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Penned in Elysée rivals in final push

French far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen, centre, on the campaign trail yesterday in Saint-Pierre-en-Auge, northern France.

Emmanuel Macron's challenger in Sunday's presidential run-off rejected allegations that she had misappropriated €137,000 of EU funds, calling the claims "dirty tricks" from the bloc. Paris prosecutors confirmed they were examining allegations concerning her use of Brussels funds when she was a member of the European Parliament.

Macron is predicted to beat his rival in the second round of the election, with polls putting him 8 percentage points ahead on 54 per cent of the vote.

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China growth beats forecasts but lockdowns hit economic outlook

Zero-Covid policy takes toll • World Bank cuts global expectations • Debt to hurt recovery

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China's economy expanded faster than expected in the first quarter but official data revealed that consumer activity has begun to contract as sweeping Covid-19 lockdowns take their toll on the country's growth.

The figures will heap greater pressure on President Xi Jinping's government, which has stuck to its zero-Covid policy despite mounting costs and disruption across China's biggest cities.

The Chinese data were released as the World Bank cut its global growth forecast for 2022 by almost 1 percentage point, to 3.2 per cent from 4.1 per cent, pointing to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

As the IMF and World Bank's spring

meetings with finance ministers and central bankers kicked off, World Bank president David Malpass said surges in food and energy prices would lead to lower growth across the world — hitting hardest in Europe and central Asia.

The IMF also warned countries including China that large amounts of private debt accumulated during the pandemic — mainly by companies and low-income households — were likely to slow the recovery in the years ahead.

The first signs of a slowdown were evident in Chinese retail sales, which fell 3.5 per cent in March compared with the previous year as authorities introduced strict anti-virus controls. The drop took the shine off China's 4.8 per cent annual gross domestic product growth rate in the first quarter, which beat expecta-

tions of a 4.4 per cent rise. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, GDP grew 1.5 per cent. Shanghai, the country's financial hub, has been largely sealed off for weeks, the most striking example in a new wave of lockdowns that initially included the manufacturing hub of Shenzhen.

The lockdowns came at a precarious moment for China's economy following a debt crisis in its real estate sector. The government has targeted growth of 5.5 per cent this year, which would be its lowest annual rate in three decades.

Tommy Wu, lead China economist at Oxford Economics, said the GDP rise reflected growth seen in official January-February data, "before the weakening in activities in March".

The National Bureau of Statistics said "the operation of the economy was



The China data raise pressure on Xi Jinping's government, which has stuck to draconian curbs despite disruption across the biggest cities

generally stable" but pointed to "frequent outbreaks" of Covid in China and an "increasingly grave and complex international environment".

The IMF warned that private debt across the world would act as a drag on growth as households and companies prioritised paying interest and reducing the amount they owed rather than spending and investing. It forecast that over the next three years deleveraging would knock 0.9 per cent off GDP in advanced economies and 1.5 per cent off emerging markets' output levels.

Private debt increased by 13 percentage points of GDP in advanced economies and by almost as much in China during the pandemic, the fund said.

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Bank of America bullish on revenues
The Wall Street lender that is the last of the US megabanks to disclose earnings has reported better than expected results and brushed off recession concerns heightened by the war in Ukraine. — PAGE 5

Emigration inquiries surge in China
Consultants have reported a sharp rise in inquiries from wealthy people seeking to leave following the lockdown of Shanghai, underscoring the mounting frustration with the zero-Covid strategy. — PAGE 4

Malaysia eyes oil boost to balance sheet
Finance minister Zafrul Aziz has told the FT that the producer country's recovery from the JIMB scandal and pandemic could gain a boost from the higher oil prices caused by the Ukraine war. — PAGE 2

Chivas Brothers cheers on tariff talks
The Scotch maker has said it aims to double exports to India if it eliminates whisky tariffs, a top UK trade demand ahead of British premier Boris Johnson's visit to India this week. — PAGE 6

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Firms have promoted more associates to the rank of salaried partner, which does not receive a stake in the business, as a way of keeping profits high for the most senior lawyers in a war for talent. — PAGE 6

Mexican president's energy bill blocked
Opponents have denied Andrés Manuel López Obrador the two-thirds majority needed to bring in radical reform that would have guaranteed state power group CFE 54 per cent of the market. — PAGE 4

Failed bond trades soar after sanctions
Investors have linked the soaring number of failed trades to sanctions imposed on Russia after its invasion of Ukraine, which affected the complex chain of custody in the corporate market. — PAGE 10

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Britons headed abroad at Easter but not as many foreign tourists are visiting the UK. Inbound visits last year were down 82 per cent on 2019 and bookings for the next three to six months are 40 per cent down against pre-Covid levels



Xiaomi faces struggle to take a slice of Apple's pie

Xiaomi's mission to reinvent itself as China's Apple has run into multiple obstacles. The world's second-largest smartphone vendor faces greater regulation from Beijing as it grapples with global chip shortages, leading to a battering for its shares. But its biggest challenge is in convincing consumers of its high-end pedigree. Branding has been given a makeover but former executives doubt it can reach beyond the 'mi' fan, Xiaomi's loyal followers.

Brand fight — PAGE 6

Russian missile strikes on Lviv kill 7 as Mariupol citizens shelter in steelworks

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ROMAN OLEARCHUK — KYIV

At least seven people were killed and a further 11 injured in Russian missile strikes yesterday on Ukraine's western city of Lviv, usually seen as a haven for people fleeing violence in the rest of the country.

Maksym Kozitskyi, Lviv's regional governor, said Russia had fired four cruise missiles, believed to have come from the Caspian Sea region. He added that a child was among the wounded.

The Russian attacks on Lviv came as Ukrainian officials claimed that civilians in Mariupol, including children, were sheltering alongside the last group of fighters under a steelworks in the blockaded south-eastern city. About 2,000 Ukrainian troops remain, despite a Russian ultimatum to surrender.

Ukrainian security services (SBU) released a video yesterday in which Viktor Medvedchuk, Russian president Vladimir Putin's closest ally in Ukraine, asked to be exchanged for Ukrainian forces and civilians trapped in Mariupol. The SBU said Medvedchuk, who escaped house arrest on treason charges at the start of the war in February, had been arrested last week while Russia's FSB security service was trying to evacuate him to Transnistria, a pro-Russian separatist region in Moldova. It added that about 120,000 civilians remained in Mariupol.

Almost immediately afterwards, Russian television showed a video of Shaim Pinner and Alden Aslin, two British fighters captured in Mariupol, who asked Boris Johnson, UK prime minister, to exchange them for Medvedchuk. Mykhailo Vershynin, Mariupol's

patrol police chief, said civilians had taken refuge in Azovstal steelworks because "it's a hiding place that allows them to survive for a certain time" during Russia's intense bomb, missile and artillery attacks.

"According to my information, in the territory of the factory of Azovstal, there really is a large number of civilians, including women, children, old people and orphans."

Vershynin added that Russian and Moscow-backed separatist forces who controlled most of the port city were paying civilians in food to help collect corpses and dig mass graves.

Dmitry Peskov, Putin's spokesman, said yesterday said peace talks with Ukraine were faltering, adding: "The military operation is ongoing."

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Apr 18	prev	%chg		Pair	Apr 18	prev	%chg		Instrument	price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4385.31	4382.58	-0.17		\$ per €	1.079	1.078	0.009		US Gov 10 yr	81.73	2.84	0.02	
Nasdaq Composite	13297.20	13281.08	-0.12		\$ per £	1.302	1.300	0.167		US Gov 10 yr	121.71	1.89	0.00	
Dow Jones Ind	34584.12	34451.23	-0.19		€ per £	0.829	0.828	0.001		Gov Gov 10 yr	92.14	0.84	0.00	
FTSE100	1798.76	1797.29	-0.08		¥ per \$	126.855	125.805	0.850		Japan Gov 10 yr	99.62	0.24	0.00	
Hang Seng	3848.69	3827.98	-0.54		₹ per ₹	164.885	164.240	0.393		US Gov 30 yr	86.41	2.95	0.03	
FTSE MIB	7616.38	7568.80	-0.63		SFr per €	1.018	1.018	0.000		Gov Gov 2 yr	99.93	0.04	0.00	
FTSE AEX	4232.12	4211.90	-0.48											
CAC 40	6549.35	6542.14	-0.11											
Nikkei 225	14163.86	14016.44	-1.05											
Nikkei	26769.71	27065.15	-1.09											
Hang Seng	21518.08	21374.37	-0.67											
MSCI World	2569.67	2560.64	-0.03											
MSCI EM	1112.90	1117.38	-0.40											
MSCI ACWI	1682.71	1682.71	0.00											
Gold	5736.56	5803.41	-1.22											
FT Worldex 5000	44811.95	45262.15	-1.21											

COMMODITIES				
	Apr 18	prev	%chg	
Oil WTI	107.43	106.38	0.99	
Oil Brent	112.83	111.70	1.10	
Gold	1963.25	1976.75	-0.68	

FIXED INCOME				
	Apr 18	prev	%chg	
Feed Funds EIT	0.20	0.20	0.12	
US 3m Bills	0.79	0.75	0.54	
Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00	
UK 3m	1.12	1.11	0.01	

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Digging graves on Monday in a cemetery in Irpin, a suburb of Kyiv, Ukraine. Russia's anticipated push into the Donbas region began.

At Holy Time, A War Splits The Faithful

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR
and SOPHIA KISHKOVSKY

In a small parish in northern Italy affiliated with the Russian Orthodox Church, the mostly Ukrainian worshippers — IT specialists, migrant factory laborers, nurses and cleaners — decided to repudiate the full-throated support for the war in Ukraine from Patriarch Kirill of Moscow.

The Moscow Patriarch had repeatedly bestowed blessings on the Russian military, giving a historical golden icon of the Virgin Mary to a senior commander, for example, and casting the war as a holy struggle to protect Russia from what he called Western scourges like gay pride parades. He has been a vocal supporter of President Vladimir V. Putin, with the church receiving vast financial resources in return.

"We saw that the Moscow Patriarchate was not engaged in theology; it was simply interested in supporting the ideology of the state," said Archpriest Volodymyr Melnichuk of the Church of the Elevation of the Cross in Udine, Italy. "In essence the patriarch betrayed his Ukrainian flock."

So on March 31, the Ukrainian cleric wrote a letter severing all ties to the Moscow Patriarchate.

With the Eastern Orthodox Easter approaching this Sunday, similar tensions are rippling through the church's more than 200 million faithful, concentrated in eastern and southern Europe. Around the world, the war is dividing national churches, parishes and even families as they reassess relations with Patriarch Kirill and the Russian Orthodox Church.

In the United States, some believers are switching churches. In France, Orthodox seminary students

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Burden of Sanctions on Moscow Begins to Show

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI
and PATRICIA COHEN

Russia's central bank chief warned on Monday that the consequences of Western sanctions were only beginning to be felt, and Moscow's mayor said that 200,000 jobs were at risk in the Russian capital alone, stark acknowledgments that undermined President Vladimir V. Putin's contention that sanctions had failed to destabilize the Russian economy.

The bleak assessments from two senior officials align with the forecast of many experts that Russia faces a steep economic downturn as its inventory of imported goods and parts runs low. How Russians react to the financial hardships resulting from Mr.

Assessments by Officials Contradict Putin's Rosy Outlook

Putin's invasion of Ukraine will determine in part whether anything can weaken the Russian leader's grip on power or sap support for the war.

Russia's economy has avoided a crippling collapse for now, but more sanctions are on the way that would further increase the economic pain. The European Union is formulating a plan to curb imports of Russian oil. And Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen is expected to call on American al-

lies to increase economic pressure on Russia at the spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Washington this week, according to a Treasury official.

Estimates from international financial organizations of the contraction in the Russian economy range from 10 to 15 percent. On Monday, the Russian central bank said on its website that consumer prices on average were 16.7 percent higher than they were a year ago.

Wally Adeyemo, deputy secretary of the U.S. Treasury, predicted during an economic conference on Monday that Russian inflation would soar and imports would plummet, leaving the

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RAINING MISSILES, RUSSIA LAUNCHES EASTERN ASSAULT

Kyiv Reports Attacks on 300-Mile Front — In the West, Lviv Is Struck

This article is by Jane Arraf, Ivan Nechevarenko and Mark Landler.

LVIV, Ukraine — Ukraine said Monday that Russian forces had launched a ground assault along a nearly 300-mile front in the east after hitting the country with one of the most intense missile barrages in weeks, including the first lethal strike on Lviv, the western city that has been a refuge for tens of thousands of fleeing civilians.

The missile strikes, which killed at least seven people in Lviv alone, punctured any illusions that the picturesque city of cobble streets and graceful squares near Poland's border was still a sanctuary from the horrors Russia has inflicted elsewhere in Ukraine over the past two months.

The Lviv attack followed 300 missile and artillery strikes that Russia claimed to have carried out, mainly in the east, in what appeared to be a campaign to terrorize the population and intimidate Ukraine's military before the new ground offensive had begun in the part of the country known as the Donbas.

The secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, Oleksii Danilov, said on national television that the Russian ground assault, which had been anticipated for weeks, stretched along nearly the entire front line, from the northern Kharkiv region south to the besieged port of Mariupol.

President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine said, "Every significant part of the Russian army is now concentrated for that offensive," adding, "No matter how many servicemen get thrown there, we will fight, we will defend ourselves."

The overnight missile barrage

targeted fuel depots, warehouses, and other infrastructure, according to Russia's Defense Ministry. Russian forces also appeared to be finally seizing the entire port of Mariupol, where outnumbered Ukrainian fighters defied demands to lay down their weapons at a vast steel plant that has become a kind of industrial Alamo.

Mariupol, a once-vibrant city in southeast Ukraine, is the last obstacle to Russia's drive to secure a "land bridge" to Crimea, the southern Ukrainian peninsula seized by Russian forces eight years ago.

The intensified attacks came amid signs that international sanctions were beginning to choke Russia's economy — and in the process, opening fissures among the country's leaders. President Vladimir V. Putin insisted that "the strategy of an economic blitzkrieg has failed." But Moscow's mayor warned that 200,000 people risked losing their jobs in the capital alone, while the head of the central bank warned that the effect of Russia's isolation was just starting to be felt.

While Ukraine's east remained

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A fire-fighting shop took a direct hit in Lviv, Ukraine.



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A Race's Shining Star

Peres Jephchir of Kenya clinched the women's competition at the Boston Marathon. Page B8.

As Homeless Age, Cities See Surge in Lonely Deaths on the Street

By THOMAS FULLER

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Their bodies were found on public benches, lying next to bike paths, crumpled under freeway overpasses and stranded on the sun-drenched beach. Across Los Angeles County last year, the unsheltered died in record numbers, an average of five homeless deaths a day, most in plain view of the

world around them.

Two hundred eighty-seven homeless people took their last breaths on the sidewalk, 24 died in alleys and 72 were found on the pavement, according to data from the county coroner. They were a small fraction of the thousands of homeless people across the country who die each year.

"It's like a wartime death toll in places where there is no war," said Dr. Maria Raven, an emergency

A Crisis in California, Especially for Men

room physician in San Francisco who co-wrote a study about homeless deaths.

An epidemic of deaths on the streets of American cities has accelerated as the homeless popula-

tion has aged and the cumulative toll of living and sleeping outdoors has shortened lives. The wider availability of fentanyl, a particularly fast-acting and dangerous drug, has been a major cause of the rising death toll, but many homeless people are dying young of treatable chronic illnesses like heart disease.

More than ever it has become

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Judge Rescinds Mask Mandate For Passengers

By CHARLIE SAVAGE
and HEATHER MURPHY

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in Florida struck down the mask requirement on airplanes, trains, buses and other public transportation on Monday, less than a week after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had extended it through May 3.

The ruling left it up to individual airlines and local transit agencies to decide what to do, and by late Monday, the nation's largest airlines had dropped their mask requirements for domestic flights. The Amtrak rail system said passengers and employees would no longer need to wear masks.

In a 59-page decision, Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, who was appointed by President Donald J. Trump, voided the mandate — which also applies to airports, train stations and other transportation hubs — nationwide on several grounds, including that the agency had exceeded its legal authority under the Public Health Services Act of 1944. Because of the ruling, the masking order was not in effect for the time being, and the Transportation Security Administration would not enforce it, a Biden administration official said on Monday evening.

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MASKS ARE BACK Philadelphia reinstated rules after a sharp increase in infections. Page A15

Trump's Allies Keep Up Fight To Nullify Vote

This article is by Maggie Haberman, Alexandra Berzon and Michael S. Schmidt.

A group of President Donald J. Trump's allies and associates spent months trying to overturn the 2020 election based on his lie that he was the true winner.

Now, some of the same confidants who tried and failed to invalidate the results based on a set of bogus legal theories are pushing an even wilder sequel: that by "decertifying" the 2020 vote in key states, the outcome can still be reversed.

In statehouses and courtrooms across the country, as well as on right-wing news media, allies of Mr. Trump — including the lawyer John Eastman — are pressing for states to pass resolutions rescinding Electoral College votes for President Biden and to bring lawsuits that seek to prove baseless claims of large-scale voter fraud. Some of those allies are casting their work as a precursor to reinstating the former president.

The efforts have failed to change any statewide outcomes or uncover mass election fraud. Legal experts dismiss them as preposterous, noting that there is no plausible scenario under the Constitution for returning Mr. Trump to office.

But just as Mr. Eastman's original plan to use Congress's final count of electoral votes on Jan. 6, 2021, to overturn the election was

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President Biden and Jill Biden, the first lady, hosted the first Easter Egg Roll since the start of the pandemic. Page A11

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Doctors Targeted in Myanmar

The country is one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a medical worker. At least 30 doctors have been killed, a rights group says. Page A6

'Wild West' of Cannabis

A crush of marijuana shops have changed the character of a storied Toronto neighborhood. Page A4

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Christopher Coover, who appraised works for Christie's auction house and "Antiques Roadshow," was 72. Page B10



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Disneyland guests no longer have to stay away from Mickey. A two-year ban on hugs was lifted on Monday. Page B3

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Europe is ready for the next generation of green energy, but needs to turn the heads of distracted investors. Page B1

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Big Trip for Ukrainian Art

The country's entry at the Venice Biennale was transported in the back of a curator's car. Against the odds, the piece will be unveiled at the international art showcase this week. Page C1

Couple's Archives Acquired

The University of Texas is obtaining the papers of Richard Goodwin, a speechwriter to John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, and of his wife, the historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. Page C1

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Yakei isn't the strongest monkey, but allies and social smarts may have preserved the rule of Japan's monkey queen through mating season. Page D4



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Colheita de azeitonas em olival da Lagar H, no RS

MEC trava verba para 1.369 prefeituras, mas paga aliados

Governo Bolsonaro deixa de transferir R\$ 434 milhões em recursos da educação

O Ministério da Educação (MEC) sob Jair Bolsonaro deixou de transferir R\$ 434 milhões em verbas para 1.369 prefeituras enquanto priorizava aliados para repasses da educação. O montante se refere a 1.780 obras pactuadas entre municípios e governo federal desde 2012.

Os dados foram obtidos pela Folha por meio da Lei de Acesso à Informação e reforçam o cenário de ausência de critérios técnicos que impera no FNDE (Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento da Educação), ligado ao MEC e responsável pela gestão desses recursos.

Questionados, os Ministérios da Economia e da Educação não responderam. O FNDE está nas mãos do centrão, que sustenta Bolsonaro no Congresso, e atualmente é gerido por Marcelo Lopes da Ponte, ex-assessor do ministro Ciro Nogueira (PP-Pi), da Casa Civil.

Em 43% dos processos com recursos atrasados, os municípios acabaram concluindo as obras por conta própria. Outros 45% constam como em execução, e 12%, como paralisadas. Cidades do Ceará concentraram 11% dos valores travados pelo FNDE. **Política A4**



Mauren Luc/Folhapress

CRIMINOSOS INVADEM GUARAPUAVA (PR) PARA ASSALTAR EMPRESA E ESPALHAR TERROR

Caminhão queimado na ação, que ocorreu durante a noite domingo (17) e a madrugada de ontem; grupo atirou contra batalhão da PM e fez reféns **Cotidiano B4**

Godoy assume oficialmente a pasta da Educação

Jair Bolsonaro oficializou como ministro Victor Godoy, que já estava no comando do ministério — ele assumiu após Milton Ribeiro sair diante de denúncias envolvendo pastores no MEC. Godoy também esteve com os religiosos pivôs do escândalo. **Cotidiano B3**

SABATINA FOLHA/UOL

Tebet rejeita vice e defende Michel Temer

Em sabatina promovida pela Folha e pelo UOL, a pré-candidata à Presidência Simone Tebet (MDB-MS) rejeitou a vaga de vice em eventual chapa que reúna os partidos da chamada terceira via. A senadora defendeu ainda o ex-presidente Michel Temer (MDB) e, questionada sobre a Lava Jato, ficou em cima do muro — não elogiou nem criticou. **Política A6**

No interior de SP, ucranianos têm aulas de português

Um grupo de 13 adultos e 11 crianças e adolescentes ucranianos que vieram ao Brasil em março foi resgatado com ajuda de rede missionária evangélica e está em Igreja de São José dos Campos. Lá, recebem acolhimento e aulas de português. **Mundo A11**

Governo avalia ceder mais a servidor diante de insatisfação

Após insatisfação de diferentes categorias com reajuste de 5% para todo o funcionalismo, o governo avalia aumento em vale-alimentação e diárias em viagens. **Mercado A13**

MÔNICA BERGAMO

Em almoço, Mantega afirma que atual BC é melhor que o de Lula

'Apurar o quê?', diz Mourão sobre tortura na ditadura

O vice-presidente Hamilton Mourão disse ontem não haver o que apurar sobre tortura na ditadura militar. "Apurar o quê? Os caras já morreram tudo, pô", ironizou, seguido de risos. O general tem uma postura de defender e minimizar o regime. **Política A9**

Joel P. da Fonseca As redes sociais podem ser livres?

Que a mudança no WhatsApp para permitir grupos de milhares de pessoas só seja implementada depois do segundo turno faz parecer que o objetivo da espera é exclusivamente prejudicar a campanha do Bolsonaro, que é quem mais se beneficiaria. **Política A6**

Coronavac deve ser usada em criança e adolescente apenas

Com o fim da emergência sanitária da Covid, a Coronavac deverá ser restrita a pessoas de 5 a 18 anos, disse Marcelo Queiroga (Saúde). Seu ministério pediu à Anvisa aval do uso emergencial por mais um ano para esse público — sem incluir adultos. **Saúde B1**

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Fim de emergência muda regras para trabalhador

Com o fim da emergência da Covid, acabará definitivamente a obrigação de as empresas exigirem que seus trabalhadores usem máscaras, entre outras regras temporárias. **A19**

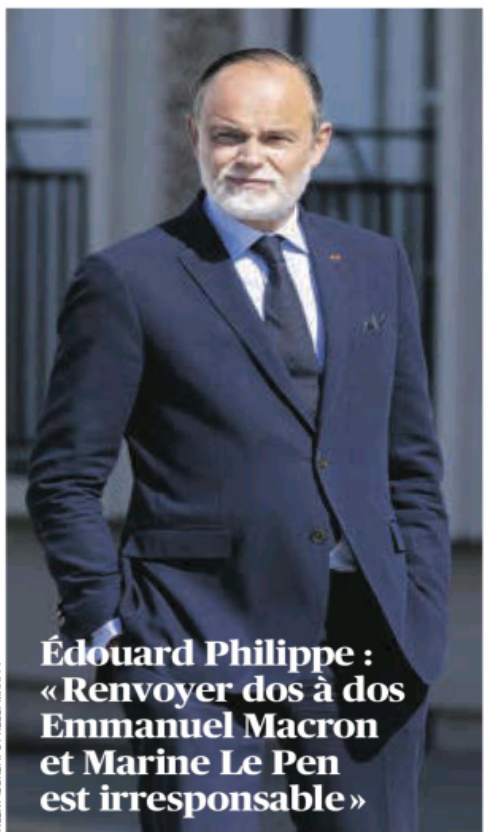
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Édouard Philippe :
« Renvoyer dos à dos
Emmanuel Macron
et Marine Le Pen
est irresponsable »

Dans un entretien au Figaro, l'ancien premier ministre dit « ne pas croire à la disparition » du front républicain, même s'il « a baissé en intensité ». « Beaucoup de gens voteront pour le président de la République sans enthousiasme (...), mais ils le feront parce qu'ils considèrent que la France irait bien plus mal avec Marine Le Pen. » Le président d'Horizons se réjouit « que des gens rejoignent la majorité. D'autant plus qu'il est arrivé que certains ralliés d'aujourd'hui aient des mots assez critiques contre ceux qui l'ont rejointe hier. Je leur dis "bienvenue" ». PAGE 6

Législatives : la bataille du troisième tour

Malgré l'incertitude sur le résultat final de la présidentielle, les partis préparent déjà le rendez-vous électoral du mois de juin. Les Insoumis espèrent s'imposer à gauche, tandis que LR joue sa survie face à l'hégémonie de LREM et du RN.

Dans un paysage politique divisé en trois grands pôles (social-écologiste, centriste et nationaliste) les états-majors s'interrogent déjà sur l'issue du scrutin des 12 et 19 juin alors que la présidentielle n'a pas encore désigné de vainqueur. En cas de victoire dimanche, chaque finaliste, Marine Le Pen et Emmanuel Macron, veut avoir les moyens d'appliquer son programme, en obtenant une majorité de 289 députés (sur 577). Mais du fait du mode de scrutin majoritaire, le visage du Palais Bourbon pourrait ne pas refléter un paysage politique tripartite. Quatre inconnues subsistent : LREM et ses alliés seront-ils aussi hégémoniques si Macron est réélu ? Le Pen peut-elle obtenir une majorité en cas de victoire ? La droite LR survivra-t-elle ? Les Insoumis s'imposeront-ils à gauche ?

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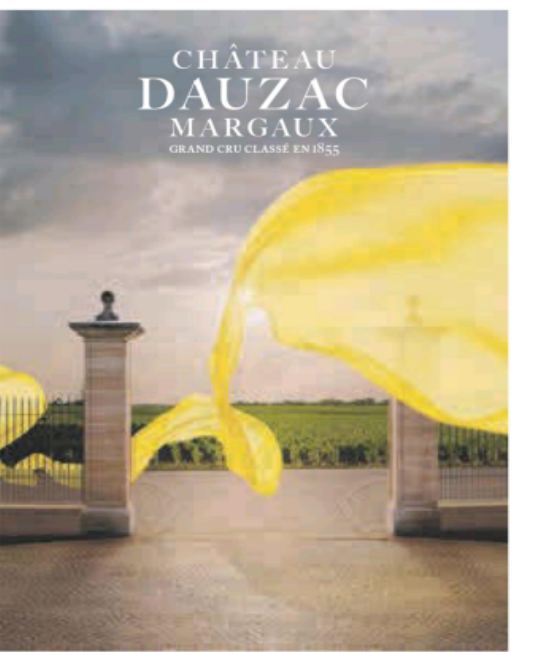
Mélenchon pour tous

Les gais rossignols, les merles moqueurs sont à la fête. Le clivage droite-gauche a disparu, explique docilement le commentariat depuis le premier tour. Les jours qui précèdent le second nous indiquent, si la droite a été effectivement engloutie, la gauche, elle, exerce une attraction fatale sur les deux finalistes de l'élection présidentielle. Il est revenu le temps des cerises. « L'avenir en commun » est devenu l'horizon indépassable de tout projet. Heureusement que l'exercice ne dure que deux semaines : à ce rythme-là, le RN va bientôt envisager l'entrée de Pierre Mauroy au Panthéon, LREM un rapprochement historique, dans une ZAD neutre, avec Extinction Rebellion.

L'analyse gramscienne répétée jusqu'à la nausée assurant que la droite-a-gagné-la-bataille-des-idées a été contredite par les urnes. Depuis que Jean-Luc Mélenchon est célébré comme le penseur organique de la démocratie française, le phare de la jeunesse engagée, l'imam caché de nos banlieues, le druide des alternatifs et des naturopathes, l'hégémonie supposée des libéraux-conservateurs est introuvable. Bois mort d'une élection qui devait être la leur, ils regardent, un peu ébahis, le printemps des Insoumis.

L'âge de la retraite ? Cette « mère des batailles » ne mérite plus qu'on la prépare. Le Pen a renoncé depuis longtemps, Macron s'en désencombre depuis quelques jours. L'équilibre des comptes publics ? Pourquoi ne pas changer de paradigme ? répond la majorité. « Quoi qu'il en coûte », l'État maternel et dépensier vous protégera contre l'hydre « néolibérale », reprend Marine Le Pen. Le voile islamique dans l'espace public ? Il faisait consensus contre lui, de Jean-Michel Blanquer à Jordan Bardella, il est désormais une expression inattendue du féminisme pour le président-candidat, un sujet qui n'est plus prioritaire pour celle qui voudrait lui succéder.

L'immigration ? La sécurité ? Le mérite ? L'armée ? La transmission ? Le patrimoine matériel et immatériel ? La famille ? Ce n'est pas le moment de heurter les électeurs de gauche. L'électeur de droite, lui, attend impatiemment que s'achève la grande quinzaine du rouge. ■



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No 10 suspected of being targeted by Pegasus spyware, Johnson told

Stephanie Kirchgaessner

Boris Johnson has been told his Downing Street office has been targeted with "multiple" suspected infections using Pegasus, the sophisticated hacking software that can turn a phone into a remote listening device, it was claimed yesterday.

A report released by Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto said the United Arab Emirates was suspected of orchestrating spyware attacks on No 10 in 2020 and 2021.

Pegasus is the hacking software - or spyware - developed, marketed and licensed to governments around the world by the Israeli firm NSO Group. It can infect phones running either iOS or Android operating systems.

Citizen Lab said there had also been suspected attacks on the Foreign Office over the same two years that were also associated with Pegasus operators linked to the UAE - as well as India, Cyprus and Jordan.

The researchers, considered among the leading experts in detecting digital attacks, announced they had taken the rare step of notifying Whitehall of the attack as they

believed "our actions can reduce harm". However, they were not able to identify the individuals within No 10 and the Foreign Office who are suspected of having been hacked.

Citizen Lab said: "We confirm that in 2020 and 2021 we observed and notified the government of the United Kingdom of multiple suspected instances of Pegasus spyware infections within official UK networks.

These included: the prime minister's office (10 Downing Street) [and] the Foreign and Commonwealth Office...

"The suspected infections relating to the FCO were associated with Pegasus operators that we link to the UAE, India, Cyprus and Jordan. The suspected infection at the UK prime minister's office was associated with a Pegasus operator we link to the UAE."



'The battle for Donbas' Russia has started assault - Zelenskiy

Luke Harding
Kyiv

Russia has begun its large-scale military action to seize the east of Ukraine, the country's president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, said last night.

"Now we can already state that the Russian troops have begun the battle for the Donbas, for which they have been preparing for a long time," he said in a video address. Zelenskiy said

that a "significant part of the entire Russian army is now concentrated on this offensive".

He added: "No matter how many soldiers are driven there, we will defend ourselves. We will fight. We will not give up anything Ukrainian."

The president's comments follow a dramatic escalation of attacks by Russia ahead of the long-anticipated operation. Vladimir Putin has declared his intention to seize the Donbas, the industrial heartland

▲ A boy among destroyed military vehicles near Chernihiv as eastern Ukraine braced for an all-out assault
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in the east of the country already partly controlled by pro-Russian separatists.

Zelenskiy made clear that the Ukrainian army would battle any attempted advance by Moscow. "No matter how many Russian troops are driven there, we



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