USA

Atlanta shooting

Huge protests took place in the city of Atlanta, Georgia last weekend following the shooting of a black man by a white police officer. Rayshard Brooks was shot dead after he took an officer's Taser weapon and began running away. The scuffle started when Mr Brooks was being handcuffed after failing a breathalyser test. The incident, captured on video, went viral. Protesters burned down the restaurant where the shooting took place, and took over a motorway. Atlanta's police chief has resigned.

UGANDA

Plastic fantastic

A small business that turned plastic waste into building materials has become a vital supplier of personal protective equipment (PPE). Peter Okwoko and his partner, Paige Balcom, experimented with making face masks from plastic bottles and posted the results on social media. The post was spotted by the local hospital who were in urgent need. The pair were soon supplying them with the masks and have made more than 1,200.



FRANCE

Notre Dame renovations

Scaffolding damaged by the devastating fire that almost destroyed Notre Dame cathedral in Paris is about to be removed. Workers will be suspended by ropes as they cut away at the twisted metal. The work will take all summer. As an important symbol of Paris, it is a welcome return for the restoration project – just as France comes out of lockdown.





INDIA

Infection rate increase

India is suffering a massive increase in the number of people infected with the new coronavirus, after a national lockdown was eased. The country now has the fourth highest number of cases in the world. Local lockdowns have been introduced as daily case numbers are now regularly topping 10,000. Authorities in Delhi are turning 500 train carriages into emergency hospital wards.



CHINA

Second wave?

Parts of Beijing have re-entered lockdown following an outbreak of COVID-19. As First News went to press, more than 100 new cases had been detected, most of them linked to a seafood market in the city. For 55 days, the only new infections were in citizens returning from other countries. A spokesman for the government said that the chance of the disease spreading further was "very high". Schools have been closed, and temperature checks will begin again at stations and supermarkets.



MONGOLIA

Return of the khulan

An adventurous khulan (below) has been the first to use a safe crossing area to return to a vital grazing area. Being nomadic creatures, the khulan, a type of donkey, move to different areas to access food as the seasons change. For 65 years they have been barred from reaching parts of their grazing area by the Trans-Mongolian Railway. Now, a group of conservationists, led by the Wildlife Conservation Society, has created an animal-friendly corridor. Right now, there are two safe crossing places but more are planned. Threatened with extinction, this gives the khulan a chance to recover its numbers.



NADIA, aged 17, has never seen her home country of Afghanistan – she has been a refugee all her life.

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Nadia's parents fled Afghanistan more than 40 years ago and the family have lived in Pakistan ever since – just some of the 2.7 million registered Afghan refugees worldwide. Even so, she dreams of the day her homeland will be at peace and she can help to rebuild it. Her aim is to study medicine and become a surgeon "to help my family, to help my country, to make them better".

At school, Nadia is a star student and

believes she will fulfil her goals only by working hard. She even taught herself English by watching television. "In Afghanistan we need educated people," she says. "If we don't have educated people, we won't improve ourselves and we won't improve our country."

The idea of settling down in Afghanistan is never far away. "If peace comes, there is no more beautiful place than your own country," she says.

