

GHANA



● Drones vs coronavirus

The government of Ghana has been using drones to collect coronavirus test samples. Many parts of Ghana are rural with few roads, which makes delivering vaccines for diseases and collecting testing kits very difficult. The new drone network has already collected coronavirus samples from more than 1,000 health centres across the country. The UK has been helping to fund the effort, along with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, which helps to vaccinate children in the world's poorest countries.



BRAZIL



● Hidden deaths

The Brazilian government has stopped recording the number of deaths related to COVID-19, and hidden previously published statistics from the government's Health Ministry website. As First News went to press, Brazil had the third highest death rate in the world, behind the US and the UK. Brazil's doctors have warned that without the information, it will be harder to plan the country's recovery, and harder to track and fight the spread of the virus in more rural areas.



RUSSIA



● Arctic oil spill

A state of emergency has been declared in Russia, after 20,000 tonnes of oil spilled into the Ambarnaya River. The oil, which came from a diesel fuel tank that had collapsed, is owned by Russian mining company Nor Nickel. Russian president Vladimir Putin announced that the company has agreed to pay all the damage costs – around £115 million.



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INDIA



● Not this man's best friend

A British man has been rescued after falling down a well and breaking his leg. Jacob Roberts was fleeing from a dog when he fell into the four-metre-deep pit. After six days, Jacob's cries for help were heard by a passing farmer going to feed his cows. Police pulled Jacob out and took him to hospital, where he is recovering.



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NEW ZEALAND



● Clear of coronavirus

New Zealand has officially declared that it has had no new coronavirus cases for over two weeks. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern told reporters she did "a little dance" when she was told the country no longer had any active virus cases. New Zealand has now been moved to Level One of its four-level coronavirus alert system, which means that social distancing is not required and there are no limits on public gatherings. Borders will remain closed to foreigners, however. PM Ardern said: "The job is not done, but there is no denying this is a milestone. So can I finish with a very simple: 'Thank you, New Zealand'."



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AUSTRALIA



● Night parrot "can't see at night"

The night parrot is one of the most mysterious birds in the world. Active only at night, it has long been thought that the creature must be able to find its way in the dark to be able to find food, avoid obstacles and escape predators. However, researchers have scanned the only known intact skull of the rare night parrot, and reckon that the bird's eyes aren't much better than those of other parrots.



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OUR WORLD



NAME: MOISÉS
LIVES: BRAZIL



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WITH a toy microphone and a homemade video camera put together with cardboard and tape, Moisés is determined to get the story.

It doesn't matter that he cannot actually record any of the interviews he conducts with his fellow refugees in a temporary shelter in northern Brazil. For 11-year-old Moisés, it's only important that he is talking, listening and recording history. "I ask people about what their journeys from Venezuela to Brazil were like," he says. "The responsibilities of a journalist are to tell the news, to speak with people, and to report well."

Moisés is one of more than five million Venezuelans who have left their country in recent years. Moisés

dreams of becoming a journalist so he can shine a light on what's happening in his country.

He has learned a great deal from his interviews, including this message for kids his age all over the world: "Children should be good to each other," he says. "Don't treat me badly, and I won't treat you badly – and we can treat each other well."



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