

THE EU



Branching out

The European Commission has revealed a massive plan to plant three billion trees in the European Union by 2030, and to better protect the continent's last ancient forests. Environmental campaigners at Greenpeace "welcomed the new goals", but said that it wasn't clear how the EU planned on meeting the goals, or when it would start planting the trees.



EGYPT



Shocking study

An investigation by Sky News has found that 75% of the fish in the river Nile contain microplastics. The research was completed in secret, as Egyptian authorities have jailed some who have questioned the Nile's cleanliness. Dr Farhan Khan, the British scientist in Denmark who led the investigation, said that a follow-up study was needed urgently, to find out the effect of the microplastics on fish, as well as on the humans who are eating them.

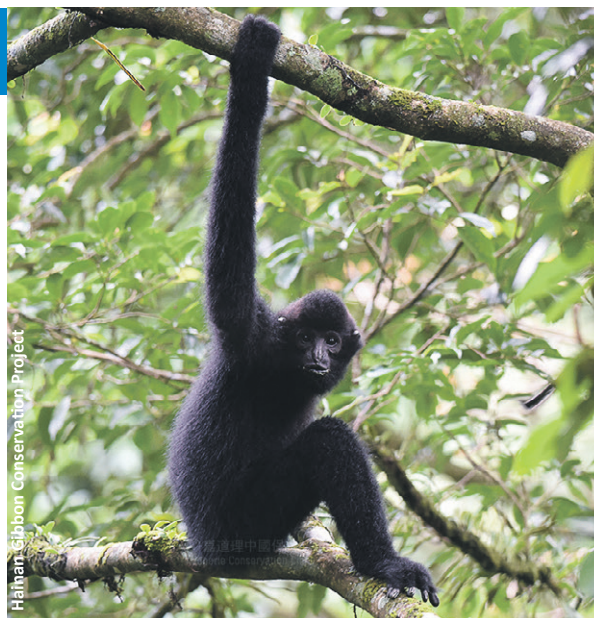


CHINA



Hainan hopes

The Hainan gibbon is the world's rarest primate, with only 30 thought to be in existence. Known for swinging through the treetops and loudly calling out to mark territory, when two gibbons start a new family, they sing together. Now, researchers at the Hainan Gibbon Conservation Project have just spotted a new breeding pair, singing together.



INDIA



Harassed hospitals

Patients in the emergency ward of Mumbai's Sion hospital are sharing beds and oxygen tanks, as coronavirus cases overwhelm the city's healthcare system. The state of Maharashtra, the third largest in India, has become the centre of the coronavirus outbreak in India and, as First News went to press, had seen a steady increase in case numbers for weeks. New hospitals and quarantine centres are being built, but experts worry that India is still facing difficult challenges. The country is starting to relax its lockdown, even though Saturday 30 May saw the largest single-day rise in COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began.



AUSTRALIA



"We're sorry"

Anglo-Australian mining company Rio Tinto has apologised after blowing up parts of the 46,000-year-old Aboriginal Juukan Gorge caves in Western Australia. Many prehistoric artefacts have been found in the caves, including a 4,000-year-old belt made of human hair, which had a direct DNA link with the current owners of the cave, the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura People (PKKP). A chief executive of the mining firm said that the company was "sorry for the distress caused."



SOUTH KOREA



Schools close again

Just days after reopening, more than 200 South Korean schools have been forced to close again, after a new spike in cases of COVID-19. The 79 new cases were thought to have spread from a warehouse near the capital, Seoul. A student in the city, whose mother worked at the warehouse, tested positive for COVID-19. As of last Friday (29 May) there had been 11,402 total cases reported in South Korea and 269 deaths.



OUR WORLD

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JASMIN'S father died shortly after she was born, and she was raised by her mother in a refugee camp in Bangladesh. Jasmin is from the Rohingya community, a Muslim minority group in Myanmar who have lost many of their rights.

When she was eight, Jasmin was resettled in Britain and now lives in Bradford, but her challenges didn't stop there. Her mother was seriously injured in a car accident a few years later.

But cricket put a smile back on her face. At an after-school club, a coach suggested she join the cricket team. Jasmin excelled at the sport, which is popular with

young Rohingya refugees in cricket-mad Bangladesh. She soon became captain and last year led an England team to the final of an international competition organised by the charity Street Child United.

"Sport is something that I feel I'm born to do," said Jasmin, 19. "It's something that I'm really confident in and shows who I am."

