists and failing to prosecute Jimmy Savile". In fact, Starmer took no

Households braced for further fuel bill rises

**Larry Elliott and Phillip Inman**

Households hit by Britain's worsening cost of living crisis should brace themselves for further increases in energy costs later this year, Rishi Sunak warned yesterday, as critics said his £9bn emergency package was insufficient to prevent millions more people struggling with fuel poverty.

Prompted into action by the prospect of the average household paying an extra £700 a year for gas and electricity, the chancellor said he accepted it was a "very difficult time" but that a combination of temporary, repayable discounts and council tax rebates would help soften the blow.

Sunak said that as things stood, the price cap of £1,971 set by the energy regulator, Ofgem, would rise again in the autumn, prompting calls for the government to do more to help those on the lowest incomes.

The Resolution Foundation think-tank said even with the government support, the number of people living in fuel stress - households where more than 10% of the budget is spent on energy - would double to 5 million.

"These energy crisis measures are woefully inadequate and will leave those on the lowest incomes and in the least efficient homes in deep peril," said Adam Scorer, chief executive of the charity National Energy Action. "We needed deep, targeted support for the



▲ **Rishi Sunak, who said that he accepted it was a 'very difficult time'**