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Inconclusive Report of Covid-19 Origins – What Are The Remarks of WHO Chief?



The report of an international team of scientists organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) to investigate how COVID-19 was first transmitted to humans was released on Tuesday. The UN health agency's chief characterized it as a "welcome start," but not conclusive.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, said, "This report is a significant beginning, but it is not the end. We haven't discovered the virus's origins yet, but we must try to pursue the research and leave no stone unturned."

He praised the results of a 34-member team that visited Wuhan, China, in January, where the very first cases of the then-new coronavirus were discovered at the end of 2019. He noted that considering the amount of knowledge, they would require access from Chinese authorities "to data including biological samples from at least September" 2019 to comprehend the earliest events completely.

The team confirmed extensive contamination in Huanan's large market, but they couldn't pinpoint the source. The team also went to a few labs in Wuhan to look at the likelihood that the virus had spread into the human population as a result of laboratory contamination.

"All hypotheses stay on the table, finding the origins of a virus requires time, and we owe it to the planet to discover the source so we can collectively take measures to minimize the possibility of this occurring again. There is no way for a single research trip to provide all of the answers." WHO's chief said.

How Is Biden Planning To Overhaul The Economy With Multi-Trillion Dollar Deal?



Biden launched the first phase of a massive two-part, multitrillion-dollar infrastructure package on Wednesday, which is planned to include highways and "human infrastructure," such as child care. The kitchen-sink strategy seeks to guide the economy in a more environmentally sustainable and equitable direction, with increased taxes on the wealthy and the corporations.

The massive legislative package will leave a lasting impact on the new Biden administration, but it will face a challenging Capitol Hill path. Biden has also signed the Covid-19 relief package, which is worth \$1.9 trillion.

"The headwinds the administration will face this time will feel like child's play relative to the headwinds the administration faced last time," said Jim Manley, a former Democratic Senate majority leader's aide.

The American Jobs Plan, a \$2 trillion proposal, would focus on programs that could attract bipartisan support, such as highways and bridges, increased broadband internet service, electrical grid and infrastructure modernization, and renewable energy investments, such as electric car charging stations. It also involves an increase in home health care facilities, which are in high demand for the aging population.

The White House said that the plan would generate millions of jobs, many of which will be in poor neighborhoods.

The administration plans to unveil a second step next month, which will entail social safety-net expansions such as making a recent increase in child tax benefits permanent or lowering the Medicare qualifying age limit.

The White House wants to move fast because it still has the political traction that comes with a new administration and the support it gained from the Covid-19 aid program, which provided millions of people with stimulus cash transfers.

Will Biden Disclose Trump Child Separation Documents?



By Friday, the Biden administration must determine whether to authorize the publication of documents related to the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy, which split hundreds of migrant children from their parents in 2018.

Lawyers defending separated families in an Arizona federal case demanding compensation for migrants impacted by the policy are pursuing the documents. Similar lawsuits have also been filed in California and Washington, D.C.

According to court filings, the materials include correspondence from key Trump administration officials and minutes of high-level meetings held during the policy's preparation. According to attorneys representing the families, the materials may prove that the officials intended to do mental distress to the children and parents they separated.

The Trump administration has used executive power to keep the materials secret and refused prosecutors access to them as part of the lawsuit's discovery process. "The Trump administration has a history of hiding strategically embarrassing information for questionable motives," a former Trump administration official said.

The Justice Department of President Joe Biden has yet to respond to the requests. If the government's attorneys decide to keep the records hidden, they must justify their reasoning in a public legal briefing by Friday. The plaintiffs' lawyers and not the general public will have access to the records if they decide to turn them over.

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