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# BUSINESS

Reported by Faiza Ali

JAPAN, 30 January, 2017 – Japan's economy has been shrinking for the better part of the last decade. Senior citizens have continued aging into their 80s, 90s, and 100s, while younger generations are slow to have children. As a result, there are fewer people to help take care of the elderly, pay for social security, and keep the workforce full. Economists have taken to calling the situation a "demographic time bomb." There have been a number of related side effects to the demographic time bomb. For instance, the country has seen greater rates of karoshi, or "death by overwork," in which burnt-out employees commit suicide under the weight of job pressure. The government has also taken steps to make family life more enticing to people, including hosting speed-dating events, teaching men how to be fathers, and recommending shorter work hours in large companies. (Photo credit: Wikimedia commons)

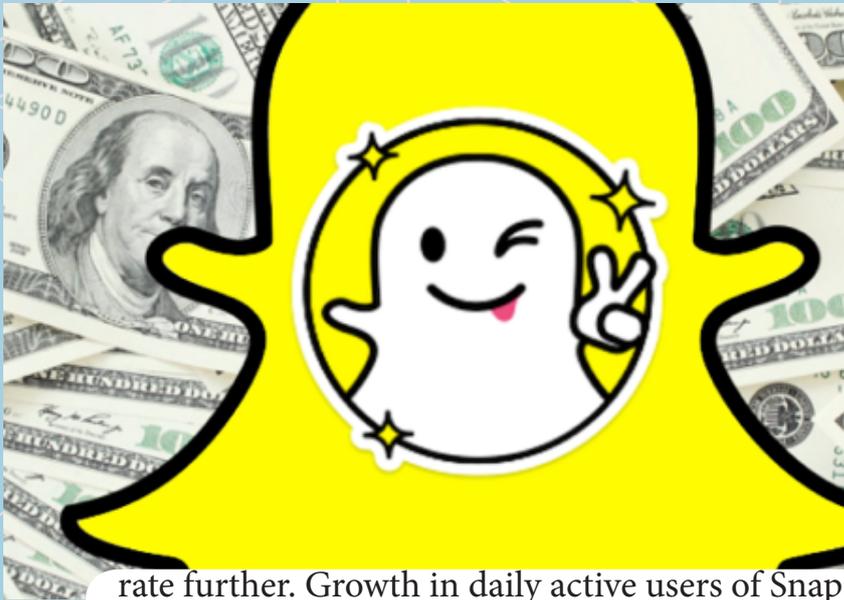


SEATTLE, Washington, United States of America, 31st January, 2017—The most recent source of Starbucks outrage is the company's plan to hire 10,000 refugees in the next five years, in response to the executive order temporarily banning all refugees from entering the US. But, despite the threats of boycott, Starbucks isn't stepping back — and experts say that's a smart decision. In early November, the week before the election, Starbucks rolled out green cups featuring an illustration by Shogo Ota showing the faces of more than a hundred people, drawn with a single continuous line, as a "symbol of unity." According to a Harvard Business School study, 38% of Americans believe CEOs have a responsibility speak out on controversial issues, as long as they directly apply to the company's business. As a chain with locations in 75 countries, international politics could be seen as in Starbucks' wheelhouse. (Photo credit: Starbucks)



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ST. VENICE, California, United States of America, 3rd February, 2017 – Snap Inc., the parent company of Snapchat filed plans for an initial public stock offering. The IPO is targeting a valuation between \$20 billion and \$25 billion for the five-year-old company with a coveted user base. Facebook's launch in August of Stories on Instagram is especially ominous to Snapchat. Snap warned that intensifying competition could reduce its growth

rate further. Growth in daily active users of Snapchat is slowing, with users growing by 5% in the last three months of 2016, compared with 11% in the year-earlier quarter. In 2009, when Facebook's daily user count was roughly the same size, its quarterly user growth was at a roughly 30% pace. Snap Inc. ended 2016 with 161 million daily users, compared with 1.2 billion for Facebook, which is about seven years older. Snapchat's annual revenue of \$404.5 million compares with more than \$27 billion for Facebook. (Photo credit: Shortsnow.com)

WASHINGTON, United States of America, 6th February, 2017 – 97 companies including some of the biggest names in tech have banded together to file a legal brief in opposition of Trump's executive order on immigration. In the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, 97 companies clearly stated their opposition to Trump's controversial executive order, which bars refugees and valid visa holders



from seven Muslim countries from entering the United States. Apple, Google, Facebook, Spotify, Airbnb, Citrix, eBay, Etsy, Intel, Microsoft, Netflix, Snap, Twitter and Uber are just some of the high-profile companies that participated in filing the brief, the goal of which is to make clear that the technology industry and American businesses in general oppose Trump's ban. A US District judge temporarily lifted the immigration ban late on Friday night, but Trump and his staffers have already stated their intention to fight the judge's decision. (Photo credit: The Guardian)

# ENVIRONMENT

Reported by Stephanie Goveas



DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, 23rd January, 2016 – ABB, A Swedish multinational corporation celebrated the inauguration of rooftop solar panels provided by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority, that can produce enough energy to power nearly 50 households annually. This is to promote the private sector's support toward Dubai's movement for renewable energy and to ensure Dubai maintains its status of an energy-efficient and smart city. Around 1,213 solar panels have been set up on its rooftop to power up 497,000 kWh per year. (Photo credit: Reuters File Photo)

NORTH DAKOTA, United States of America, 24th January, 2017 - The crude oil pipeline that runs through four states in America called the Dakota Access Pipeline, continues to contaminate fresh water grounds, affecting majorly the native American citizens. The Sacred Stone Camp formed to be a Native American resistance to the pipeline work. The pipeline corrupts ground water and a matter of public safety for access to clean water. Such incidents like oil contaminating the Deepwater Horizon and the Yellowstone River. While ex-President Obama was still in office, news had spread that the order for the pipeline had been cancelled. However, as of January 24th, US President Donald Trump has signed documents ensuring the advancement of the project. Citizens, even children, have been protesting against the Dakota Access Pipeline. Celebrities like Ben Affleck, Ray Fisher, Gal Gadot, Jason Momoa and Ezra Miller filmed an endorsement for Respect Our Water, a campaign launched by young members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. (Photo credit: Gordon)



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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, 26th January, 2017 - Bees, the most integral portion of the environment, are now decreasing in number. The cause of death on a massive scale is mainly due to weather condition changes the bees go through as they are being transported for honey-rearing to beekeepers around the United States. These transported bees only live for one season, living through Fall till Spring

arrives. They have developed Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) where the worker bees abandon the hive and leave behind food and nurse bees to secure the queen. Illness among the bees is spread through parasites like the bloodsucking Varroa, pesticides and infections that leave bees too weak to survive diseases. In addition, they bees have been affected by the changing weather climate, making it difficult for them to pollinate. This issue poses a threat to fruit and vegetable output. Pollination accounts to 5 to 8% of international agricultural production. (Photo credit: Mike Blake/Reuters)

WASHINGTON, United States of America, 2017 - Scientists discover prehistoric otters may have been the size of present day wolves. US paleontologists discovered the biggest otter that ever lived while excavating an ancient lake bed in Shuitangba, in the Yunnan Province in Southwestern China. Remains of these otters show large, powerful jaws, estimated to weigh about 50 kilograms. They were called Siamogale melilutra. This reports the survival in terms of the evolving species into the miniature form they are today. (Photo credit: Thinkstock)



# POLITICS

Reported by Jumana Fraije



WASHINGTON, United States of America, 27th January, 2017 - Donald Trump signed an executive order suspend refugee arrivals and visa entry travelers from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Trump's decree suspends the entire US refugee resettlement program for at least 120 days and directs officials to determine additional screening "to ensure that those approved for refugee admission do not pose a threat to the security and welfare of the United States". In addition, the order specifically bars Syrian refugees from the United States indefinitely, or until the president himself decides that they no longer pose a threat. Following the executive order, protests have erupted across the nation. (Photo credit: The National)

24 SUSSEX DRIVE, Canada, 28th January, 2017 - Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that Canada will welcome refugees rejected by President Donald Trump, following the immigration ban that President Trump issued earlier. Trudeau also plans to discuss the success of Canada's refugee policy with Trump. Trudeau reacted to Trump's visa ban for people from certain Muslim-majority countries by tweeting, "To those fleeing persecution, terror & war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength. #WelcomeToCanada." (Photo credit: FOX News U.S)



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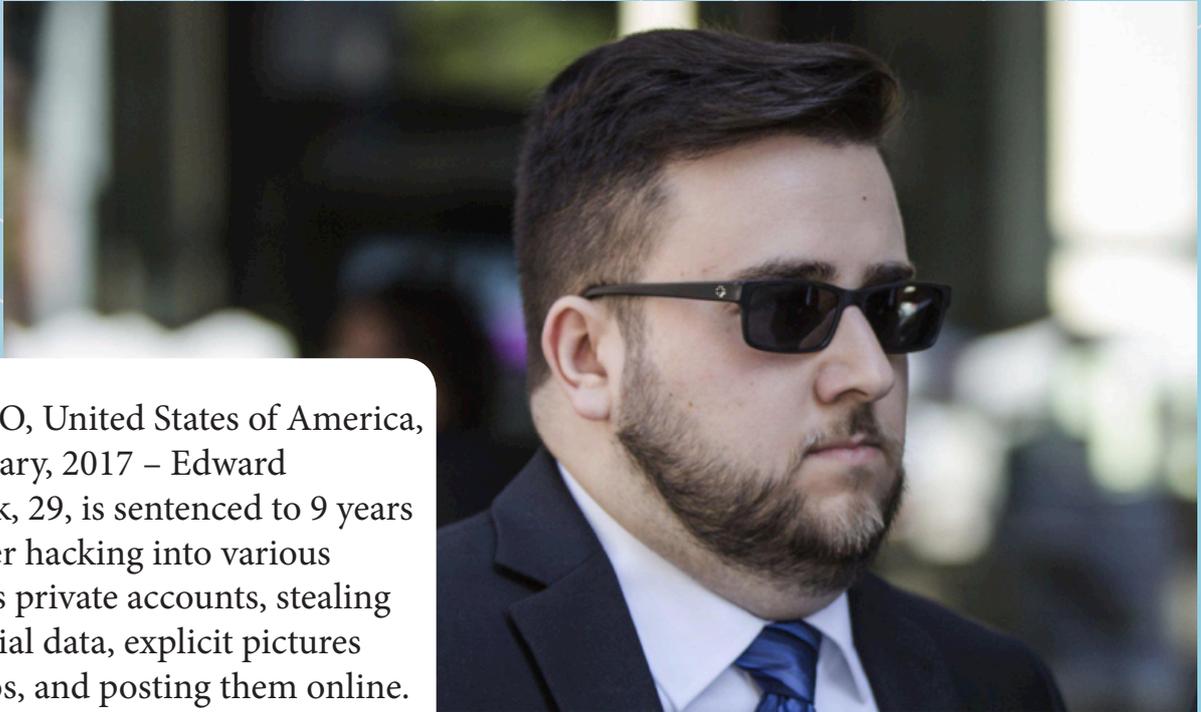
GAZA, Palestine, 6th February, 2016, 70-year-old Palestinian injured in Israeli strike allegedly in response to a Palestinian rocket attack. Mohammad Saadallah, was moderately injured during the strike, said medical sources in Gaza. Israeli F-16 fighter jets fired two missiles at the two locations destroying both sites and causing damage to property. Saadallah was the only reported casualty on either side of a frontier that has been largely quiet in recent months. Israel has said that Hamas, the Islamist militant group that rules the Gaza Strip, bears overall responsibility for what happens in the enclave. (Photo credit: The Telegraph)

ANKARA, Turkey, 6th of February, 2017 – Turkey has now detained nearly 750 suspects in a police operation against the Daesh terror group, authorities said Monday. Anti-terrorism police launched the security operation against people with alleged links to Daesh early Sunday. It said raids took place in 29 of Turkey's 81 provinces and documents, weapons and ammunition were also seized. The Interior Ministry released a statement Monday saying that 748 people have been detained in the police sweep, but did not give their nationalities. In addition, 72 other suspects were detained last week, it said. The state-run Anadolu Agency said police seized Daesh documents, digital material and six firearms during the raids. (Photo credit: CNS News)



# CULTURE

Reported by Noha El Chaarani



CHICAGO, United States of America, 25th January, 2017 – Edward Majerczyk, 29, is sentenced to 9 years in jail after hacking into various celebrities private accounts, stealing confidential data, explicit pictures and videos, and posting them online. Majerczyk hacked into 30 celebrity accounts in 2014 including Jennifer Lawrence, Rihanna and Ariana Grande among others. (Photo credit: Santiago Covarrubias - AP)



LOS ANGELES, California, United States of America, 25th January, 2017 - La La Land strikes gold with 14 academy award nominations for this year's Oscars. Leading characters in the movie Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling, are both nominated for the Actor in a leading role category. The onscreen musical is also running for best costume design and best cinematography among other categories. The award season also brought success to the screen musical during the Golden Globes, winning best actress and actor in a musical, and best director for a motion picture. (Photo credit: Kylie Hilton)

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QUEENSLAND, Australia, 27th January, 2017 - Australian cinema screens are set to portray the history of their Aboriginal people, and one of the major hardships they had to endure. This story is told through the lens of the upcoming documentary “The Human Zoo”, which explains the kidnapping of Aboriginals in Australia and how they were forced to become attractions at zoo’s. According to ABC Australia’s website, the documentary will first air in France in the summer of 2017. (Photo credit: ABC Australia website)

NEW YORK, United States of America, 27th January, 2017 – Icon singer and songwriter Elton John will be creating the music for the 2006 movie *The Devil Wears Prada*’s Broadway adaptation. The music will be co-produced by Sir John and famous screenplay artist Paul Rudnick. Production schedules, casting and show dates are yet to be decided - The soon to be Broadway musical, and iconic movie are based on Lauren Weisberger’s 2003 novel *The Devil Wears Prada*. (Photo credit: Emilio Madrid-Kuser, 20th Century Fox & Getty)

