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Alanna Leslie (A.L.), narrator:

Cyber abuse is a global problem, but in Pakistan campaigners say the authorities aren't doing enough to curb so-called "sextortion".

Nighat Dad:

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A.L.:

Also, we hear about a comprehensive clampdown on plastic in Jamaica.

Lorraine Mendez:

Plastics - and polystyrene - make up seven of the top ten garbage items collected from the country's coastlines.

A.L.:

And problem gambling in Uganda.

Halima Athumani:

70% of young Ugandans don't have a job. So gambling is seen by some as the best way to make money.

A.L.:

Along with other stories from the English-speaking world. I'm Alanna Leslie here in London.

**curb
limit**

**comprehensive
complete
clampdown
action that is taken suddenly to stop something**

Pakistan: Fighting online abuse

A.L.:

Welcome to Newsreel World. First up, let's go to Pakistan. Cyber abuse, revenge porn and sextortion - that's cases where people are blackmailed by threats of publishing intimate photographs online - are on the rise across the world. A huge number of cases, though, are never publicised. The situation is particularly acute in religiously conservative countries like Pakistan - which is where Nighat Dad comes in. She's a human rights lawyer who's set up a charity in Lahore to help women in Pakistan fight back against online abuse.

Nighat Dad: A woman reported to us that she has been informed that her pictures are available in a Dropbox folder. It wasn't just her pictures. She found out that it was more than 5,000 women's pictures and we absolutely had no idea who the people who made that folder collected.

Thousands of pictures of Pakistani women and then just disseminated on different WhatsApp-groups.

**to disseminate
to spread, to distribute**

A.L.:

And why is it a particular problem in Pakistan?

Nighat Dad:

It's a conservative Muslim country with very deep patriarchal norms. Online spaces basically gave this space to women where they can talk about the issues that they normally can not talk about. They talk to men, they make relationships and then those relationships don't end on good notes. Men take benefit out of their vulnerability because they know that they can not get help from anywhere else. Their family won't support them and they will find out that they have shared the sensitive data. There is no support available to these women - be it legal, digital security help or mental health counselling.

A.L.:

Do you think the authorities could do more to stamp it out?

Nighat Dad:

They can hire more women prosecutors, more investigators, more women at the helpdesk. Their helpline should be active 24/7! What we basically see is the opposite of this.

A.L.:

Thanks to Nighat Dad for giving us that insight into sextortion in Pakistan.

patriarchal

ruled or controlled by men

vulnerability

the state of being easily hurt

to stamp out

to get rid of, to eliminate

Hawaii: Old enough to smoke?

A.L.:

Hawaii. Do you think raising the legal smoking age would stop people smoking? In Hawaii, one leading politician wants to increase the age limit to 30 next year and then by a further ten years every twelve months until 2024, when you'd have to be a 100 years old to buy a pack of cigarettes.

Uganda: Problem gambling

A.L.:

We've been gambling as a species in various forms for thousands of years. With dice like these...and more recently online apps. It's a BIG industry, with some estimates saying over six hundred billion pounds is spent each year betting on sports alone. For most people gambling is seen as a hobby, but it can also cause massive societal problems - as a harmless pastime mutates into addiction. The authorities in Uganda are worried about what they see as its damaging influence on young people. With more on this, here's Halima Athumani reporting from Kampala.

Halima Athumani:

Sport in Uganda isn't just a big social occasion. It's massive for the growing gambling industry and young people are far more likely to be betting than anyone else here. Over the past four years there has been a rise in betting among Ugandans, and a fourfold increase in revenue for the government. But there are concerns that some of the money made from gambling is leaving the country. The government argues that young people are only betting because they desire quick money. But 70% of young Ugandans don't have a job. So gambling is seen by some as the best way to make money.

estimate

approximate calculation

harmless

not causing damage

pastime

spare time activity

to mutate

to change

fourfold increase

multiplied by four

revenue

income

Ultimately, the government needs revenue to set up infrastructure that will hopefully create jobs for jobless youth. But it is the same government that is seeking to ban one of the largest sources for its revenue to help build the infrastructure that will create the jobs. Weird, right! This is Athumani Halima Assidjo, reporting for Newsreel World from Kampala, Uganda.

ultimately
here: primarily
ban
forbid

Jamaica: Camping down on plastic waste

A.L.:

Now a trip to my home country - Jamaica. I've been living in London for eleven years, but I still keep in touch with everything that's going in Jamaica - and I know that one issue has caused a big stir recently: plastics! On January 1st this year, the government took the drastic step of banning single use plastic bags, drinking straws and styrofoam. Lorraine Mendez reports on how the new law has gone down in Jamaica's capital, Kingston.

a big stir
here: discussion, debate
to go down
here: to be received

Lorraine Mendez:

With plastic bags regularly used for garbage storage and disposal in most homes, there are concerns over household waste disposal after plastics bags were banned. But environmentalist and Chief Executive Officer of Environmental Solutions, Eleanor Jones, says that time is right to cut the country's dependence on the carriers.

disposal
removal, throwing away

Eleanor Jones:

We are pleased that there is some concerted effort to really deal with the tremendous amount of plastic waste that is in our landscape, so that is a positive move. How we deal with the management of plastics is something that I think requires a bit more of a holistic approach. Because we really are talking about waste.

a concerted effort
a joint action
tremendous
enormous
holistic
focusing on the whole rather than the parts

Lorraine Mendez:

Reports generated by the National Environment and Planning Agency show that plastics - and polystyrene - make up seven of the top ten garbage items collected from the country's coastlines. There have been some teething pains as persons adjust to the new dispensation. Many who forgot about the ban had to struggle to find alternatives to pack their goods, or reluctantly pay for bags. Still, members of the public appear to have accepted the ban's importance and have been actively utilizing alternatives such as reusable bags, boxes and even luggage.

dispensation
order of things
utilize
to make use of

Unknown woman:

I feel so good. They litter all the places and going to (*the*) gully and dump up, so we're glad to get rid of (*it*).

gully
a sort of deep ditch

Lorraine Mendez:

Reporting from Kingston, Jamaica, for Newsreel World, I'm Lorraine Mendez.

New Zealand: Scientists make unexpected discovery

A.L.:

Scientists in New Zealand have found a USB memory stick inside a frozen slab of seal poo. So what, you may ask, were the scientists doing with the poo in the first place?

Well, apparently faeces is valuable for studying the health of leopard seals and had been stored in a freezer for a year before it was thawed out for analysis. Inside was a USB stick with a video and photos of a canoeing trip. All of which tells me that some scientists have very strange jobs and that USB sticks are extremely resilient.

Nigeria: Afrofuturism

A.L.:

Afrofuturism is a rapidly growing artistic movement - encompassing literature, films and music. Its *raison d'être* is to move science fiction away from its traditionally white roots to embrace elements of black history and culture. You've probably seen Marvel's "Black Panther" movie, right? But that's just the most high profile example of the genre. To hear more, we're heading to Lagos, the largest city in Nigeria.

C.J. Obasi:

My name is C.J. Obasi. I'm a Nigerian filmmaker. Afrofuturism could be described as the idea that black people can be seen in futuristic worlds and scenarios. It's about using ideas that predates colonialism, because in history colonialism served as the destruction of African advancement. If these people were allowed to grow their technology at their own pace, without any colonial interruptions, what would be 2019 versions of these elements? Pretty much anything that we've seen from artists like Janelle Monáe, for example, and even, like recently, Kendrick Lamar in the "Black Panther" music video. I personally have waited for "Black Panther" the movie to happen for the longest time. I like it for what it stands for, the ideologies, the symbolisms and I think we need more of such images and more of such symbols on that scale. Afrofuturism has always been sort of like an underground thing, you know, like a niche, and it was hugely received, in especially here in Nigeria as well, because people want to see themselves.

A.L.:

Thanks, C.J. and thanks for listening, guys! This is Newsreel World. I'm Alanna Leslie - hope we catch up soon.

thaw out

unfreeze, defrost

resilient

strong and resisting change

rapidly

fast

to encompass

to include

raison d'être

reason for existing

embrace

accept and welcome

advancement

progress

niche

here: a specific area of interest