

Countdown to Qatar, floods in Canada and Trump's 2024 threat

Around a year after the stunning announcement, in 2010, that the tiny, oil-rich Gulf nation of Qatar would host the 2022 football World Cup, the Guardian journalist Pete Pattison began investigating why dozens of Nepalese workers repatriated from Qatar back to their families had never made it home alive. It was the beginning of nearly 10 years of reporting by the Guardian into the often brutal conditions faced by hundreds of thousands of migrant workers tasked with building Qatar's state-of-the-art stadiums, as well as the roads, hotels and infrastructure needed to host the biggest sporting event on Earth.

With a year to go until the tournament kicks off, Pattison considers what has really changed for Qatar's migrant workers, while David Conn asks what the most controversial World Cup in history will tell us about shifting global influence, power and wealth.

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A summer of record-breaking heat in Canada's Pacific north-west has been followed by devastating floods, exacerbated in part by the impacts of climate change. Salmaan Farooqui and Ashifa Kassam report from British Columbia, a province battered by extremes of weather.

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Could Donald Trump and the Republicans be planning an American coup in 2024? That's the chilling question posed by Guardian US chief reporter Ed Pilkington, who takes a forensic look at how Republicans are vying for critical positions in many states, from which they could launch a far more effective power-grab than Trump's 2020 effort.

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Illustrator Noma Bar based his cover design on the famous Fifa World Cup trophy. "The triumphant character that lifts the world is turned into a trapped builder with shackles on his arms and the green rings wrapping his legs," he explains. The background colours are chosen to mirror those of the Qatari flag.

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