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The cost from damage to infrastructure and economic losses in Yemen's civil war is more than \$14 billion so far, according to a confidential report that highlights the effort needed to rebuild the country. "The conflict has so far resulted in damage costs of almost \$7 billion and economic losses of over \$7.3 billion in relation to production and service delivery," said the joint report by the World Bank, United Nations, Islamic Development Bank and European Union. The 16-month civil war has killed more than 6,500 people, displaced more than 2.5 million and caused a humanitarian catastrophe in the country. Today's cover image comes from a protest against air strikes, led by Houthi fighters, yesterday in Sanaa.

Russia used Iran for the first time as a base, to launch air strikes against Syrian militants, widening its air campaign in Syria and further deepening its involvement in the Middle East. In a move highlighting Moscow's close ties with Tehran, long-range Russian bombers used Iran's Hamadan air base to strike a range of targets in Syria. It was the first time Russia has used the territory of another nation, apart from Syria itself, to launch such strikes. The Iranian deployment will boost Russia's image as a central player in the Middle East.

Heavy defeats in sports dominated by China in previous Olympics have left the country languishing in a lowly third place in the medals table, with some predicting that Rio could see the country's worst haul since 1996. Chinese athletes have so far failed to defend their gold medals in sports from badminton to diving. By way of comparison, China's gold-medal count at the halfway mark in Rio stood at 13, far less than the 25 golds obtained by the same point in London.

Climate change is a serious problem but often the solutions or aids suggested are minor, and don't go far enough to have a sizeable impact. [Bill McKibben's solution is a full frontal assault](#) on climate change, a massive mobilisation effort, reminiscent of wartime. Something has to be done, and his proposal would certainly get it done.

Enjoy the rest of your day,
Gregor
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