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Panic Spreads Around the World with New Respiratory Illness Known as the Coronavirus

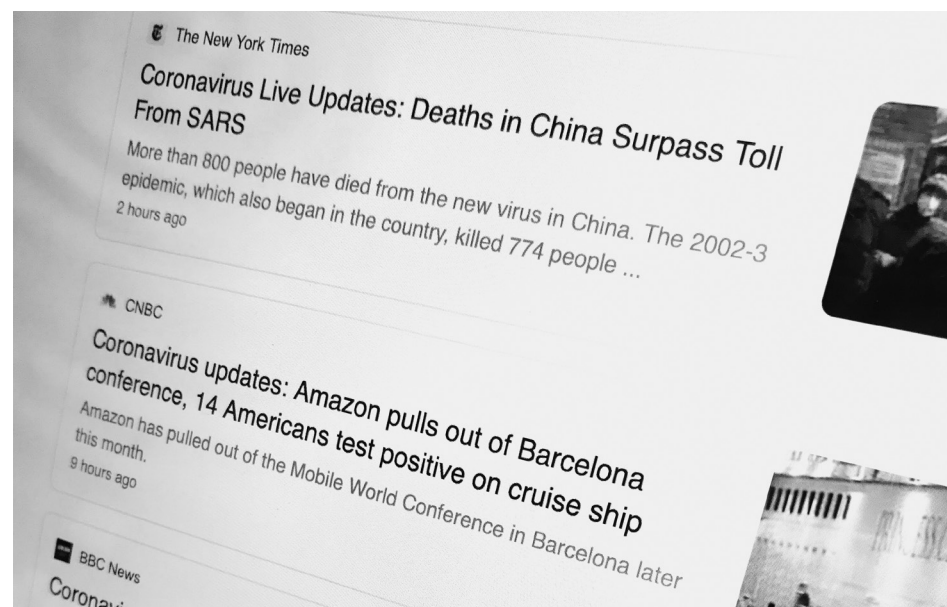
BY VICTORIA TURCIOS

The year 2020 started with more than a handful of newsworthy events around the world, one of them being that of the novel respiratory illness, the Coronavirus. The flu-like virus has already sprouted cases in 26 countries, one of them being the United States. While many fear that this virus will turn into a pandemic, scientists are rushing to create a vaccine that can help with all the future cases.

The situation is constantly evolving, and although there is little information, what is known about the virus is that it originated in Wuhan, China, through contact with a possibly infected animal. Virologists are still looking into the first case to determine the source of the virus. According to the NY Times, the first case of the disease came to light on December 1st with the World Health Organization only finding out about the virus at the end of December on the 31st. Countries like the U.S., while having cases already in their hands, are confident

populations, the World Health Organization has not yet announced that the Coronavirus is the next pandemic facing the human race. The last reported pandemic we've faced was back in 2009, with the H1N1 influenza virus.

Authorities and health organizations are encouraging everyone to remain calm. As the United States has 241 cases, with 121 pending testing for the Coronavirus as of 1/31/2020, they've announced that the virus is a health hazard for the public, and precautions should be taken seriously. It is advised to follow standard health procedures such as thoroughly washing your hands, covering your mouth when sneezing and coughing, and using alcohol-based hand sanitizers. When traveling, it is very important to remember those health procedures, while also avoiding as much contact with anyone who is sick. The virus shows many of the same symptoms as the known respiratory illness of MERS: fevers, fatigue, shortness of breath, coughs. While it may resemble flu/cold-like symptoms, the virus can be dangerous and lead to kidney failure. It is encouraged to get medically checked, especially if you've traveled outside of the country in the past two months and start experiencing any of the symptoms mentioned above.



Coronavirus headlines continues. CREDIT: Victoria Turcios

that they'll keep the virus confined and under control as everyone prepares for the World Health Organization to announce whether we're facing a pandemic

Although confusing, pandemic and epidemic are two key terms that you may have already heard with the news of the Coronavirus, but understanding the difference is important. Health Magazine shares that in medical terms, an epidemic refers to a spike in the number of cases that a virus can cause in a given area, and a pandemic means that a virus has spread over several countries and has impacted a large number of their population. Due to the number of cases in the 26 countries being more "sprinkled" over the respective

Starving Lions in Sudan

BY ALEXANDRIA GOSEN

King of the cats, prime hunters, feminist icons, and record-setting box office ratings: Lions are known to be some of the greatest animals in the animal kingdom. When people picture lions, they typically think of a mighty and strong warrior cat, the face of Gryffindor house, and a record-setting Disney film. Sadly, this strong image is not always the case for some lions. Lions being held at a zoo in Khartoum, Sudan have been pictured malnourished, ill, and kept in improper enclosures.

The photos were released initially by advocate Osman Salih. The images show five ragged, thin lions. Their ribs were exposed, and their enclosure had absolutely no natural element. The pictures went viral, invoking international outrage and an online campaign with the new hashtag: #SudanAnimalRescue.

Despite the efforts and pleas, little action has been taken. The attention these lions have received has led people to question the nation's focus.