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Coronavirus could lead to breakup of European Union, leaders warn

April 2, 2020 inquirer.com reported: "The coronavirus pandemic, with its simultaneous health and economic crises, is deepening faultlines within Europe in a way some leaders fear could prove to be a final reckoning.

The cohesion of the European Union had already been battered by Brexit, bruised by the political fallout from the 2015 migration surge and the 2008 financial crisis, and challenged by rising autocracy in the east that runs contrary to the professed ideals of the European project.

Now, if Europe's leaders cannot chart a more united course, the project lies in what one of its architects described this week as "mortal danger."

In the early days of the coronavirus outbreak, the response among European Union member states showed national interests trump more altruistic European ideals. Border restrictions were reimposed haphazardly, and Germany and France threw up export bans on medical equipment, such as masks and ventilators, even as Italy clamored for assistance.

Quick to capitalize were the propaganda machines of Russia and China. Moscow and Beijing have swept in with much trumpeted - if sometimes defective - medical aid, pushing a savior narrative and providing fodder for the region's euroskeptics.

E.U. countries have now begun to coordinate their efforts to procure supplies, and they have now sent more aid to hard-hit Italy than China has. But the past week has seen a reemergence of a north-south rift over how to handle the economic response. The union is also being pulled east to west, as Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has used emergency powers to effectively suspend democracy, riding roughshod over Europe's basic principles of the rule of law. Collectively, these tensions could overwhelm the alliance.

"This could be the straw that breaks the camel's back," Nathalie Tocci, director of the International Affairs Institute in Italy. "The reason why coronavirus is such an epochal challenge is not that it brought things out of the blue. It touches on all spheres and does so by accentuating dynamics that are already there. It's as if it is bringing the extreme out of everything."

Norbert Röttgen, a German politician jockeying to succeed Chancellor Angela Merkel, likened the continent's infighting to "a grueling trench war" as he joined the chorus of voices warning that the E.U. is in grave peril.

Coronavirus: Half of humanity now on lockdown as 90 countries call for confinement

April 2, 2020 euronews.com reported: More than 3.9 billion people, or half of the world's population, have now been asked or ordered to stay at home by their governments to prevent the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus.

Data from an AFP database collated compulsory or recommended confinements, curfews and quarantines in more than 90 countries or territories. Due to the introduction of a curfew in Thailand (effective from Friday), the threshold of 50% of humanity will be reached." ..."

'Space Fence' radar operational, tracks objects as small as 10 cms

April 1, 2020 spacedaily.com reported: "A radar system known as Space Fence, which can track material in space as small as 10 centimeters, is fully operational, the U.S. Space Force announced.

Using enhanced S-band radar, the Space Fence improves on previous capabilities of the Space Surveillance Network in tracking objects...Space Force officials said on Friday.

The SSN has tracked 26,000 objects already accounted for in space, and the new system is expected to vastly increase that figure, essentially offering a catalog and location of every object in space.

'Space Fence is revolutionizing the way we view space by providing timely, precise orbital data on objects that threaten both manned and unmanned military and commercial space assets,' said Gen. Jay Raymond, Commander of the U.S. Space Command..."

Most Coronavirus Deaths in US Projected to Occur in Next Few Weeks

April 1, 2020 VOANews.com reported: "The United States should be prepared to endure 100,000 to 240,000 deaths from the #COVID-19 coronavirus over the next two months even if Americans continue to keep their distance from each other.

The peak number of deaths will come over the next two to three weeks, according to the White House coronavirus task force.

'Our country is in the midst of a great national trial unlike any we have faced before,' said U.S. President Donald Trump as the White House on Tuesday formally introduced its extended 30-day social-distancing guidelines based on statistical models.

'This is going to be one of the roughest two or three weeks we've ever had in our country,' Trump predicted.



For the most part, the two physicians on the podium with the president and Vice President Mike Pence administered the bitter medicine to the American public.

‘This is a number we need to anticipate, but we don’t necessarily have to accept it as inevitable,’ said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, of the anticipated 100,000-plus fatalities.

‘There’s no magic bullet,’ said Dr. Deborah Birs, an immunologist who is the response coordinator on the White House’s coronavirus task force. ‘There’s no magic vaccine or therapy,’ just behaviors that can change the course of this viral pandemic...”

I heard the roar’: 6.5 earthquake hits Idaho

March 30, 2020 APNews.com reported: “An earthquake struck north of Boise Tuesday evening, with people across a large area reporting shaking.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports the magnitude 6.5 temblor struck just before 6 p.m. It was centered 73 miles (118 kilometers) northeast of Meridian, near the rural mountain town of Stanley. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.



More than 2 million live in the region that could feel the Idaho quake, according to the USGS, with reports of shaking coming in from as far away as Helena, Montana, and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Marcus Smith, an emergency room health unit coordinator at St. Luke’s Wood River Medical Center, said the hospital, about 65 miles (104 kilometers) south of the epicenter, shook but the quake didn’t interfere with the treatment of any patients...

“It felt like a wave going through the ground, so I knew right away what it was. It just felt like waves going through the ground,” he said. The earthquake added stress during an already tense time for the region, but Smith said everything seemed fine, for now. “Until the next one, I guess,” Smith said. “I mean, that’s what we do. We’re all good.”

Brett Woolley, the owner of Bridge Street Grill in Stanley, said he heard the earthquake coming before he felt it.

“I heard the roar, and at first it sounded like the wind but then the roar was tremendous,” Woolley said about 10 minutes after the earthquake. “The whole house was rattling, and I started to panic. I’m sitting here perfectly still and the water next to me is still vibrating.” ...”

Allah may inflict coronavirus on Muslims who live with infidels, says N.Y. imam

March 29, 2020 World Net Daily reported: “A prominent imam in Syracuse, New York, is warning that Allah could punish Muslims who live in the lands of infidels with the coronavirus.

Khadar bin Muhammad, the imam of the Bilal Ibn Rabah mosque, said that ‘when Allah decides to punish the infidels on their land, he may destroy anybody who is on that land,’ according to the Middle East Media Research Institute.

MEMRI said the imam warned that Allah may punish them by such means as COVID-19 for ‘just chilling’ while they are surrounded by sins such as fornication, homosexuality and alcohol consumption...”

Seventh-day Adventists, Roman Catholics and Evangelicals Sign a Historic ‘Ecumenical Charter’

February 20, 2020 adventmessenger.org reported: “On Saturday, January 25, 2020 a historical “Ecumenical Charter” was signed by Seventh-day Adventists, Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans, Evangelicals and Methodists. The signing ceremony took place in the San Paolo Maggiore Roman Catholic Church in Bologna, Italy. The document that was signed is a pledge of commitment to each other. **Correction: This was a local Adventist pastor—the signing is not recognized by the organization.**

Adventists pledged a commitment to Rome, and Rome reciprocated that commitment. Make no mistake. The churches that signed this document promised to uphold the principles of the Ecumenical Charter which includes affirming an allegiance to each other.

- The Charter declares that the church is “**one, holy, catholic and apostolic**” and therefore the “**inescapable ecumenical task consists in making visible this unity.**”
- The Charter declares that the churches are “called together in the unity of faith.”
- It calls for the “**visible unity of the Church of Jesus Christ in the one faith and in witness and in common service.**”
- It says “the most important task of the Churches is to **proclaim the Gospel together through word and action**, for the salvation of all human beings.”
- The Ecumenical Charter states that the purpose of this document is to “to avoid harmful competition and the danger of new divisions.”
- The Ecumenical Charter recognizes “the spiritual gifts of the different Christian traditions” and appeals to every church to “welcome each other’s gifts.”
- The Ecumenical Charter laments the “painful sign of the division still existing between many Christian Churches” which according to them is due to the “lack of **Eucharistic** sharing.”
- The Ecumenical Charter encourages “ecumenical celebrations, common songs and prayers.”

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