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## EDITORIAL 01

### Apathy continues: On Africa and the mpox vaccine response

*Africa is not getting mpox vaccines despite the disease being endemic there for three years*

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared mpox to be a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) for the second time in two years following its outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and its spread to over a dozen countries in Africa. The multi-country **outbreak** in Europe, in 2022, had led to a declaration of a PHEIC. WHO's announcement comes a day after the Africa CDC declared the outbreak to be a public health emergency of continental security (PHECS), also marking the first time a regional and global health emergency has been declared for a disease outbreak. If this is first such declaration in Africa of a PHECS since 2017, it is also the first time that WHO has declared a PHEIC for a disease outbreak in Africa on the very first time the emergency committee met to decide on the matter. Though WHO claimed in August 2014 that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa was declared a





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public health emergency in the very first meeting of the emergency committee, an Associated Press investigation **revealed** how WHO **resisted** calling it a public health emergency for a few months. In the second Ebola outbreak in Africa in 2018-19, WHO declared it a public health emergency only when the emergency committee met for the fourth time.

If the 2022 mpox outbreak in the U.K, that spread to over 100 countries, was caused by the **milder** clade 2b virus — primarily affecting men who have sex with men, with limited cases among children and adolescents — the current outbreak is driven by a new and more **lethal** clade 1b, spread effectively through sexual and non-sexual contact. There have been 2,863 confirmed cases and 517 deaths this year, primarily in the DRC. The clade 1b emerged in the DRC in September 2023, with human-to-human **transmission** ongoing since then. In the DRC, around two-thirds of infections are in children under 15 years. Vaccines are again in **acute** short supply. As against 10 million doses needed to control the outbreak, just about 0.21 million doses may be supplied immediately. Even when vaccines were used to **blunt** transmission in Europe and the U.S. earlier, vaccines were not supplied to Africa despite mpox being endemic there for years. Currently, only the DRC and Nigeria have

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granted emergency use authorisation for the vaccine. The regulatory **hurdle** can be **sidestepped** if the company expresses interest for WHO's emergency use listing, which will allow international agencies to supply the vaccine to all African countries. Even then, Africa will have to wait till the end of 2025 for the 10 million doses.

### SUMMARY

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared mpox a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) for the second time in two years, following its outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and its spread to over a dozen African countries. This comes a day after the Africa CDC declared the outbreak a public health emergency of continental security (PHECS), marking the first time a regional and global health emergency has been declared for a disease outbreak in Africa. The current outbreak is driven by a new, more lethal clade 1b, spread effectively through sexual and non-sexual contact. Vaccines are in acute short supply, with only 0.21 million doses available. Despite mpox being endemic in Africa for three years, only the DRC and Nigeria have granted emergency use authorization for the vaccine.

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## Vocabulary

### 1. Apathy

**Synonyms:** Indifference, lethargy, disinterest

**Antonyms:** enthusiasm, passion, empathy

### 2. Reveal

**Synonyms:** Disclose, expose, unveil

**Antonyms:** Conceal, hide, suppress

### 3. Resist

**Synonyms:** Defy, challenge, protest

**Antonyms:** Surrender, yield, comply

### 4. Outbreak

**Synonyms:** Epidemic, surge, riot

**Antonyms:** Decline, decrease, lull

### 5. Mild

**Synonyms:** Moderate, gentle, mellow

**Antonyms:** Extreme, severe, harsh

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## 6. Lethal

**Synonyms:** Fatal, deadly, mortal

**Antonyms:** Gentle, benign, mild

## 7. Hurdle

**Synonyms:** Obstacle, barrier, challenge

**Antonyms:** Advantage, aid, boost

## 8. Acute

**Synonyms:** Sharp, keen, critical

**Antonyms:** Mild, gentle, dull

## 9. Blunt

**Synonyms:** Dull, obtuse, muted

**Antonyms:** sharp, keen, acute

## 10. Sidestepped

**Synonyms:** Evaded, avoided, skirted

**Antonyms:** Confronted, faced, addressed

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## EDITORIAL 02

### Neighbourhood troubles: On India and instability in the region

*Thailand's royalty-military establishment thrives by triggering instability*

Thailand's youngest Prime Minister, 37-year-old Paetongtarn Shinawatra, was elected by the Parliament on Friday after the constitutional court **ousted** Srettha Thavisin. Ms. Paetongtarn is the youngest daughter of former Thai Prime Minister and **tycoon** Thaksin Shinawatra, and the fourth member of her family to hold the position. Mr. Thaksin was removed in a coup in 2006, while Ms. Paetongtarn's uncle Somchai Wongsawat was dismissed by the constitutional court in 2008, and her aunt Yingluck Shinawatra was also dismissed, again by the same court, in 2014. The latest change of Prime Minister mirrors several such sudden dismissals of the past that are attributed to Thailand's conservative establishment. Mr. Srettha was among more than a dozen Prime Ministers appointed since 2001. Significantly, the court held Mr. Srettha guilty of ethical violations for appointing a Cabinet Minister who had been





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**convicted** for attempting to **bribe** a judge overseeing Mr. Thaksin's corruption cases more than a decade ago. Mr. Srettha was himself only elected in 2023, when the reformist Move Forward Party, which won the most seats in the elections, was disqualified from forming a government and banned for suggesting changes to the strict laws governing criticism of the monarchy. As a result, Ms. Paetongtarn's chances of a smooth term in office, and making **radical** changes to the system seem **bleak**. Her most important task would be to help **nudge** Thailand's **sluggish** economy back into shape while **averting** the fate of her predecessors. Given her age and lack of experience, she is expected to be guided mainly by her father, who is back after his exile in the UAE over corruption charges, following a compromise with the establishment.

The developments come at a time of instability in India's Indian Ocean neighbourhood to the east — the ouster of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sent the country into a period of uncertainty, which the interim government must contend with. The developments follow a **spurt** in violence between militant groups and Myanmar's **embattled** junta that imperil India's investments as well as peace along the border with India's north-east. With Sri Lanka also heading for presidential elections in September,

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Thailand's crisis has cast another shadow over plans to hold the BIMSTEC summit in Bangkok on September 4. Many agreements to be adopted on digital payment mechanisms, connectivity, and maritime cooperation have already been negotiated, and it is to be hoped that the summit will now not need to be put off. While Ms. Paetongtarn's election may suggest some stability in the short term, New Delhi must keep its shock absorbers on, to deal with other surprise crises and seemingly chronic instability in the neighbourhood.

### SUMMARY

Thailand's youngest Prime Minister, 37-year-old Paetongtarn Shinawatra, was elected after the constitutional court ousted Srettha Thavisin. Thaksin Shinawatra was removed in a coup in 2006, and her uncle Somchai Wongsawat was dismissed in 2008 and 2014. The recent change mirrors past dismissals by Thailand's conservative establishment, with Srettha being convicted of ethical violations for appointing a Cabinet Minister. Paetongtarn's chances of a smooth term and radical changes to the system seem bleak. The developments come at a time of instability in India's Indian Ocean neighbourhood, with the ouster of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sending the country into uncertainty. The crisis has cast another shadow over plans to hold the BIMSTEC

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summit in Bangkok. New Delhi must keep its shock absorbers on to deal with other surprise crises and chronic instability in the region.

## Vocabulary

### 1. Ousted

**Synonyms:** expelled, fired, sacked

**Antonyms:** Elected, appointed, retained

### 2. Tycoon

**Synonyms:** Magnate, mogul, baron

**Antonyms:** Peon, worker, labour

### 3. Convicted

**Synonyms:** Sentenced, punished, condemned

**Antonyms:** Acquitted, cleared, vindicated

### 4. Bribe

**Synonyms:** Incentive, reward, gift

**Antonyms:** penalty, fine, punishment

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## 5. Radical

**Synonyms:** Revolutionary, extremist

**Antonyms:** Moderate, conservative, traditional

## 6. Bleak

**Synonyms:** Desolate, barren, grim

**Antonyms:** Cheerful, optimistic, hopeful

## 7. Nudge

**Synonyms:** Push, poke, jab

**Antonyms:** Attract, draw, repel

## 8. Sluggish

**Synonyms:** Slow, torpid, lazy

**Antonyms:** Vigorous, lively, brisk

## 9. Averting

**Synonyms:** Preventing, avoiding, dodging

**Antonyms:** Causing, triggering, provoking

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## 10. Spurt

**Synonyms:** Burst, surge, gush

**Antonyms:** trickle, drip, drizzle

## 11. Embattled

**Synonyms:** Besieged, assaulted, harassed

**Antonyms:** Peaceful, serene, calm

