

Biden's big week, Israel poised for change and boxing's dark legacy

It's a big week for US president Joe Biden who, after four and a half months of hectic domestic wrangling, is now trying to make up for lost time on the international front. His first presidential trip overseas takes in the G7 summit in England, followed by meetings with Nato and the EU in Belgium, and concludes with a head-to-head with Russia's Vladimir Putin in Geneva.

After the America first agenda of the Trump years, David Smith asks whether Biden can persuade a sceptical global community that America is back on the team. Then, economics correspondent Richard Partington looks at what we can expect from a landmark G7 commitment to tackle gaps in the global tax system.

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The curtain may be falling on Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu era, after a precarious alliance of the prime minister's opponents proposed forming a new government. What lies in store next, for the nation and the region? On page 22 we profile Naftali Bennett, the religious nationalist who is the new PM in waiting, while on the Opinion pages Daniella Peled argues that Netanyahu's likely departure will bring no relief for Palestinians.

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Boxing, as Hugh McIlvanney's seminal book termed it, is the hardest game - and, for those involved, it's unquestionably one of the most dangerous. With a new book exposing the impact of brain injuries suffered by many fighters, sports writer Donald McRae asks if boxing can afford to ignore its dark legacy any longer.

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The American eagle has landed in Europe: as president Joe Biden embarks on a bridge-building tour of world leaders, we ask, in light of the Trump years, whether the nation once known as the world's policeman can ever fully regain international trust.

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