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**|| Jurisprudence || Sudan: Unlawful Detentions by Rapid Support Forces: The Authorities Should Take Urgent Steps to Ensure That the RSF Stops Acting Outside the Law and That All Civilian Detainees Are Immediately Released: Human Rights Watch ||**



|| Monday: March 01: 2021 || α. On February 23 Sudan announced it had passed laws, ratifying both the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the United Nations Convention against Torture. Human Rights Watch urges the Government to formalise the ratification process, with no reservations and additionally ratify the optional protocol to CAT, allowing international monitors to inspect detention sites.

Sudan's Rapid Support Forces:RSF, acting without lawful authority, arbitrarily detained dozens of civilians, including, political activists, in the capital, Khartoum during 2020, Human Rights Watch said today. The detainees were held incommunicado or in circumstances, constituting enforced disappearances. The authorities should take urgent steps to ensure that the RSF stops acting outside the law and that all civilian detainees are immediately released.

"Sudan's transitional government should rein in the Rapid Support Forces, which is assuming ever increasing power without any legal basis." said Ms Laetitia Bader, Horn of Africa director at Human Rights Watch. "It is completely unacceptable for military forces to hold civilians in custody instead of handing them over to civilian authorities or releasing them, if, that is not possible."

Human Rights Watch documented multiple unlawful detentions of civilians in 2020 in Khartoum by the Rapid Support Forces, which has been responsible for serious abuses against civilians in Darfur and other conflict zones. Between September 2020 and February 2021, Human Rights Watch interviewed four former detainees, two family members and a lawyer in cases, in which the RSF had unlawfully held civilians.

The former detainees said that the security forces held them incommunicado and denied them access to lawyers and their families throughout their detention, which ranged from a week to over a month. Two detainees said RSF guards physically ill-treated them.

The authorities should credibly investigate reported arbitrary arrests, incommunicado detentions, enforced disappearances and other abuse in custody, including, the death of one detainee, Human Rights Watch said. If, warranted, civilian authorities can pursue any credible evidence of criminal wrong-doing by former detainees in accordance with the law.

Under Sudan's transitional constitutional charter, the RSF has been designated a regular military force. The force led the violent crackdown on protesters on June 03, 2019 in Khartoum neighbourhoods and neighbouring Bahri and Omdurman, which left, at least, 120 people dead and hundreds injured. The transitional government has continued to use RSF officers in crowd control and law enforcement operations.

Sudan's armed forces, including, the RSF, do not have legal authority to detain civilians or carry out law enforcement functions, thus, making detentions of civilians illegal, Human Rights Watch said. Following the death, while in RSF custody, of 45-year-old Baha Al-Din Nouri in Khartoum in December, the attorney general on January 21, 2021 issued an instruction, explicitly, limiting the powers of arrest and detention of civilians to the police and prosecutors, making clear that any detention by other forces is considered unlawful. Human Rights Watch was unable to confirm what, if, any, steps the attorney general has taken to ensure the terms of the instruction are enforced, such as, inspecting unlawful detention sites.

Mr Mohamed Nouri, Baha Al-Din Nouri's brother, told Human Rights Watch that witnesses saw him being abducted by armed men in civilian clothes in southern Khartoum on December 16. Five

days later, the family received a call, informing them that Baha Al-Din had died and that his body was at a hospital morgue in Omdurman. “Another relative went to the morgue and saw visible bruises on Baha al-Din’s body.” his brother said. “The morgue director pressured us to accept the body and his autopsy report suggesting that Nouri died due to sickness but, we refused.”

On December 27, forensic examiners conducted a second autopsy on instructions from the attorney general. The second autopsy report documented injuries, including, brain haemorrhage, caused by impact with a blunt object, that are consistent with beatings and that led to Baha Al-Din Nouri’s death. On the same day, the RSF in a statement admitted that Baha Al-Din had died in RSF intelligence custody and that it had revoked the immunity of the officials involved and handed them over to the attorney general. The attorney general, also, ordered the arrest of the morgue’s director, including, on obstruction of justice charges related to this case. Names and ranks of the people arrested have not been made public.

“For us, the case should not be only against who tortured my brother.” Mr Mohamed Nouri said. “All those, involved, including, who issued the orders, aided and contributed to the death of my brother should be held accountable.” The Sudanese Professionals Association:SPA, an umbrella association of 17 Sudanese trade unions, that largely spearheaded the 2019 protests against the ousted government, has initiated a campaign with other protest groups, calling for an end to unlawful detentions by the RSF and urging the attorney general to investigate broader RSF detention practices.

For any deprivation of liberty to be lawful, it must be carried out on grounds and pursuant to a procedure, established in domestic law, that are themselves in accordance with the provisions of international human rights law. Powers of arrest should be precise, clear and known to the public. The law should ensure that incommunicado detention and secret deprivation of liberty are prohibited in all circumstances and that people can only lawfully be held in officially recognised detention sites.

The authorities should investigate all reports of arbitrary detention of civilians by forces, such as, the RSF, hold those responsible to account and speed up the much-needed process of security sector reform as stipulated in the transitional government’s constitutional charter, Human Rights Watch said.

The transitional government should move ahead with plans, envisioned under the constitutional charter to establish a National Human Rights Commission in line with international standards, Human Rights Watch said. The mandate of such a commission should include access to RSF facilities and the authority to report publicly on findings and abuses. Additionally, the government should allow relevant international organisations, including, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:OHCHR, access to all RSF facilities and ratify without reservations the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the United Nations Convention against Torture.



“If, the transitional government is committed to breaking from the nation’s abusive past, it must ensure that RSF operates within the law.” Ms Bader said. “The authorities should make it clear that members of the security forces will be held accountable under it, if, they contravene the law.”

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**|| Jurisprudence || Nepal: Human Rights Commission’s Integrity in Jeopardy: Lack of Transparency in Appointments Undermine Effectiveness, Public Confidence ||**



|| Monday: March 01: 2021 || á. The Nepal government should immediately withdraw an ordinance, that undermines the independence of constitutional human rights bodies and rescind recent appointments, that were made without consultation or parliamentary approval, Human Rights Watch, the International Commission of Jurists:ICJ and Amnesty International said today.

These government actions undermine public trust and confidence in the integrity of the judiciary and other constitutional bodies, such as, the National Human Rights Commission and the Election Commission. The illegitimate appointments process is not simply an abstract irregularity but, will lead to ineffective and weak implementation of critical mandates to protect human rights and other rule of law objectives, the group said.

“The government’s actions are a severe dent in Nepal’s long struggle for a rule of law-based constitution, which was finally adopted in 2015 to guarantee human rights.” said Ms Meenakshi Ganguly, the South Asia Director at Human Rights Watch. “It is sad to see some of the same

politicians, who drafted the Constitution playing fast and loose with the charter just a few years later.”

On December 15, 2020, President Mr Bidya Bhandari endorsed an executive ordinance to amend the law governing the Constitutional Council, which makes appointments to the judiciary, the National Human Rights Commission: NHRC and other constitutional bodies, including, the Election Commission. Under the Constitutional Council Act, five out of six members must be present but, under the ordinance a simple majority is sufficient. Because one seat on the council is vacant the quorum has been reduced to three.

The Constitutional Council met the same day with a newly reduced quorum. Three council members made 38 nominations to vacant positions on constitutional bodies at that meeting. They included all five seats on the National Human Rights Commission: NHRC, as well as, nominations to bodies, established to protect the rights of Dalits, women and marginalised minorities and to investigate corruption allegations.

Under the Constitution, appointments to these key institutions are supposed to be vetted by parliament. However, parliament was abruptly dissolved on December 20, five days after the appointments were announced. The nominees were sworn in on February 03, 2021, despite legal challenges in the Supreme Court to the constitutionality of the nominations and the dissolution of parliament. On February 23, the Supreme Court ruled that the dissolution of parliament was unconstitutional.

“In a context where repeated calls for institutional reforms have gone unheeded for decades, this move by the government further weakens the effectiveness of constitutional bodies, that are supposed to be beacons of hope for victims of human rights violations and abuses.” said Ms Mandira Sharma, the Senior International Legal Adviser at ICJ. “Independence, impartiality and legitimacy are preconditions for these bodies to, effectively and efficiently, deliver their mandates.”

Nepal’s Human Rights Commission, until recently, had played an important role in calling for accountability, including, by releasing the names of people, allegedly responsible for serious human rights violations, such as, torture and extra-judicial killing and recommending that they should be prosecuted. It is currently graded ‘A’ by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions: GANHRI for its compliance with the Paris Principles, which were adopted by the UN General Assembly as the basic standards, governing the mandate and operation of effective national human rights organisations. Core among the Paris Principles is that a national human rights institution must be independent and that its independence must be guaranteed by law. The organisations are concerned that following the new appointments the commission no longer meets those standards.

Among the other constitutional bodies to which new commissioners have been appointed in the same manner are the Election Commission and the Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of

Authority: CIAA, Nepal's anti-corruption agency. The Election Commission is seen by many people as playing an important role in efforts to achieve a society, based on the rule of law and respect for human rights, while the CIAA has the authority to bring corruption cases against politicians.

Numerous appointments have, also, been made to commissions with mandates to protect the rights of people from vulnerable groups, including, the National Women's Commission, National Dalit Commission and National Inclusion Commission. Many of these positions had lain vacant for years.

At least, two Supreme Court petitions have been filed, challenging the ordinance, amending the Constitutional Council Act and the new appointments to constitutional bodies. The Chief Justice, Mr Cholendra Shumsher Rana, who sits on the constitutional bench of the Supreme Court, participated in the three-member Constitutional Council meeting, that made the disputed nominations and he administered the oath of office to the new commissioners on February 03.

"The doubts over the independence and integrity of the NHRC and other commissions will endanger the protection of human rights in Nepal." said Ms Dinushika Dissanayake, the Deputy South Asia Director of Amnesty International. "The government must immediately reverse these appointments and start a new process in consultation with the civil society and rights holders in Nepal."

The Accountability Watch Committee, a group of prominent human rights defenders in Nepal, issued a statement on February 12, announcing that they would not co-operate and engage with the NHRC and other constitutional bodies until the Supreme Court's decision. Accountability Watch, also, called upon the United Nations, diplomatic missions in Nepal and international organisations not to give legitimacy and co-operate with this appointment process, which is currently sub-judice at the Supreme Court of Nepal.

Foreign donor agencies, that have previously engaged with the NHRC and with the other commissions, affected by this process, should stand clearly for a proper, open and transparent appointments process, that is based on international standards, Human Rights Watch, ICJ and Amnesty International said.

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## **|| Jurisprudence || Baangladesh: The UN High Commissioner For Human Rights Urges Transparent Probe Into the Death in Custody of a Writer and a Review of the Law Under Which He Was Charged ||**



|| Monday: March 01: 2021 || á. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights called on today for a transparent investigation into the death in custody of a writer in Baangladesh, who was held in pre-trial detention for nine months for publishing an article and sharing online posts, critical of the Government's COVID-19 response. Writer Mushtaq Ahmed died on February 25 after he was transferred to a prison hospital for treatment.

The Baangladeshi authorities have announced that they would investigate his death, according to a news release by OHCHR. "The Government must ensure that its investigation into Ahmed's death is prompt, transparent and independent." Ms Michelle Bachelet, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said. She urged the authorities to conduct a review of the Digital Security Act, under which Mr Ahmed was charged; suspend its application; and release all those, detained under it for exercising their rights to freedom of expression and opinion.

"Various UN human rights bodies have long raised concerns about the ill-defined, overly broad provisions of the Digital Security Act, that have been used to punish criticism of the Government." the High Commissioner said. Ms Bachelet, also, voiced concerns at reports that police allegedly used excessive force during protests, demanding justice over Mr Mushtaq's death, with reports that 35 people were injured and seven arrested.

The High Commissioner, also, expressed serious concern at allegations that another man, detained on similar charges as Mr Ahmed, cartoonist Mr Ahmed Kishore, was subjected to torture or other

ill treatment. She reminded the authorities of their obligation to promptly and effectively investigate the claims and to ensure his safety and well-being.

According to OHCHR, Mr Ahmed and Mr Kishore were among 11 individuals, arrested in May last year for allegedly spreading misinformation about COVID-19 or criticising the Government response. The men were repeatedly denied bail and remained in pre-trial detention for nearly nine months before they were officially charged on January 20 this year for posting ‘propaganda, false or offensive information and information, that could destroy communal harmony and create unrest’, OHCHR noted.

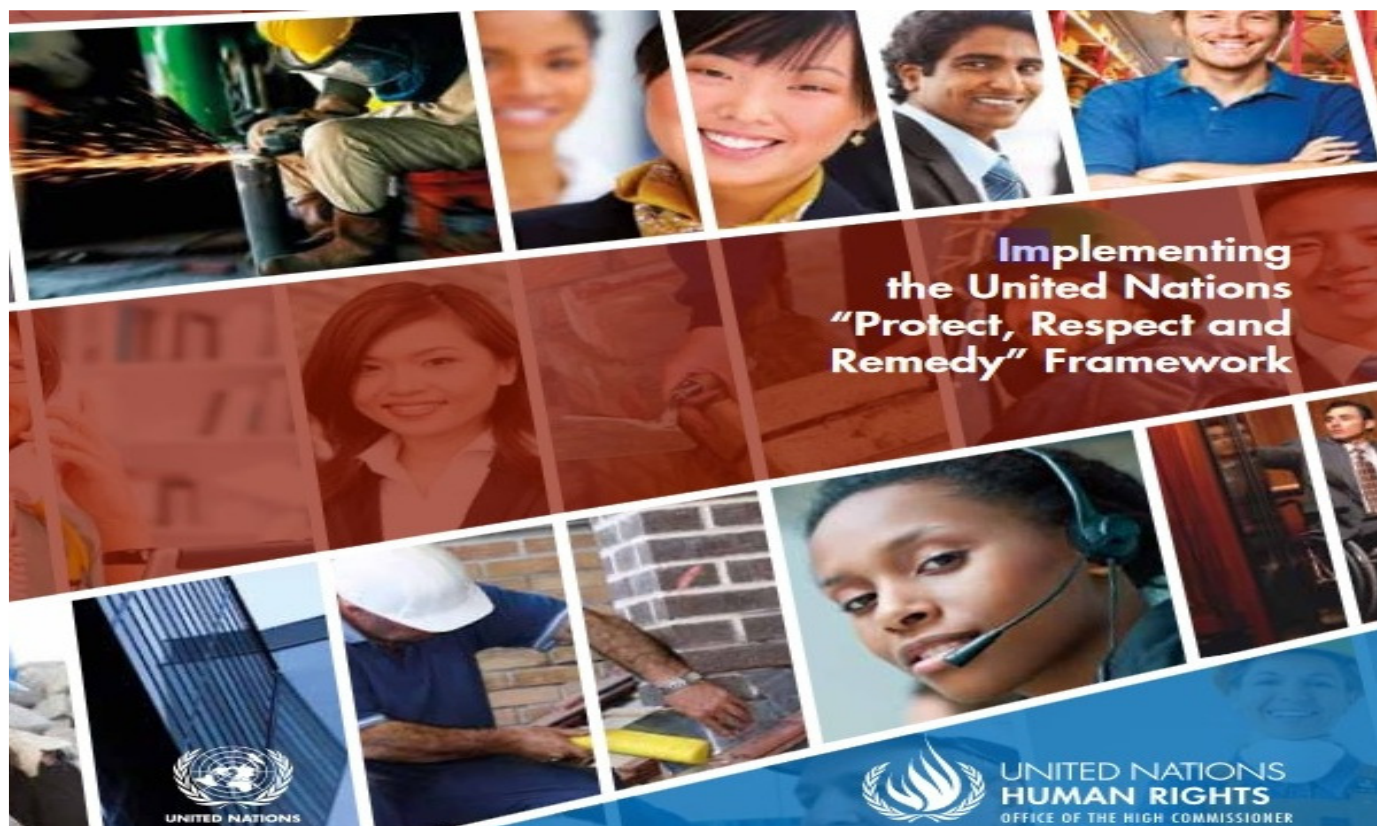
They were brought before a court on Tuesday last week, where Mr Kishore alleged that he had been subjected to torture by two Rapid Action Battalion officers. According to reports, he appeared visibly injured. The UN rights office, also, said that allegations of torture and ill-treatment by the Rapid Action Battalion have been a long-standing concern.

The Committee Against Torture, an independent body, monitoring the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, in 2019 recommended the Government of Bangladesh commission an independent inquiry into allegations that members of the unit have carried out torture and other rights abuses, including, arbitrary arrests, disappearances and extra-judicial killings ‘as a matter of routine policy’, OHCHR added.

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**|| Asia || Turkey: Violation of Osman Kavala’s Rights Intensifies: Release Osman Kavala ||**





|| Monday: March 01: 2021 || α. The Turkish government's failure to comply with a binding European Court of Human Rights order to release the human rights defender Mr Osman Kavala should prompt Council of Europe action against Turkey, Human Rights Watch, the International Commission of Jurists and the Turkey Human Rights Litigation Support Project said today.

The three non-governmental organisations presented the recommendation in a submission to the Committee of Ministers, the Council of Europe's inter-governmental body, responsible for overseeing the implementation of European Court of Human Rights judgments. The committee is to review Turkey's non-compliance with the Strasbourg court's judgment on Mr Kavala's case for the fourth time at its March 09-11, 2021 session. Mr Kavala has been held in pretrial detention since November 2017.

"Turkey's flagrant disregard for the European Court of Human Rights order to release Osman Kavala should trigger the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers to start infringement proceedings against Turkey." said Ms Aisling Reidy, Senior Legal Adviser at Human Rights Watch. "It is crucial for the Committee of Ministers, at its March session, to leave the Turkish government in no doubt that European Court of Human Rights judgments are binding on Turkey and that persistent failure to implement the ruling in Osman Kavala's case constitutes a serious breach, requiring exceptional measures."

The Committee of Ministers may opt to take infringement proceedings against a Council of Europe member state, that refuses to implement European Court of Human Rights judgments. It was used for the first time in 2017 when the government of Azerbaijan continuously refused to secure the unconditional release of a wrongfully jailed opposition politician, Mr Ilgar Mammadov.

Infringement proceedings are provided for under Article 46:4 of the European Convention on Human Rights:ECHR. Their commencement requires the vote of two-thirds of the Committee of Ministers. Once the process is triggered, the case is referred back to the European Court of Human Rights for a further opinion on the legally binding obligation to comply. If, the Court confirms that Turkey has failed to implement the ruling, the Committee of Ministers may then take additional measures, including, ultimately, suspending Turkey's voting rights or membership of the Council of Europe.

The Committee of Ministers has already considered the status of Turkey's compliance with the judgment on multiple occasions, issuing two decisions and, in December 2020, an interim resolution, that each strongly urged Turkey to comply with the court's judgment by unconditionally releasing Mr Kavala.

However, since the December resolution, local courts in Turkey have prolonged Mr Kavala's detention four more times. A court of appeal has overturned his acquittal in the Gezi Park protests trial and Turkey's Constitutional Court has, also, flouted the European Court of Human Rights judgment by finding no violation of Mr Kavala's right to liberty.

"The Kavala case is emblematic of the crisis, facing civil society and the rule of law in Turkey.". said Ms Helen Duffy of the Turkey Human Rights Litigation Support Project. "We recognise that infringement proceedings are exceptional but, if, there is a case where they are justified, it is this one.

Turning a deaf ear to the Strasbourg court's clear order to release and the Committee of Minister's repeated calls for compliance, Turkey's government and courts have worked hand in glove to prolong and deepen the crisis and the violation of Mr Kavala's rights. Infringement proceedings against Turkey provide the strongest legal mechanism to signal the shame of not complying with European Court of Human Rights' binding judgments."

The three organisations said in their submission that, throughout the criminal proceedings against him, judges and prosecutors, involved, have abused criminal procedural rules to unlawfully extend Mr Kavala's detention, based on allegations that he organised and financed the 2013 Istanbul Gezi Park protests and that he was involved in the July 15, 2016 attempted military coup.

A key aspect of this effort has been the practice of different courts over the three years and four months of Mr Kavala's detention successively joining, separating, and re-joining case files against Mr Kavala to justify prolonging his incarceration. At the most recent local court hearing against Mr Kavala, on February 05, 2021, the Istanbul 36th Assize Court ruled that the case against him, concerning the coup attempt, should be joined with the Gezi Park protests case, which is before the Istanbul 30th Assize Court. A hearing of the newly joined cases will take place on May 21.

The organisations said in their submission that the decision to merge the proceedings against Mr Kavala voids Turkey's repeated argument before the Committee of Ministers that Mr Kavala's

current detention is connected to a separate prosecution not covered by the Strasbourg court judgment. The group, also said, that the Turkish government needs to address the structural problems, raised in the Kavala judgment by revising its action plan to implement the ruling.

“Separating cases or merging them again will not correct the injustice to which Turkey’s courts and government have subjected Mr Osman Kavala for over three years.” said Ms Róisín Pillay, Europe and Central Asia Director of the International Commission of Jurists. “This case is part of a systemic practice in which the Turkish courts, which are not independent, apply criminal law and procedures arbitrarily against critics of the government. The action plan needs to address these structural failings in the judicial system.”

The European Court of Human Rights judgment in Kavala v. Turkey is, particularly, significant because it is the first final ruling of the European Court of Human Rights against Turkey in which the court determined that, in interfering with an individual’s rights, the Turkish judicial authorities served ulterior political motivations, contrary to Article 18 of the ECHR.

The Court said that by holding Mr Kavala in pre-trial detention since November 2017 and prosecuting him, the Turkish authorities had ‘pursued an ulterior purpose, namely, to silence him as human rights defender.’ The Court found violations of articles 18 and 05 of the ECHR.

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**|| Africa || Chad: Authorities Must Investigate the Raid and Killings at the Presidential Contender’s House ||**



|| Monday: March 01: 2021 || α. Responding to a raid by Chadian security forces on the house of opposition presidential candidate Mr Yaya Dillo and the subsequent killing of, at least, two members of his family, Mr Abdoulaye Diarra, Amnesty International's Central Africa researcher, said, "Authorities in Chad must urgently launch an independent, impartial and effective investigation into the use of fatal force during a raid on opposition presidential contender Yaya Dillo's house and the killing of his family members.

Mr Yaya Dillo has stated that his mother, his son and three of his supporters were killed during a raid by security forces. According to the government, the police attempted to serve two judicial warrants and responded to gunfire coming from Mr Dillo's house and that two people were killed and five injured, including, three members of the security forces. "These killings highlight the high tension in Chad, ahead of next month's election, characterised by human rights violations with bans on demonstrations and arbitrary arrests already in place. There are, also, reports of an internet shut down, in what is an unjustified attack on media freedom and freedom of expression."

"Against such a volatile backdrop and fearing wider violence, we call on the Chadian authorities to set up an independent and effective investigation of the police use of fatal force to establish the facts and to ensure that anyone criminally responsible is held to account through a fair trial. The authorities, must, also, reverse the rapidly shrinking political and civic space in Chad by ensuring the right to freedom of expression and assembly and by keeping the internet running."

Mr Yaya Dillo, an opposition candidate in Chad's April 11 presidential election, said that his house was raided by security forces and the army on Sunday and that his mother, his son and three of his relatives were killed in the attack. In a statement, the government spokesperson and Minister of Communication said that the raid followed 'the systematic refusal for 48 hours by Mr Yaya Dillo, supported by a group of armed people, to respond to two judicial warrants, challenging the authority of the state by opposing armed resistance'.

The Minister of Communication said that the defense and security forces attempting to execute these warrants were shot at from Mr Dillo's house and had no other choice but to act in self-defense to protect themselves. He said that two people were killed and five injured, including, three members of the security forces

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## || Political Economics || Lessons From the Texas Energy Crisis For Emerging LNG Importers in Asia ||



|| Monday: March 01: 2021: Sam Reynolds Writing || α. During last week's extreme winter weather, surging electricity demand collided with falling generation, forcing the Texas grid operator to implement rolling blackouts. In many cases, blackouts lasted for over 24 hours, causing fuel and electricity supply shortages and disruptions throughout the gas supply chain. At least, 04.5 million Texans were at one point without electricity and more than 30 deaths have been attributed to power losses, though, the final toll could be much larger.

News of the Texas power crisis has spread throughout Asia, where energy growth markets, such as, Vietnam, the Philippines and Baangladesh are considering US liquified natural gas:LNG imports as an alternative to coal-fired electricity generation. But the events in Texas have highlighted the risks, inherent in LNG imports for both the energy transition and climate change adaptation.

Here are the five lessons from the crisis for emerging markets in Asia. Lesson One: Gas:LNG volatility is here to stay. It has been a tumultuous year in global LNG markets. The COVID-19 outbreak sent global LNG demand plummeting and Asian prices hit an all-time low of \$01.85:MMBtu last May. US LNG export facilities remained idle for much of the summer, oil and

gas drilling fell by 40% internationally and bankruptcies in the North American oil and gas sector soared to their highest level since 2016. Starting in the fall, a combination of production shut-ins, shipping delays and cold weather caused Asian LNG prices to spike to a record high of \$32.50/MMBtu.

The Texas energy crisis is another sign that volatility in global gas markets is likely to continue. High electricity demand, combined with supply chain disruptions, sent wholesale natural gas prices skyrocketing. At Texas's Waha Hub, for example, prices jumped from \$02.77 to \$219, while spot prices in Oklahoma's Oneok hub jumped to over \$1,000/MMBtu. For gas producers able to keep wells operating, the Texas freeze was like hitting the jackpot, but for LNG exporters, power outages disrupted liquefaction trains and feedgas pipelines. Several LNG export terminals scaled back production, while Corpus Christi LNG and Cameron LNG went off-line completely. Overall, 10 cargoes amounting to one billion cubic meters of gas were likely delayed from the already-volatile global LNG market.

Lesson Two: Volatile prices can cause LNG-fired power plants in Asia and associated infrastructure to go under-utilised. Volatile LNG prices create an increasingly challenging environment for price-sensitive emerging markets. High prices and difficulties sourcing gas can cause gas-fired power plants in importing countries to go underutilised. In turn, all the associated infrastructure, ports, regasification facilities, pipelines, are, also, at risk of being stranded. IEEFA recently estimated that volatile LNG prices put over \$50 billion of natural gas projects at risk of cancellation in Vietnam, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

Since the value of associated infrastructure is dominated by fixed costs, per unit natural gas prices depend largely on total gas demand. This means that, to realise any economic benefits from imported gas, costs must be spread over a wider consumer base than currently exists in many south and southeast Asian countries. The decision to import LNG is, therefore, not an incremental one. Rather, it will lead to new sources of financial vulnerability, resulting from long-term, large-scale fossil gas lock-in. Without major storage capacity, volatile LNG prices will be a constant threat to the affordability of gas and gas-powered electricity in import markets.

Lesson Three: NG imports come at the cost of domestic energy security. By importing greater volumes of LNG, Asian countries become more vulnerable to supply disruptions in global gas markets and geo-political dynamics beyond their control. With increasingly severe and frequent weather events, caused by climate change, Asian importers are not just assuming the risks of climate-related disruptions in their own country, they are, also, assuming risks of climate-related weather events in exporting countries. In Texas, generators were not required to invest in cold weather safeguards, leaving them vulnerable to unpredictable weather events.

LNG import infrastructure in Asia is, also, highly vulnerable to extreme weather. While numerous countries rely on floating storage and regasification units :FSRUs as cheaper alternatives to land-based import terminals, FSRUs are difficult to operate in poor weather conditions. In 2018,

Baangladesh announced that it would cancel plans to build additional FSRUs because they were unreliable during the monsoon season. In Malta, the inoperability of FSRUs during storms has caused the complete shut-down of the country’s gas-fired power plants.

Lesson Four: Grid expansion and modernisation must take centre stage. Some commentators have suggested the solution to climate-related blackouts is to build more generation capacity but, all power sources are susceptible to outages when weather events occur. In Texas, 30,000MW of thermal capacity was forced off-line, including, 40% of natural gas capacity and a nuclear reactor, as well as, 17,000MW of wind capacity. As a result, wholesale electricity prices skyrocketed to the state’s \$9,000 per MWh cap, up from their average of \$30.

Along with generation capacity, grid reliability depends largely on transmission infrastructure and inter-connections to other areas. The Texas grid is highly isolated from surrounding power systems, limiting power imports from nearby markets. In small portions of the state connected to other grids, cities experienced brief blackouts compared to the rest of the state.

A greater emphasis on system-level planning in emerging Asian markets, rather than a myopic focus on generation, could improve the efficiency of existing generators, enable the installation of greater capacities of domestic renewable energy and lower wholesale electricity prices during times of short supply.

Lesson Five: The energy transition is a humanitarian issue. The COVID-19 pandemic and the Texas energy crisis have exacerbated the risks inherent in LNG imports and revealed the flaws of centralised generation capacity build-outs. In Texas, blackouts disproportionately affected communities with low-incomes, while electricity bills for some households, that maintained power spiked into the tens of thousands of dollars. The total cost of electricity sold in Texas from February 15-19 was \$50.6 billion, up from \$04.2 billion in the prior week. For Asian countries already grappling with high electricity prices, the risks of LNG imports and associated infrastructure lock-in are simply too high. Instead, reliability and resilience are key to keeping costs down and the lights on.

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## || Life Elle || WHO Expert Panel Strongly Advises Against the Use of Hydroxychloroquine to Prevent COVID-19 ||



|| Tuesday: March 02: 2021 || α. The World Health Organisation:WHO's Expert Panel strongly advises against the use of Hydroxychloroquine to prevent COVID-19. The Drug is no longer a research priority and resources should focus on other more promising drugs to prevent COVID-19. WHO Guideline Development Group:GDG Panel of international experts said in The BMJ today, that the anti-inflammatory drug Hydroxychloroquine should not be used to prevent infection in people, who do not have COVID-19.

The Panel's strong recommendation is based on the high certainty evidence from six randomised controlled trials, involving over 6,000 participants with and without known exposure to a person with COVID-19 infection. The high certainty evidence showed that Hydroxychloroquine had no meaningful effect on death and admission to hospital, while moderate certainty evidence showed that it had no meaningful effect on laboratory confirmed COVID-19 infection and it, probably, increases the risk of adverse effects.

As such, the Panel considers that this drug is no longer a research priority and that resources should be used to evaluate other more promising drugs to prevent covid-19. This guideline applies to all



individuals, who do not have COVID-19, regardless of their exposure to a person with COVID-19 infection.

The Panel judged that, almost, all people would not consider this drug worthwhile and, further decided that factors, such as, resources, feasibility, acceptability and equity for countries and healthcare systems were unlikely to alter the recommendation.

Today's recommendation is the first version of a living guideline for drugs to prevent COVID-19, developed by the World Health Organisation with the methodological support of MAGIC Evidence Eco-system Foundation. Its aim is to provide trustworthy guidance on the management of COVID-19 and help doctors make better decisions with their patients.

Living guidelines are useful in fast moving research areas like COVID-19 because they allow researchers to update previously vetted and peer reviewed evidence summaries. The new recommendations for other preventive drugs for COVID-19 will be added to this guideline as more evidence becomes available.

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**|| United Kingdom || The Brithdir Nursing Home Inquests: I Hope That Society and All State Agencies Can Learn From These Painful Episodes and Ensure That the Abuse of the Elderly Will Not Occur in Any Care Home: Baroness Greengross ||**



|| Monday: March 01: 2021 || á. Baroness Greengross of Notting Hill has released a statement in support of the inquest into the death of six individuals, who died whilst in the care of a nursing home in South Wales. The inquest will not only investigate the circumstances, leading up to these individuals' deaths between 2003 and 2005, it will, also, consider the wider policy issues in the social care sector, that may have had an impact. In light of the recent Government white paper, 'Working Together to Improve Health and Social Care For All', setting out the legislative proposals for Health and Care Bill, published on February 11, 2021, the findings of this inquest could provide some important insight.

In her statement, Baroness Greengross welcomed the the inquests, despite the difficulties, caused by COVID-19, into the deaths of six individuals, who died while they were patients at Brithdir Nursing Home in New Tredegar, South Wales between 2003 and 2005, including, Edith Evans, 85, Evelyn Jones, 87 and Stanley Bradford, 89. The inquest started on January 18, 2021 and is expected to run until late March 2021. The families are being represented on a pro bono basis by a team at Hogan Lovells. This inquest arises out of Operation Jasmine, which was a police investigation by Gwent Police.

Baroness Greengross sets out the background of the inquest in her statement. Over seven years, the police investigation was extended to a number of nursing homes in South-East Wales and some 63 suspicious deaths, including, in the Brithdir Nursing Home, the focus of this inquest. The circumstance of these deaths suggested that it was caused by abuse and neglect, resulting from mismanagement of the homes and the substandard level of care.

The scope of the inquest is to investigate a: the care, given to the deceased at Brithdir at the time that they were residents there; b: the responsibility of the owners:managers:care staff; c: the role of the state agencies in the supervision of Brithdir Nursing Home, their knowledge of the shortcomings in care, given to the deceased and the actions, taken to investigate and protect them; and d: the medical cause of death and the part played, if, any, by the care, given to the deceased. The inquest is being conducted by HMC Mr Geraint Williams.

The statement went into further details, related to these deaths. From January 28 until February 01, 2021, the inquest considered the circumstances, surrounding the death of Stanley Bradford, a former miner, loving father of five children and grandfather to 14 grandchildren, who was placed at Brithdir on June 21, 2005 and who died on September 29, 2005. Stanley was found to have been in an extremely distressed state, was gasping for breath and suffering from pressure sores, which contributed to his death.

Between February 02 and February 08, 2021, the inquest was expected to consider the circumstances, surrounding the death of Edith Evans, who was a loving aunt of three, who was placed at Brithdir on June 30, 1997 and was admitted to Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil on September 16, 2005 with septicaemia, caused by an infected PEG feed site. Edith was, also, found to be suffering from pressure sores. Edith died at the hospital on September 30, 2005.

Between February 09 and February 15, 2021, the inquest was expected to consider the circumstances, surrounding the death of Evelyn Jones, a loving mother, who was placed at Brithdir on August 26, 2005. When admitted to hospital shortly before her death, Mrs Jones was found to have very bad bed sores, was severely dehydrated, had chest and urinary problems and rapid breath a heart rate. Evelyn died in hospital on November 30, 2005.

The inquest was expected to hear evidence, relating to the responsibility of the owners and managers of Brithdir and then hear evidence, relating to the state agencies, which were involved at the time of the deaths: the Care Standards Inspectorate Wales, as it then was, now the CIW, Caerphilly County Borough Council and Caerphilly Local Health Board, now the Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board.

“The families of Stanley, Evelyn and Edith are not only in search of justice and answers in respect of their loved ones, but are, also, anxious that the inquest serves as a catalyst for broader scrutiny of, and changes to, the standards of care in such homes and the way in which those standards are enforced. I very much hope that the inquest will provide, at least, some closure to the families of

Stanley, Evelyn and Edith. I look forward to reading the findings of HMC Geraint Williams and hope that they will help us all to be more aware of the terrible sequence of events, that led to the avoidable deaths of these vulnerable people.”

“Given the fact that COVID-19 has so recently highlighted the importance of elderly care, I know that this is a particularly relevant topic to everyone. I sincerely hope that society and all state agencies can learn from these painful episodes and ensure that the abuse of the elderly will not occur in any care home moving forward.”

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- C: Absolute Right to Necessary Nutritional Balanced Food and Drink
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