

## EUROPE



### Coronavirus changes

Governments across Europe are dealing with COVID-19 in different ways. Spain is giving £4 billion to businesses that rely on tourism, and has re-opened to European neighbours (except Portugal). In Germany, local lockdowns have been introduced, meaning that more than 8,000 people in three areas of Germany have been asked to return to lockdown due to local outbreaks of the virus. Denmark is also planning to allow visitors from most countries with a low number of infections.



## ARGENTINA



### Sailing the Atlantic

An Argentinian man has survived a three-month journey across the Atlantic from Portugal to Argentina, so he could see his elderly parents. After Argentina banned flights due to the coronavirus pandemic, Juan Manuel Ballesterro took to the seas on 24 March, hoping to arrive by 15 May for his father's 90th birthday. Unfortunately, his journey was hit by big storms, so he didn't arrive until 17 June. He will see his parents after quarantining on his boat for 15 days.

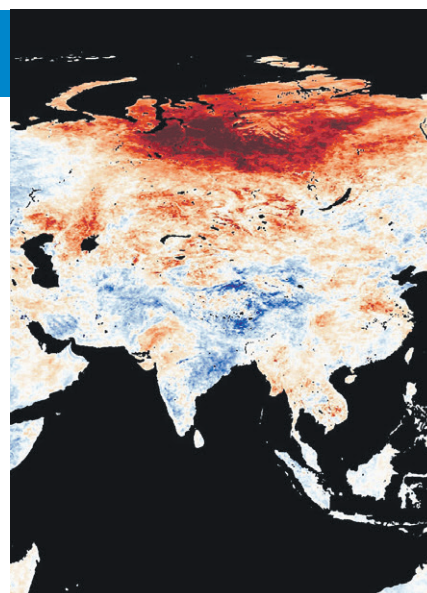


## RUSSIA



### Siberian heatwave

Throughout May, surface temperatures in Siberia were 10°C higher than the average, which experts have described as "alarming". Other parts of Russia have seen record temperatures, too. Khatanga, one of the most northern areas in the country, usually has daytime temperatures of around 0°C. On 22 May, it was 25°C – double the previous record. Scientists think that temperatures in the polar regions are rising fastest because ocean currents carry heat towards the poles. This melts the ice and snow which would usually deflect heat from the sun.



## BRAZIL



### Deforestation rises

Deforestation of the Amazon rainforest has risen every month for the last 14 months, new data from Brazil's National Institute for Space Research has revealed. The figures also show that from the beginning of August 2019 to the end of May this year, 6,437 square kilometres of Amazon rainforest had been cleared – around three times the size of Wales.



## JAPAN



### Working from home

A survey of Japanese workers has found that 70% of those now working from home want to continue doing so after the pandemic. Respondents to the survey said that working from home removes the stress of commuting and means that they can live in cheaper homes. But 30% said they were bothered by children and other family members while working at home.



## NORTH KOREA



### "Leaflets of punishment"

North Korea is to start sending 12 million "leaflets of punishment" across the border to South Korea. For years, North Koreans who had escaped to the south have sent food, mini radios and USB sticks containing TV dramas and news back north, usually via balloon (left). North Korean officials say they are going to start sending their own leaflets – and rubbish – on 3,000 balloons in retaliation.



## OUR WORLD



NAME: SIDRA  
LIVES: TURKEY



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**SINCE she arrived in Turkey six years ago, Sidra has mastered a new language, graduated top of her year in school and started university.**

But Sidra, a Syrian refugee, came close to seeing her hopes and ambitions dashed. She had to flee the war in Syria as a teenager, missing her final school year, and when she first got to Turkey she didn't have the documents needed to enrol in a new school.

Unable to study, she started work packaging goods in a factory while teaching herself Turkish from books and the internet. One year after she arrived, she finally got

the refugee papers she needed to finish her education. "The day I went back to school was beautiful," she says.

Sidra finished top of her class and scored 99% in her university entrance exams, a performance that got her a scholarship to study dentistry. All that work has even earned Sidra a Turkish nickname.

"People call me 'çalışkan kız', which means: 'the girl who studies a lot'," she says.

