

Covid under control, violence in Myanmar and taxing the rich

As the picture to the left illustrates, the northern spring is well on the way. Will it bring renewed grounds for optimism as the world wrestles with the pandemic? Many nations still face difficult weeks ahead as cases surge and vaccination rates lag. But in others, normality is returning fast as infection rates fall to negligible levels.

This week's big story focuses on more successful efforts to tackle the pandemic. Oliver Holmes considers how Israel's trailblazing but controversial vaccine programme has forced Covid into retreat. From Auckland, Tess McClure reveals how New Zealand's tight virus controls helped it become a pioneer in Covid genome research. And in England, where shops are set to reopen after a three-month lockdown, Sarah Boseley talks to the scientific team who identified and tracked the outbreak of the UK variant. **The big story** [Page 10](#) →

The appalling fallout from the February coup by Myanmar's military shows no sign of abating. The civilian death toll has passed 570 and, as we report this week, a refugee crisis is developing at Myanmar's borders. With civil war looking ever more likely, Simon Tisdall considers whether the country is doomed to a Syria-like catastrophe. **Spotlight** [Page 15](#) →

Who wants to be a billionaire? Not the small but increasingly vocal band of mega-rich individuals who realise they have too much money and want to return it in the form of tax. Rupert Neate finds out how they hope to reverse expectations around wealth. **Payback time** [Page 40](#) →



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