

## EXERCISES

### 1. The Guardian, 7 July 2020

UK public 'supports green recovery from coronavirus crisis'

Climate Assembly UK says economic plan should help reach net zero carbon emissions

People would be prepared to continue many of the lifestyle changes enforced by the coronavirus lockdown to help tackle the climate emergency, and the government would have broad support for a green economic recovery from the crisis, according to a report.

Working from home is a popular option, along with changes to how people travel, and the government should take the opportunity to rethink investment in infrastructure and support low-carbon industries, the report found. Nearly eight in ten of the members **said** the measures taken by the government to help the economic recovery from Covid-19 should be designed to help reach net zero, and an even bigger proportion – 93% – **said that**, as the lockdown eased, the government and employers should encourage lifestyle changes to cut emissions.

“It was quite clear **that** many of the assembly members felt this period should be taken as an opportunity to encourage a green economic recovery with a focus on promoting cleaner, greener lifestyles, and an economy **that** prizes sustainability over short-term benefits **that** would harm the planet,” said Ibrahim, an assembly member who is a GP from Surrey.

### 2. Reuters

- When complete, the Grand Renaissance Dam, which Ethiopia is building, will be Africa's biggest hydroelectric power plant.
- At the centre of the dispute are plans to fill up the mega dam as Egypt fears the project will allow Ethiopia to control the flow of Africa's longest river.
- The longer it takes to fill the reservoir, which is going to be bigger than Greater London with a total capacity of 74 billion cubic metres, the less impact there will be on the level of the river.
- “We have been talking about the possibility of airborne transmission and aerosol transmission as one of the modes of transmission of COVID-19,” Maria Van Kerkhove, technical **lead** on the COVID-19 pandemic at the WHO, told a news briefing.
- Johnny Depp's libel trial over domestic violence claims has laid bare the Hollywood's actor's turbulent childhood, addiction to drugs and tempestuous marriage.

### 3. The Wall Street Journal

- The former U.S. operations of a sanctioned Russian bank, a hedge fund partly owned by one of the biggest private-equity firms in the world and a real-estate developer behind two of Manhattan's most expensive condominium towers were among the financial firms that benefited from a government program designed to help small businesses weather the coronavirus pandemic.

## تدهور الوضع الاقتصادي في اليمن

يزداد الوضع الاقتصادي في اليمن سوءاً يوماً بعد يوم، وبشكل مقلق، حيث تسببت ممارسات الميليشيات الانقلابية في انحدار النشاط الاقتصادي إلى القاع، وزعزعة النظام المالي والمصرفي واقترابه من الانهيار، في حين شهد اليمن موجة نزوح واسعة للسكان من مناطق القتال. ويعاني حوالي 14.1 مليون يمني من انعدام الأمن الغذائي وتدني الطلب الكلي (الإنفاق الاستهلاكي والاستثماري)، وجمود ما تبقى من حركة في النشاط الاقتصادي، وارتفاع مستويات البطالة والفقر.

ويؤكد أستاذ الاقتصاد بجامعة تعز محمد قحطان، أن المؤشرات المعروضة تؤكد فظاعة ما آلت إليه أوضاع اليمن نتيجة للحرب التي أشعلها الانقلابيون، مشيراً إلى أن تلك المؤشرات تؤكد دخول اليمن في حالة انهيار اقتصادي، وانهيار النظام المصرفي، وانعدام السيولة النقدية، وعدم القدرة على دفع رواتب موظفي الدولة المدنيين والعسكريين، ونفاد الاحتياطي النقدي من العملات الأجنبية، مع تزايد أعباء الدين الخارجي، ومضاعفة حجم المديونية الداخلية واستمرار تزايد أعبائها، وتوقف الدورة الاقتصادية، مع عدم وجود حركة استثمارية أو أي تعامل مع العالم الخارجي عدا تدفق المساعدات الإغاثية والسلع الغذائية والضرورية.