



Carbon inequality revealed, Kyiv's darkening days and rogue royal dramas

With the Cop28 climate conference due to open next week in Dubai, it seemed a good moment to reflect on who exactly is responsible for the lion's share of carbon pollution as a major Oxfam report exposes how the world's richest 1% cause more carbon emissions than the poorest 66% combined. Global environment editor Jonathan Watts explains why uncovering the disparity is key to solving the crisis, while environment correspondent Sandra Laville reveals how just 12 super-rich individuals outpollute 2.1m homes annually.

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Winter has descended in Ukraine and so too has a sense of gloom upon Kyiv. Shaun Walker reports on how exhaustion from two years of war and a realisation that a swift victory may no longer be achievable have subtly changed the national mood.

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This edition went to press before the result of the Netherlands election was known - but for context, don't miss Paul Tullis's long read on Dutch farmers' mass protests over nitrogen emissions and what it could all portend for other developed nations.

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As the final season of The Crown hits TV screens, complete with ghostly appearances from Princess Diana (and mostly withering reviews), culture writer Mark Lawson considers other regal stage and screen dramatisations, featuring varying degrees of historical accuracy, and asks if the Netflix show has permanently broken the mould for royal drama.

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For many years, album covers increasingly felt like symbols of a lost era. But as vinyl sales continue to bounce back, Dorian Lynskey delves into the identities of people whose images appeared on memorable record sleeve artwork.

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On the cover The main finding of Oxfam's report is that the richest 1% of the population produced as much carbon pollution in one year as the 5 billion people who make up the poorest two-thirds. As Jonathan Watts writes: "Why is carbon inequality widening? What drives the lifestyle ... of the rich? How is carbon inequality linked with other systemic injustices? And what can be done about it?"

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